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PRACTICES

- International Arbitration (Commercial and Treaty)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Contract Litigation
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Investment Treaty Arbitration
- M&A Litigation

ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Ontario, Canada, 1993
- England and Wales (Solicitor), 2000

EDUCATION

- University of Toronto (J.D., 1991)
- Queen's University (B.A., 1988, with distinction)

DAVID RONEY has more than 20 years of experience as an advocate in a broad range of complex disputes around the world.

David has acted as counsel before international arbitral tribunals in commercial disputes involving many different sectors and activities, including construction, infrastructure and energy projects, technology co development agreements, intellectual property licensing, manufacturing agreements, distribution and sales contracts, share purchase and asset purchase transactions, international joint ventures, sponsorship arrangements and sports. He has represented a diverse group of clients before many of the major international arbitral institutions, including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) and the Swiss Chambers of Commerce (Swiss Rules). These disputes have involved a host of different applicable laws and places of arbitration ranging from London to Vienna to the Philippines.

Recent representative cases include:

- Acting for one of the world's largest nuclear energy companies in an on-going ICC arbitration with over €1 billion in claims and counterclaims relating to the cancellation of a nuclear power plant project
- Representing a major European semiconductor company in an on-going ICC arbitration relating to a purchase price dispute arising out of the wind-up of a semiconductor joint venture
- Acting for a CIS aluminum company in securing a US \$275 million award and successfully defending against over US \$800 million in counterclaims in a complex Swiss Rules arbitration against an important State-owned entity in Central Asia

- Prior to Sidley, acting for the estate-in-bankruptcy of a multinational group in securing an arbitral award of more than US \$100 million under a debt restructuring contract relating to the construction of an industrial plant in the Middle East In addition, David has served as chairman, sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator in more than 20 international arbitrations under the ICC Rules, the Swiss Rules, the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce Rules and in ad hoc arbitration.

David features prominently in the international arbitration rankings of the leading bar publications, such as *Chambers*, *The Legal 500*, *Global Arbitration Review's GAR 100*, *Who's Who Legal* and *The Best Lawyers in Switzerland*. According to *Chambers Global 2013*, "sources recommend David Roney as arbitration counsel: 'He's straight to the point in discussions and always follows up quickly' and his skill in cross-examination is also singled out for praise." David is again recognized as leading lawyer in *Chambers Global 2014* and is "considered to be a solid choice for a variety of international arbitrations." According to *Who's Who Legal Switzerland 2014*, the "highly accomplished" David Roney is praised for his "broad range of expertise" and "profound understanding" of complex areas of law.

David is Co-Founder and Chair of the Executive Committee of the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA). In that capacity, he has provided training in the examination and cross-examination of fact and expert witnesses to hundreds of international arbitration practitioners around the world.

In addition, David is leading a pro-bono engagement with the USAID/Mongolia Business Plus Initiative to support the Mongolian Ministry of Justice in the development of a new state-of-the-art arbitration law. David is also a Member of the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution, Co-Chair of the ICC Commission on Arbitration Task Force on "National Rules of Procedure for Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards pursuant to the New York Convention of 1958", a Member of the ICC National Committee for Canada and a Member of the Advisory Board of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada International Arbitration Legislation Project. He speaks and publishes regularly on international arbitration topics. David is fluent in English and French.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Regulation of Foreign Investment: Challenges to International Harmonization," co-authored with Todd Friedbacher, *World Trade Review*, Volume 13, Issue 3, pp 591-598, July 2014
- "Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration: New Opportunities and New Challenges," coauthored, *New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration 2013*, Schulthess-University of Neuchâtel, 2013
- "The Advocate's Response to Guerrilla Tactics in International Arbitration: Practical Approaches and Strategies to Counter Misconduct," co-authored, *Transnational Dispute Management Journal*, Volume 7, Issue 2, November 2010
- "Switzerland: Key Features of a Leading Place of International Arbitration," *Practicing Law Institute Conference on International Arbitration*, New York, U.S.A, 2010
- "Multi-Tier Arbitration Clauses: Lessons Learned from Practice," co-authored, *Chambers Client Report* 73, 2009
- "The Selection of International Arbitrators: Why does it matter and can it be improved?," *UIA – LAWASIA Joint Conference on Mediation and Arbitration in International Commercial Disputes*, Jaipur, India, 2008
- "Improving Cost and Time Efficiency in International Arbitration," co-authored, *22 Chambers Client Report* 37, 2007
- Regular Contributions to "News Section on Switzerland," co-authored, *International Arbitration Law Review*, 2000 – 2006
- "Electronic Media Discovery," *Commercial Litigation* III-2, Spring 2006
- "Swiss Applications for an 'Anti-Arbitration Injunction' – Case Note on an Order of the Geneva Court of First Instance of 2 May 2005, case reference C/1043/2005-15SP," co-authored, *International Arbitration Law Review*, Issue 5, N-67, 2005
- "The Arbitral Procedure," co-authored, *International Arbitration in Switzerland: A Handbook for Practitioners*, *Kluwer Law International*, Kluwer and Schulthess, The Hague/Zurich, 2004
- "How Final is Final? National Court Approaches to Decisions on Challenges by Arbitral Institutions," coauthored, *2003:2 Stockholm Arbitration Report* 93, 2003
- "Effective Witness Preparation for International Commercial Arbitration: A Practical Guide for Counsel," *20(5)*, 429 *Journal of International Arbitration*, 2003

MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy
- ICC Commission on Arbitration
- ICC National Committee for Canada
- London Court of International Arbitration
- Swiss Arbitration Association
- Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution – Arbitration Court