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## BACKGROUND

Mike has worked previously in the firm's offices in London, Dubai, Hong Kong and Moscow.

His recent contributions to the broader arbitration community include being a guest lecturer on the Masters in International Law Programme at the Sorbonne University in Abu Dhabi and coaching teams participating in the annual Vis Moot. He is regularly published on issues relating to private international law, arbitration and energy disputes. He accepts appointments as arbitrator.

## KEY SERVICES

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## EXPERIENCE

Mike is a partner and solicitor advocate in our international arbitration group with expertise in arbitration, court and expert determination proceedings and a particular focus on disputes in the energy, construction, infrastructure, transport and property sectors industries.

He is an English qualified solicitor advocate who has also worked previously in the firm's offices in London, Dubai, Hong Kong and Moscow. He has extensive experience advising on international disputes, particularly in the energy, construction, infrastructure, transport and property sectors and has represented clients in arbitrations under the auspices of several arbitral institutions, including the LCIA, ICC, HKIAC, SIAC, ICSID, LMAA, DIFC-LCIA, DIAC and BCDR. Mike has also represented clients in ad hoc arbitrations under the English Arbitration Act and advised clients on English and DIFC First Instance and Court of Appeal proceedings.

Mike was previously a guest lecturer on the Masters in International Law Programme at the Sorbonne University in Abu Dhabi, a Regional Representative for the Middle East and North Africa for the LCIA Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG), and a member of the ICC Young Arbitrators' Forum and the ICDR Young and International Association. He also co-authored a Chapter on Getting the Deal Through: Investment Treaty Arbitration.

Mike's experience includes advising:

- the Government of Korea - Jin Hae Seo v. Republic of Korea - the first investment treaty arbitration under the US-Korea Free Trade Agreement
- Hyundai Heavy Industries on its successful settlement in an ICC arbitration arising out of the US\$10.3 billion Barzan gas pipeline project in Qatar
- a Korean contractor in SIAC arbitration proceedings seated in Singapore, on a dispute concerning issues arising out of a power plant in India
- a Korean shipbuilding company on a multimillion dollar LCIA arbitration, seated in London and governed by English law, regarding an indemnity for patent infringement
- a major Asian contractor in DIFC-LCIA arbitration proceedings in respect of a dispute relating to the construction of a district cooling plant in Abu Dhabi
- a leading oil major in respect of potential arbitration proceedings under a number of Middle Eastern bilateral and multilateral investment treaties arising out of disputed land borders and its impact on oil production
- a major Asian oil and gas company in arbitration proceedings related to an LNG pricing dispute in the Middle East
- a Swiss Private Bank in relation to joint venture disputes with its Middle Eastern business partner including potential LCIA arbitrations and related DIFC court proceedings
- a US drilling company in an ad hoc arbitration under the English Arbitration Act in

respect of the sale of three oil rigs offshore West Africa

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