

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

The firm has extensive experience arbitrating under the rules of the leading international arbitration institutions, including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the American Arbitration Association (AAA). We have also served as counsel in ad hoc arbitrations, including under the rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). Williams & Connolly LLP's arbitration experience spans the globe.

Some examples of the firm's international arbitration work include the firm's successful representation of a private equity fund in an ICC arbitration sited in London and applying Indian law to the equity fund's claim for breach of shareholder and purchase agreements relating to an Indian cellular communications company. The firm also represented a Latin American country in an arbitration arising out of the collapse of its largest privately owned bank. Williams & Connolly lawyers arbitrated before an ICC panel an \$800 million claim against several investment banks and others for intentional misconduct in ownership and oversight of the bank. The firm represented the United States Olympic Committee in an arbitration before the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Switzerland in a dispute over the award to Paul Hamm of the gold medal in gymnastics at the Olympic Games. Williams & Connolly LLP lawyers successfully obtained arbitral awards after hearings for a leading French company in a dispute over ownership and operation of an oil refinery in Germany, and on behalf of an international energy company in a dispute over the sale of power plants in Thailand.

The firm's practice also includes post-award representation in confirmation, enforcement and vacatur proceedings in foreign and United States courts pursuant to the New York Convention.

REPRESENTATIVE INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION MATTERS

- **Government Procurement Contract Arbitration** - The firm successfully defended a Kuwaiti logistics company as Respondent in an International Chamber of Commerce arbitration, sited in Washington and applying U.S. law, involving a multi-billion-dollar contract with the U.S. government to provide food and logistics services to military personnel in the Middle East. An Award was issued rejecting the Claimant's claims and granting the firm's client a complete victory.

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Wall Street Journal

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Washington Post

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National Law Journal

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The New Republic

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Legal Times

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PRESTIGIOUS FIRMS IN THE
COUNTRY - AND ONE OF THE MOST
TIGHT-LIPPED."

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- **Indian Cellular Communications Arbitration** - Williams & Connolly LLP successfully represented a Bermuda private equity fund and its Mauritius investment vehicle as Claimant in an International Chamber of Commerce arbitration, sited in London and applying Indian law, involving a significant investment in an Indian cellular communications company. The Tribunal issued an Award in favor of the firm's client upholding the validity and enforceability of the shareholder and purchase agreements; finding the Respondent Company and its Indian Sponsors liable for multiple breaches of the agreements; setting a Remedies Hearing to determine the quantum of damages and other relief; and awarding the Claimant its attorneys' fees and costs.
- **German Refinery Arbitration** - The firm successfully represented a French company in an International Chamber of Commerce arbitration, sited in Montreal with hearings in London and Hamburg, involving a joint venture to own and operate an oil refinery in Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Williams & Connolly lawyers were admitted as foreign counsel and directly participated in proceedings in the national courts of Canada and successfully defended the favorable arbitral award.
- **Hotel Management Arbitration** - Williams & Connolly LLP represented a major hotel management company against owners of 44 hotels on 3 continents in an arbitration under the American Arbitration Association's International Rules. The arbitration arose from efforts to terminate a one billion dollar hotel management agreement, and involved allegations of fraud, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of competition and racketeering statutes. The arbitration involved the production of more than 14 million documents and the taking of more than 60 depositions. After a six-week arbitral hearing, the case was then settled to the client's satisfaction.
- **Athens Olympics Gymnastics Arbitration** - The firm successfully represented the United States Olympic Committee in a Court of Arbitration for Sport arbitration in an appeal of the gold medal award to Paul Hamm in the men's individual gymnastics all-around event at the 2004 Athens Olympics. Firm lawyers served as lead counsel for all the parties opposing the appeal of a Korean gymnast at a hearing conducted in Lausanne, Switzerland. A ruling was issued in favor of the U.S. Olympic Committee denying the appeal and affirming the gold medal award.
- **Thailand Power Plant Arbitration** - Williams & Connolly LLP successfully represented an energy company in an International Chamber of Commerce arbitration concerning the sale of power plants in Thailand. The Tribunal awarded the firm's client, the Respondent and Counter-Claimant, \$4.2 million in damages as well as attorneys' fees and costs, and rejected the \$50 million claim brought by the Claimant.