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George Vlavianos has a vast experience in dispute resolution with a focus on energy and constructions disputes.

He has considerable experience advising owners, contractors and engineers on a wide range of complex, multi-party construction disputes and arbitrations across the Middle East, Europe and the North America, including insurance claims arising out of large-scale construction projects.

In addition, George has a significant experience in handling energy-related disputes for national and international energy companies. He regularly conducts arbitrations under various ad hoc and institutional rules.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

English Greek French
German Arabic

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Greek
- French
- German
- Arabic

- Advising an international EPC contractor in ICC arbitration proceedings in relation to multi-million dollar disputes arising out of the design and construction of a stadium for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.
- Advising a foreign government in relation to a multi-billion dollar dispute arising from a contract for the manufacture and supply of military equipment to a country in the GCC.*
- Advising an international EPC contractor in relation to multi-million dollar claims arising out of the design and construction of a highway network in Qatar.*
- Advising an international consultant in HKIAC arbitration proceedings in relation to the recovery of consulting fees arising from the

award of a contract for the construction of a pipeline system in Bangladesh.*

- Advising an international energy company in UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings in relation to a multi-million dollar costs overrun and delay claim arising out of the design and construction of a billion-dollar oil sands project in Canada.*
- Advising an international EPC contractor in ICC arbitration proceedings advancing a multi-million dollar claim arising out of the construction of a gas processing plant in Oman.*
- Advising the joint venture owners in a multi-million dollar gas pricing dispute with a Saudi Arabian petrochemical company.*
- Advising the international joint venture owners in advancing a multi-million dollar insurance (property and BI) claim arising out of the construction and operation of an aluminum smelter in the GCC.*
- Advising an insulation sub-contractor in ICC arbitration proceedings advancing a multi-million dollar claim arising out of the construction of an LNG plant in Qatar.*
- Advising an international energy company in a series of UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings relating to multiple multi-million dollar disputes arising out of the ownership and operation of a gas field in the Caspian Sea.*

**Denotes experience from previous firm.*

CREDENTIALS

Prior Experience

Prior to joining DLA Piper in May 2020, George worked at an international law firm, based in Doha.

Recognitions

- Ranked in *Chambers and Partners*, 2020, Dispute Resolution – Qatar
- Ranked in *Chambers and Partners*, 2020, Dispute Resolution: Arbitration (foreign expert for Canada)
- Ranked in *Chambers and Partners*, 2020-2022, Dispute Resolution: Arbitration – Canada (expertise based abroad in Qatar)

Education

- Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris, France, 1994
- McGill University, Montréal, Canada Bachelor of Laws (LLB), 1992
- McGill University, Montréal, Canada, Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL), 1993
- Queen's University, Kingston, Canada Bachelor of Arts (BA), 1989

Memberships

- New York Bar, 1993
- Law Society of Alberta, 1996
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers
- Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America
- Charter Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Canadian National Committee, Member
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC) Arbitration Committee, Member
- Congress of Fellows of the Center for International Legal Studies, Member
- London Court of International Arbitration, Member

INSIGHTS

Publications

The 2021 ICC Rules: Presentation and commentary

28 October 2020

On 8 October 2020, the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris (ICC), unveiled its revised Rules of Arbitration due to enter into force in January 2021 (the 2021 Rules). Notably, this is the third amendment of the ICC Arbitration Rules in a decade, the two previous taking place in 2012 (the 2012 Rules) and 2017 (the 2017 Rules).

Recoverability of damages under Qatari Law

31 August 2020

This article discusses the recoverability of damages under Qatari law. In doing so, it covers general principles of contract law and damages, including what damages can be recovered and what damages can and cannot be limited contractually.

- "Consolidation of International Commercial Arbitration Proceedings in the Energy Sector", GAR – The Guide to Energy Arbitrations, 2019
- "Protecting Your Foreign Operations in the Age of BITs", Canadian Mining Journal, 2018

Events

- How to Best use an Expert Witness in Arbitration, 6th Annual International Arbitration & Regulatory Summit – Istanbul, 2019
- Consolidation of International Arbitration Proceedings, 5th Annual International Arbitration & Regulatory Summit – Doha, 2019
- Arbitration Clauses: An Introduction for Transactional Lawyers, 6th Annual International Arbitration & Regulatory Summit – Dubai, 2019
- Multi-Tier Dispute Resolution Clauses – Benefits, Drawbacks and Effects of Non-Compliance, Third International Arbitration Conference – Doha, 2018