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Languages spoken

Czech | English | French



About David

David Seidl's practice focuses on international arbitration and public international law. He has represented sovereign states, state-owned entities, private corporations and high-net-worth individuals in cases involving various industry areas, including construction and infrastructure projects, renewable energy, telecommunications, oil and gas projects, retail and healthcare.

Prior to joining the firm, David served as a legal adviser in the International Arbitration Unit of the Czech Republic's Ministry of Finance. In this capacity, David acted in numerous disputes with foreign investors, including more than a dozen investment treaty arbitrations and negotiated bilateral investment treaties.

Experience

Investment Arbitrations

- Advising a state in a pending US\$1.4 billion investment arbitration regarding compensation for the expropriation of the claimant's predecessors' company in the 1970s.
- Advising Libya in a pending €52 million arbitration relating to a construction project filed by the company Nurol Insaat ve Ticaret before the ICC under the Turkey-Libya BIT.
- Advising Libya in a pending US\$61 million arbitration related to a construction project filed by the company Ustay Yappi Taahhut ve Ticaret before the ICC under the Turkey-Libya BIT.
- Advising Romania in a pending ECT arbitration regarding changes in subsidies for generation of renewable energy (Kelag – Kartner Elektrizitats et al. v. Romania (ICSID Case No. ARB/21/54)).
- Advising Romania in a pending ICSID arbitration related to development of a real estate project (Plaza Centers N.V. v. Romania (ICSID Case No. ARB/22/15)).
- Advising Ecuador in an UNCITRAL arbitration arising under the US-Ecuador BIT in connection with a services contract in the energy sector.
- Advised a group of Canadian and Cypriot investors in an investment arbitration against Serbia regarding expropriation of an agricultural company (ICSID Case No. ARB/18/8).

- Advised Libya in a €183 million arbitration relating to a construction project filed by the company Guris Insaat ve Muhendislik before the ICC under the Turkey-Libya BIT. All of the claimant's claims were rejected and Libya was awarded €1.46 million of fees and costs it incurred by defending the claim.
- Advised Kosovo in an investment arbitration against a Croatian-Kosovar double national regarding alleged investment in the petrol sector. All claimant's claims were dismissed, and Kosovo was awarded its costs.
- Advised the Slovak Republic in a UNCITRAL investment arbitration arising under the Poland-Slovakia BIT in connection with an alleged indirect expropriation of a company producing mineral water (Spółdzielnia Pracy Muszynianka v. Slovakia). All of the investor's claims for damages were rejected.
- Advised Estonia in an ICSID arbitration arising under the Netherlands-Estonia BIT in connection with regulation of water tariffs in the Estonian capital Tallinn (ICSID Case No. ARB/14/24). All of the claimants' claims were rejected and Estonia was awarded more than US\$750,000 of fees and costs it incurred by defending the claim.

International Commercial Arbitrations

- Advised a Czech company in an ICC arbitration against a British company in connection with a breach of the seller's guarantees under a share purchase agreement.
- Advised a Finnish company in a UNCITRAL arbitration conducted against a central European country regarding alleged breaches of an offset agreement. The client prevailed in the dispute.
- Advised a Middle Eastern individual in an ICC arbitration relating to a project for the construction of a power plant.

Credentials

Education

- Charles University in Prague Law, Mgr., 2015
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- Charles University in Prague International Relations Prague, Bc., 2010
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Admissions

- Czech Republic, 2019

Expertise

Services

- International Dispute Resolution

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