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Ben Sanderson is Of Counsel and the Practice Manager responsible for the global International Arbitration practice at DLA Piper. Ben also sits as an arbitrator and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

He has extensive experience advising clients in international arbitration disputes across a range of sectors including energy, mining and technology. He has represented both States and commercial parties in investment treaty claims. He recently co-led a team which obtained a decisive victory for the Republic of Kenya for which his team was nominated “International Arbitration Team of the Year” by Legal Business and the decision was shortlisted by Global Arbitration Review for the “Award of the Year” award.

“Ben has been ranked by *Who’s Who Legal Arbitration* since 2021 as a Future Leader. In February 2021, Ben received his first appointment by the ICC as a sole arbitrator. Ben is a visiting lecturer on international arbitration and public international law for the Masters programme at Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, and at IE University, Madrid. He also regularly speaks at arbitration conferences and he was the keynote speaker at the 2nd annual conference of the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration, Mombasa, Kenya March 2020.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- International Arbitration

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Technology

English French Spanish

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- Spanish

- Representing Hungary in annulment proceedings relating to an ICSID award (Sodexo Pass International SAS v. Hungary, ICSID Case No. ARB/14/20).
- Representing Lithuania in the defence of a USD 300 million claim brought by a Russian fund in connection with the renationalization of Bank Snoras AS (Fund for the Protection of Investors’ Rights in Foreign States v Lithuania, UNCITRAL, PCA Case No. 2019-48).

- Representing INTERPOL in PCA arbitration proceedings relating to a public international law claim brought following the arrest in China of INTERPOL's former President (Ge Gao, Hongwei Meng, Zihong Meng and Ziheng Meng (China) v INTERPOL, PCA Case No. 2019-19).
- Representing UNHCR in various disputes with commercial contractors.
- Representing the Government of Kenya in the successful defence of a bilateral investment treaty claim brought under the auspices of ICSID by investors in the mining sector (Cortec v. Republic of Kenya, ICSID Case No. ARB 15/29).
- Representing the Government of Zambia in UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings relating to a multi-million dollar contract for the construction of housing.
- Representing the Government of Timor-Leste in the defence of a bilateral investment treaty claim brought under the auspices of ICSID by investors in the energy sector (Lighthouse Corporation v. Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, ICSID Case No. ARB 15/2).
- Representing a UK services company in a bilateral investment treaty claim against the Republic of Argentina, involving complex assignment issues (ICS Inspection and Control Services Limited (United Kingdom) v. Republic of Argentina, UNCITRAL, PCA Case No. 2010-9).
- Representing an African government in the defence of a bilateral investment treaty claim (UNCITRAL) brought by investors in the mining sector.
- Representing a global steel company in respect of a multi-billion mining dispute in Africa and advising on potential investment treaty claims to be brought under the auspices of ICSID.
- Representing investors in ICSID arbitration proceedings against the Republic of Georgia under the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) and two bilateral investment treaties (Ioannis Kardassopoulos v. Georgia, ICSID Case No. ARB/05/18).

## CREDENTIALS

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### Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales, 2004

### Education

- St. Catherine's College, Oxford, UK, B.A., English and Modern Languages (French) (1999) Hons. First Class
- Université de Paris III - Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris, France; Masters

### Memberships

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- London Court of International Arbitration and Young International Arbitration Group
- International Bar Association
- ICC (UK) and Young Arbitrators Forum
- British Institute of International and Comparative Law

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### The tale of Zhongshan Fucheng v. Nigeria: how investment treaties help safeguard Chinese investments abroad

14 June 2022

Thanks to schemes such as the Belt and Road Initiative, Chinese investment across the world has grown exponentially in the last decade. Cross-border trade and investments however are prone to a wide range of risks including adverse actions from host states.

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## Africa, In The Vanguard: Africa's Role In Shaping The Future Of Investor-State Arbitration

12 April 2022

DLA Piper is delighted to have collaborated with Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration to produce an article regarding “Africa, In The Vanguard: Africa’s Role In Shaping The Future Of Investor-State Arbitration” in its Alternative Dispute Resolution Journal. The journal provides a platform for scholarly dialogue on pertinent issues relating to the reform of the investor-state dispute settlement regime.

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## Spain Investment Treaty Arbitration

16 December 2021

DLA Piper is delighted to have collaborated with Lexology Getting The Deal Through to produce the chapters on Spain and France in its Investment Treaty Arbitration 2022 publication.

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## GAR guide to challenging and enforcing arbitration awards – Second edition

15 June 2021

The Global Arbitration Review's Guide to Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards addresses the applicable standards for challenging and enforcing awards globally. We have authored a chapter outlining the challenges that may arise when trying to secure the awards.

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## Investment Arbitration in Africa

15 June 2021

Working with the Global Arbitration Review, we have published a new chapter on Investment Arbitration in Africa. Providing an overview of recent trends and developments in investment arbitration, the rise of investment disputes and and the various initiatives to reform the ISDS system.

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## Revised IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration

17 March 2021

The International Bar Association has released its revised Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration (**2020 IBA Rules**). The 2020 IBA Rules were formally adopted on 17 December 2020 and mark the first update to the rules since the 2010 edition (**2010 IBA Rules**). The revisions to the rules reflect developments in global arbitration practice, including the emergence of remote hearings and the growing need for data protection and confidentiality.

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## Litigation funding in Africa: Maximizing opportunities

4 November 2020

Africa Connected

The measures implemented by governments in response to COVID-19, coupled with the rapid economic downturn and ongoing uncertainty arising from the pandemic, have created the perfect storm. The outlook may seem bleak, but third-party funding offers a ray of hope for beleaguered boardrooms looking to maximize cashflow in this unpredictable period.

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- "*Recent Trends in Investment Arbitration in Africa*", published in GAR's Middle Eastern and African Arbitration Review 2019
- Developments in African Arbitration, published in GAR's Middle Eastern and African Arbitration Review 2018