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### **Background**

Education: B.A. (University of Alberta);

J.D. (University of Toronto) (with full-time Justice Dept. summer courses in civil law at the Université Laval and the

Université d'Ottawa):

LL.M (Cambridge University);

D.E.A. (University of Paris)

Bar memberships: Ontario, Canada, 1979; New York, 1980; England, 1982

(Solicitor); Paris, France 1982 (Avocat Honoraire)

Languages: Trilingual: English, French, German

Reading Fluency: Spanish, Italian

Nationality: Canadian

#### Professional Experience

1998 - Counsel, arbitrator and mediator, Paris and London

1985 - 1998 Hughes Hubbard & Reed, Paris. (Partner)

1979 -1985 Dewey Ballantine, New York and Paris. (Associate)

1976-1977 Lecturer in Comparative Law, Institut de Droit Comparé, Paris

<u>Areas of Activity:</u> International Arbitration (LCIA, ICC, AAA, UNCITRAL, ICDR, DIAC, QICCA, CEPANI, ICSID, Swiss Arbitration Rules, Netherlands Arbitration Institute, Polish Court of Arbitration); Mediation

<u>Current Activities</u>: Various arbitrations including: an LCIA arbitration regarding third party funding; an LCIA arbitration regarding a corporate dispute; an LCIA arbitration regarding sale of a company; an LCIA arbitration regarding a real estate investment; an ICC arbitration regarding a US construction project; an ICC arbitration regarding an African construction project; an ICC arbitration relating to construction of submarines; a DIAC arbitration

regarding a financing; two Qatar arbitrations regarding two major construction projects; an ICSID arbitration.

<u>Arbitrations recently concluded</u>: An ICC arbitration regarding an M&A transaction; an ICC arbitration regarding financing in the travel industry; an ICC arbitration relating to a defence sales contract in Saudi Arabia; a DIFC-LCIA arbitration regarding hotel management arrangements; a DIFC-LCIA arbitration relating to a construction project in Dubai; two DIAC arbitrations relating to construction project in Dubai; a SIAC arbitration regarding a financing; an ICC arbitration relating to compensation arrangements relating to sale of aircraft; an ICC arbitration relating to a pharmaceutical license agreement; an LCIA arbitration relating to an acquisition of a software company.

<u>Other arbitrations</u>: Arbitrations dealt with a broad range of matters including financing arrangements, oil production and engineering, construction, mining, thermal, wind, solar and electrical power generation, telecommunications, share purchase agreements, investment agreements, oil exploration and operations, environmental issues, representation and distribution agreements and pharmaceuticals.

The applicable law in the past and current arbitrations has included US law (various states), English law, French law, Swiss law, Turkish law, German law, Japanese law, Belgian law, Canadian law (various provinces), Spanish law, Italian law, Egyptian law, Ethiopian law, law of Trinidad and Tobago, Bulgarian law, Philippines law, Saudi law, UAE law, DIFC law, Qatari law, Chadian law, Sudanese law and international law. Approximately one half of the arbitrations were subject to civil law and one half are subject to common law.

The places of arbitration include in particular London, Paris, Geneva, Zurich, Singapore, New York, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Qatar and Montréal.

The procedural issues have varied widely. They have included numerous issues as to bifurcation and decisions on dispositive issues, interim relief, amendments of claim and defence, admission or refusal of new evidence and the effect of prior awards.

<u>Court decisions</u>: Most Awards are confidential. However, recent Awards as presiding or sole arbitrator have been upheld in *Erdenet Mining Corporation v. ICBC Standard Bank Plc* [2017] EWHC 1090 (Comm); *C1, C2 and C3 v. D* [2016] EWHC 1893 (Comm); and *C v. D1, D2 and D3* [2015] EWHC 2126 (Comm).

## Recent Books:

*Handbook of UNCITRAL Arbitration* (4th Edition) (Thomson/Sweet & Maxwell/Westlaw) (to be published in March 2023) (currently the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition is available)

*Handbook of ICC Arbitration* (5th Edition) (Thomson/Sweet & Maxwell/Westlaw) with Michael Bühler (October 2021)

Handbook of Investment Arbitration (Thomson/Sweet & Maxwell/Westlaw) (2012)

## **Selected Articles**:

Co-author of a chapter in the *Guide to M&A Arbitration* (with Amy Kläsener (GAR 2018) "Agreements to Arbitrate and the Place of Arbitration": Divergences in approach" Dispute Resolution International (May 2014)

"Efficiency in Investment Arbitration: Recent Decisions on Preliminary and Costs Issues", Vol. 26 No.3 Arbitration International (December 2009)

"Functus Officio and Remand in International Arbitration" Vol. 27 ASA Bulletin No. 3 (September 2009)

"Review of Substantive Reasoning of International Awards by National Courts: Ensuring One-Stop Adjudication, Vol. 23 No. 3 Arbitration International (June 2006).

"Evolving Principles regarding Enforcement of Awards subject to Annulment Proceedings" Vol. 22 Journal of International Arbitration (June 2006)

"Terms of Reference and French Annulment Proceedings", Vol. 20 Journal of International Arbitration (December 2003)

"Party Control in International Arbitration" Vol. 19 No. 2 Arbitration International (2003)

"Selecting Arbitrators in a Nutshell", Vol. 19 No. 3 Journal of International Arbitration (2002)

"Obtaining Evidence from Third Parties in International Arbitration" Vol. 17 No. 2 Arbitration International (2001)

"Obtaining Documents from Adverse Parties in International Arbitration" Vol. 17 No. 1 Arbitration International (2001)