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What do you do, exactly?

I consult on investment treaty disputes, both as co-counsel and as an expert. The rest of my time is occupied with teaching, writing, and maintaining the websites mentioned above. Do you practise exclusively in international arbitration?

90 per cent of my time is devoted to investor-state dispute settlement, with the remainder involved in providing advice on other areas of international economic law.

Why are so many young people entering this field?

We live in a 'globalising' world that promises increased transnational trade and investment and thus the potential for more disputes. I just hope that we have the capacity to tutor all of the new entrants so that they can excel.

Whom do you consider your mentors?

Martin Hunter from Essex Court Chambers in London and David Haigh from Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer in Calgary to name only two.

Do you track any area of law or industry?

My focus is on international economic law and regulatory reform. At the moment I am interested in three sectors: high technology; energy; and agriculture.

How many cases have you now worked on?

To date, I have participated seriously (as opposed to peripherally) in 12 arbitrations.

Do you sit as an arbitrator? At what age did you begin?

Yes, I started last year at age 36.

Which of your cases have you enjoyed most – and why?

The cases I have enjoyed the most thus far are those in which I have served as co-counsel from the ground up. While I have always seen myself as a 'big picture' person, it turns out that I like the detail-work just as much as the conceptual aspects. Tip for someone starting out in international arbitration?

The more mentors, the merrier.

Name good habits that arbitrators can possess

A 'hot bench' impresses me. As do arbitrators who are open-minded about evolving legal doctrine. I like a chairperson who runs a tight ship – firm, but fair.

Which opposition counsel have particularly impressed you?

Hugo Perezcano Diaz who is responsible for all trade and investment cases involving the government of Mexico. Hugo is sincere, tenacious – and above all deeply likeable.

Is there any kind of work you see as becoming more important in the future?

Because investor-state arbitration forces governments to make public policy choices more carefully, it will become a tool for global regulatory reform.

Who do you predict will be leading this field in 10 years?

Anthony Sinclair, Robert Voltera and Noah Rubins.

If you could bring any person into your firm – whom would it be?

This is very hypothetical as I don't have a firm, but ... into a hypothetical 'firm' I would bring the former prime minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, because of his international reputation, his renowned personality, and the part he played in making the NAFTA a reality.

The following 27 individuals were the runners up. Had there been more room, or had some of their colleagues not exceeded them in votes, they would have been included.

1. David Arias Lozano Pérez-Llorca
2. Joao Bosco Lee Castro Valença, Lee & Araujo Adogados
3. Alejandro Escobar Latham & Watkins LLP
4. Steven Finizio Wilmer Cutler Hale and Dorr LLP
5. Olle Flygt Vinge
6. Elliot Geisinger Schellenberg Wittmer
7. Mauricio Gomm Santos
8. Alastair Henderson Herbert Smith LLP
9. Pascal Hollander Hanotiau & van den Berg
10. Jean Kalicki Arnold & Porter LLP
11. James Loffis Vinson & Elkins LLP
12. Janet Mills Baker & McKenzie LLP
13. Geoffrey Nicholas Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
14. Kevin O'Gorman Fulbright & Jaworski LLP
15. Robin Oldenstam Mannheimer Swartling
16. Michael Ostrove Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
17. Noah Rubins Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
18. Besson Sébastien Python Schifferli Peter
19. Yasufumi Shiroyama Anderson Mori Tomotsune
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22. Peter Thorp Allen & Overy LLP
23. Jacomijn van Haersolte-Van Hof Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
24. Matthew Weiniger Herbert Smith LLP
25. Janet Whittaker Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
26. Stephan Wilske Gleiss Lutz
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