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Ramzi Aboutaam

Ramzi is currently Vice President, International Legal Lead for the Emerging Markets and China, based in New York. In his role, Ramzi leads the legal team that supports the Biopharma operations and all enabling functions across the Emerging Markets. He also serves on the Legal Division Executive Leadership Team.

He joined Pfizer in 2001 as the first in-house counsel for the Middle East. In 2003, he relocated to the Pfizer New York headquarters where he provided primary legal support to the Global Neuroscience team and was later selected as the Lead Counsel for Latin America. In 2008, he joined the Primary Care team as the Lead Counsel for the Midwest and West Regional Business Units in the United States. After the acquisition of Wyeth, he moved to the Pfizer Nutrition Business Unit as lead counsel for China/HK, APAC and Latin America.



Ramzi serves on the Board of Mobilization for Justice (“MFJ”), one of the leading providers of free legal services to low-income New Yorkers.

He graduated from the Jesuit School of Law in Beirut and completed his LL.M at Fordham University School of Law in New York City.

Chiann Bao

With 20 years of experience working in Singapore, Hong Kong, New York and London, Chiann Bao practices exclusively as an arbitrator and mediator. Chiann has been appointed in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations globally as chair, co-arbitrator, emergency arbitrator and sole arbitrator in numerous arbitrations with several USD billion dollars in dispute. She is a panel arbitrator of the major arbitral institutions worldwide as well as a Chartered Arbitrator and CEDR-accredited mediator.

Chiann serves as a Vice Chair of the IBA's International Arbitration Committee and is a Vice President of the ICC Court of Arbitration. She is a co-chair of the ICC Commission Task Force on ADR and Arbitration. From 2010 to 2018, Chiann served as the Secretary General and then as Council Member of the HKIAC. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees and is an Honorary Senior Fellow of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law.



Gautam Bhattacharyya

Partner

Gautam specializes in international commercial arbitration and litigation in a broad number of areas. He is a member of Reed Smith's global board, its Executive Committee. He has been a partner in the firm since 2000 and is the former Managing Partner of Reed Smith's Singapore office. Gautam is also chair of our India Business Team.

Gautam has extensive experience of acting in international arbitrations under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), UNCITRAL, the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), the Swiss Chambers of Commerce, and other arbitration bodies. He has also conducted numerous litigations before the English courts, as well as cases involving the courts of many other jurisdictions. He is named as a highly recommended and leading litigation and arbitration practitioner in the independent legal directories *Legal 500 UK*, *Chambers UK*, *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, *Legal Experts*, *Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration*, *Super Lawyers*, and *Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*. He was previously a visiting law lecturer at the University of Westminster.

Gautam has contributed to various articles in *The Company Lawyer*, *Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Financial Law*, *Legal Business*, *Journal of International Banking Law*, *International Corporate Law*, *In Brief*, *Tolley's Insolvency*, *Commercial Law Practitioner*, *The Litigator*, *Platt's Energy Economist*, *The Lawyer*, *PwC's Securities Litigation Study* and the firm's external legal publications on various legal issues. He has also participated in interviews on BBC News 24, ITN, FT TV, CNBC and BBC Radio Five Live on legal topics.

Honors and Awards

- Ranked in *Chambers UK* for UK-wide International Arbitration, 2022
- "Gautam Bhattacharyya is known for his astute representation of clients in proceedings under ICC, UNCITRAL and LCIA rules. He is commended for his ability to handle disputes in Asia and the Middle East." *Chambers UK 2022*
- "He always has inputs that are very valuable and he is very approachable to work with." "He is a very effective team leader...gives commercial advice to clients and he's incredibly hard-working." *Chambers UK 2022*
- Listed as a Leading Lawyer in *The Legal 500 UK* for Emerging markets, 2021-2022, and International arbitration, 2022
- Ranked as a Commercial Arbitration Expert in *Euromoney's Expert Guide 2020*
- Ranked in *Chambers Global* for India Dispute Resolution (Expertise Based Abroad), 2020-2021
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London School of Economics, LL.M.,
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James P. Duffy IV

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J.P. is a globally recognized international arbitration practitioner who handles all aspects of the international arbitration life cycle, from strategic clause drafting, to lead merits counsel, through award enforcement. Recognized as one of the ten “*Most Highly Regarded*” international arbitration partners in the Americas by Global Arbitration Review’s WWL in the future leaders category, and described as a “*terrific advocate*,” he has represented clients across a range of industries in international arbitrations conducted under the ICC, AAA/ICDR, LCIA, HKIAC, SIAC, DIAC, JAMS, GAFTA, ICSID and UNCITRAL rules in the U.S., Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Additionally, J.P. handles arbitration-related litigation, such as judicial interim relief applications, award enforcement, and 1782 actions, and routinely sits as an arbitrator in commercial disputes. J.P. is listed on the arbitrator rosters of most arbitral institutions, including specialized panels like the AAA-ICDR Life Sciences panel.

J.P. has substantial emerging market dispute resolution experience, and previously practiced as a foreign legal consultant in the Dubai office of an international law firm. His international arbitration practice has a strong geographic focus on the MENA region, the Indian sub-continent, Sub-Saharan Africa, and East Asia, as well as a particular emphasis on the life sciences, defense, technology, and franchising sectors. J.P. is qualified in New York, England & Wales, and Part II of the DIFC Courts, and served as a law clerk to the Hon. Thomas C. Platt in the Eastern District of New York before entering private practice.

Honors and Awards

- Ranked as a Future Leader for Arbitration in the Global Guide, *Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration* 2018-2022 (One of Ten “Most Highly Regarded - The Americas” 2021)
- Selected through peer review for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for International Arbitration - Commercial and International Arbitration - Governmental, 2021-2022
- Burton Award for Excellence in Legal Writing (2012)



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U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals - Second Circuit

U.S. District Court - Southern District
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Professional Admissions

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Mark Ferguson

Mark joined Mylan – now Viatris – in 2013 as Global Litigation Counsel. He became Assistant General Counsel (Global) Commercial Litigation in 2017, managing litigation, arbitration, and investigations in all jurisdictions outside of the United States, in addition to being UK Compliance Officer. In 2020 he was promoted to Head of Commercial Litigation, a role that involves leading the Viatris Litigation Team across all regions except North America



Simon Greer

Partner

Simon is a partner in our Global Commercial Disputes Group in London, having trained and qualified at Reed Smith. He is experienced at handling complex international and domestic commercial litigation and international arbitration matters, from the pre-action phase through to trial and final merits hearings. He also has extensive experience of ADR and mediation and has achieved many favourable settlements for clients in their disputes. Simon also has a busy advisory practice, assisting clients in understanding risks to their businesses and commercial relationships.

His core areas of practice are international arbitration, commercial litigation, banking and financial services litigation, professional negligence disputes (particularly in the fields of construction and engineering, and financial services) and IP, media and technology litigation.

Simon is a recommended individual for international arbitration (*Legal 500 2022* and *2020*). He is also recommended for commercial litigation (*Legal 500 2021* and *2020*) and was noted as “top quality” in relation to commercial litigation in *Legal 500 2021*. He was also recommended for professional negligence disputes in *Legal 500 2017*, *2018* and *2019*. He is the author of a chapter, “Delivering justice or resolving the dispute?”, in Carlos González-Bueno’s book *40 Under 40 in International Arbitration 2018*. Simon is also currently serving a two year term as a member of the Young Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration’s Steering Committee.

His experience in arbitration and litigation spans a number of industry areas, including banking and financial services; investment and hedge funds; construction and engineering; life sciences; aviation, aerospace and defence; telecommunications, media and technology; commodities; and real estate.

In addition to England and Wales, geographically, Simon’s experience has included working with clients in and/or on matters involving a number of jurisdictions, including: New York, California and Texas in the United States, India, Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, the Cayman Islands, the BVI, the Bahamas, Guernsey, Brazil, Peru, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Moldova, Israel, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Liberia, Mauritius, Nigeria and Tanzania,

Simon has significant experience of acting in LCIA, ICC, SIAC, UNCITRAL, Swiss Rules, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, AAA and LMAA arbitrations and acting in proceedings in the UK Supreme Court, English Court of Appeal and English High Court (particularly the Commercial Court, Queen’s Bench Division, Chancery Division, Technology and Construction Court, Companies Court and SCCO).

During his training with Reed Smith, Simon worked in the Financial Industry Group, Transportation Industry Group, Global Commercial Disputes Group and Energy and Natural Resources.

After qualifying, Simon also spent time on secondment to the litigation department at Barclays Capital, where he worked on a variety of international arbitration, High Court and regulatory matters and to Reed Smith’s New York office, working on international arbitration and banking litigation matters.



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University of Nottingham,
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Iqbal Hussain

Iqbal Hussain is the General Counsel of Centessa Pharmaceuticals plc where he has responsibility for Centessa's legal, compliance, IP and corporate functions. Prior to joining Centessa, Iqbal served as a Partner in the Global Corporate Group at Reed Smith, LLP, where his practice focused on life sciences transactions across EMEA. Before joining Reed Smith, Iqbal was Legal Director for Mergers and Acquisitions at Johnson & Johnson. Iqbal began his career at Slaughter and May where he advised clients on public and private mergers and acquisitions.



Marek Krasula

Marek Krasula is Regional Director for North America at the ICC International Court of Arbitration (SICANA, Inc.) in New York. He promotes ICC dispute resolution services throughout the United States and Canada. Prior to his role as Regional Director, Marek led as Counsel the North American case management team of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in New York where he oversaw hundreds of ICC arbitrations in relation to a broad range of industries. He has served as a lecturer in international arbitration at the Université de Montréal law faculty and Deputy Counsel in the ICC Secretariat's Paris office dealing primarily with cases from Eastern Europe and Russia. Before joining the ICC, Marek was executive assistant to Mr. Justin P. J. Trudeau, now Prime Minister of Canada, and a consultant at the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development. Marek is a member of the Quebec Bar (Canada) and holds an LL.M. from Georgetown University. He speaks English, French and Polish.





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Luis M. Martinez is Vice President of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution, (ICDR) the international division of the American Arbitration Association, (AAA) and is an Honorary President of the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission, (IACAC).

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Mr. Martinez joined the AAA in 1996 as the first attorney hired to staff the newly created ICDR and later served as the ICDR's first director. Mr. Martinez worked as the Vice President responsible for the ICDR's international administrative services and prior to that held the position of a staff attorney for the AAA's Office of the General Counsel before assuming his current position.

Mr. Martinez received a Bachelor's Degree from Georgian Court College and a Juris Doctor degree from St. John's University School of Law. He has had numerous articles published on international arbitration and has appeared as a speaker in programs throughout the world. Mr. Martinez is admitted to practice law in the State of New York and the State of New Jersey. He is a dual citizen of Spain and the United States and is fluent in Spanish.

Publications & Interviews

"Managing and Resolving Commercial Disputes 2020" - A financier Worldwide Ebook 2020 edition.

"The ICDR on the Kluwer Arbitration Blog," March 2020.

Editor and Co-Author of the ICDR Newsletter, Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

"The GDPR and Privacy Shield," Dispute Resolution Journal, Vol. 73, / No. 1, 2018.

"Cyber Security Concerns in International Arbitration," Corporate Disputes Jul.-Sep., 2018.

"Resolving International Disputes," Business Resource Series, Financierworldwide.com, 2016.

"Arbitration in the Americas," Corporate Disputes Jan-Mar., 2016.

"In Conversation with Luis Martinez," Clyde & Co. International Arbitration, Issue 3 2015.

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"Introduction for the Americas 2012," Global Arbitration Review.

"A Guide to ICDR Case Management," International Centre for Dispute Resolution – Awards and Commentaries," JuristNet LLC, 2012.

"ICDR/AAA's System and International Conflict Management Efficiencies," American Arbitration Association Handbook on International Arbitration & ADR, JuristNet, LLC in 2011.

"Review of the ICDR System," Chapters 43 and 55, Co-Author, Horacio A. Grigera Naón and Paul E. Mason, International Commercial Arbitration Practice: 21st Century Perspectives, LexisNexis in 2010, updated 2015.

"The ICDR's Mediation Practice, Contemporary Issues in International Arbitration and Mediation: The Fordham Papers 2010," Co-Author, Marinus Nijhoff Publishers in 2010.

"Introduction for the Americas 2009," Global Arbitration Review.

"Introduction for Asia 2008," Global Arbitration Review.

Numerous other international ADR articles published.

Casey J. Olbrantz

Associate

Casey is a member of Reed Smith's Global Commercial Disputes Group in the firm's New York office. He represents multinational companies and high-net-worth individuals in complex commercial litigation and civil disputes before federal and state courts and arbitral tribunals, including under the ICC, JAMS, ICDR, and AAA rules. Before joining Reed Smith, Casey was an associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP in New York City.



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U.S. District Court - Southern District of New
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Professional Admissions

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Debolina Partap

Ms. Debolina Partap, Sr.Vice President Legal and Group GC, Wockhardt, is a Gold Medalist in masters of law and has 28 years of experience in banking, finance, pharma and healthcare. She is responsible for all corporate legal work including , M&As, IP and Litigation Management, legal compliance, transactions management, real estate transactions amongst others. She advises top management on legal risks to the organization. **She has contributed tremendously to Covid 19 vaccine contracts.** Her main achievements come in settling complex financial cases and arbitrations filed against Wockhardt Limited, complex multi-jurisdictional arbitrations on commercial disputes and settling intricate derivatives suits filed against Wockhardt group globally. She is also handling legal issues pertaining to complex and composite global regulatory matters concerning Wockhardt Group. She is one of the few general counsels globally who handle forensics and data analytics. She and her team have won over 100 awards from internationally and nationally recognized legal organizations.



Peter Rosher

Partner

Peter is one of the most highly-regarded international arbitration lawyers in the Paris market. He is a dual-qualified (English solicitor/French avocat) lawyer and advocate with nearly 30 years' experience in international arbitration, advising clients on contentious issues as well as providing extensive advisory services in relation to major projects.

Described by clients as a "very client-oriented lawyer who gets the job done" and excellent tactician with a sharp legal mind," he is also quoted as being "responsive, trusted and incisive."

Peter has particular experience in international commercial and investment arbitration and dispute resolution, with specific knowledge in international engineering, construction, energy and infrastructure, as well as considerable experience of telecommunications, satellite manufacturing industries and general commercial disputes.

He has handled arbitration cases both on an ad hoc basis (including UNCITRAL) under the rules of international arbitration institutions (ICC, LCIA, SCC, SIAC, ICSID) in many jurisdictions across Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. Peter is an experienced advocate, having appeared before numerous international arbitral tribunals. He also frequently sits as arbitrator.

Peter also provides strategic project advice and acts as project counsel, assisting clients to monitor, manage and minimize risk on claims and disputes.

A leading figure in the Paris international arbitration community, Peter is a founding member of Paris Arbitration Week which, in the space of five years, has become a flagship event in the global international arbitration calendar. He is currently Vice President of Paris Arbitration Week's Organizing Committee.

Peter is also a member of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation and sits on the board of the Association Française d'Arbitrage. He also acts as Secretary General of the association Paris, Home of International Arbitration and is a member of the executive boards of the Association Française du Contract Management and the Revue Droit des Affaires Internationales. Most recently, Peter has been appointed to the board of the French arm of the Society of Construction Lawyers. Peter regularly publishes thought leadership pieces and speaks at international arbitration and construction conferences. He has co-chaired Global Arbitration Review's GAR Live Construction event annually since 2018. He also lectures on the topics of dispute resolution and international construction contracts at Université Panthéon Assas (Paris II) and at Sciences Po.

Recognized by the major independent legal directories, Peter's recent accolades include:

"Peter Rosher is noted for his expertise in construction cases. His client roster includes leading French and international companies hailing from the energy, technology and aerospace sectors. Clients say: 'He has a very commercial outlook, he is very responsive and always available.'" *Chambers Europe 2021*

"Peter Rosher's team has remarkable expertise in construction and arbitration, especially on FIDIC contracts. The team is thorough and extremely responsive." *Legal 500 EMEA 2021*



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Professional Admissions

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Honors and Awards

- Ranked in *Chambers Europe* for France International Arbitration, 2021.
- Ranked in *Chambers Global* for France International Arbitration, 2021.
- Awarded Plume d'Argent (Silver Prize) in the "International Issues And Business Affairs – professional press" category, Business & Legal Forum 2020.
- Ranked for Arbitration in the *Who's Who Legal* Global Guide 2018-2021, and in the France Guide 2018-2021, including as a Thought Leader.
- Ranked for Construction in the *Who's Who Legal* Global Guide 2018-2021, and in the France Guide 2018-2021, including as a Thought Leader.
- Ranked as a Commercial Arbitration Expert in *Euromoney's* Expert Guide 2019-2020.
- Selected through peer review for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers*™ in France for Construction Law and International Arbitration, 2020-2022.
- *Who's Who Legal France* – Construction 2021 notes "Peter Rosher comes highly recommended for his profound expertise in construction arbitration."
- *Who's Who Legal France* – Arbitration 2021 notes "Peter Rosher is well known in the international arbitration field, where he demonstrates impressive experience acting as arbitrator on high-value disputes."
- *Chambers Europe 2021* notes "Peter Rosher is noted for his expertise in construction cases. His client roster includes leading French and international companies hailing from the energy, technology and aerospace sectors. Clients say: 'He has a very commercial outlook, he is very responsive and always available.'"
- *Legal 500 EMEA 2021* notes "Peter Rosher's team has remarkable expertise in construction and arbitration, especially on FIDIC contracts. The team is thorough and extremely responsive."
- *Legal 500 EMEA 2020* notes "Peter Rosher has a hands-on, pragmatic approach and a sharp strategic eye."
- *Who's Who Legal 2019* notes "Peter Rosher stands out in the French construction market for his impressive work handling complex disputes in international arbitration proceedings." Peter "draws acclaim as 'extremely good counsel deserving of recognition.'" Clients say he "is able to identify important issues quickly – and how to deal with them."
- *Legal 500 EMEA 2019* notes "thanks to Peter Rosher, the practice is also well known for its construction arbitration ability and is handling significant cases in that area."
- *Legal 500 2017* ranks Peter as a leading lawyer for international construction dispute work: "[Peter Rosher is a] 'very client-oriented lawyer who gets the job done' and 'an excellent tactician with a sharp legal mind.'" He is quoted as "responsive, trusted and incisive."

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