

Konstantin Christie

— Partner, JD

Professional practice

Konstantin Christie is a US-qualified partner, who specializes in complex international commercial disputes and arbitration under international treaties (ISDS).

He has acted in more than 50 arbitrations, stemming from a variety of industries, including oil, gas and electricity (with a particular emphasis on long-term supply agreements), as well as cases arising from the commodities trading, extraction of natural resources and joint ventures.

Based in Switzerland for most of his career, Konstantin often deals with cases under Swiss and other civil laws. In addition, Konstantin regularly works with damages experts and clients in order to evaluate the financial compensation and potential viability of claims arising out of a treaty or contract. He often represents clients from Europe and the Middle East and has significant experience with arbitrations in the former CIS and the Asia-Pacific region - seated in Zurich, Geneva, Paris, London, Singapore, Seoul and Hong Kong.

Konstantin Christie also served as tribunal secretary in a number of “bet the company” arbitrations and is familiar with the rules of most leading arbitral institutions (including ICC, SCAI, LCIA, SIAC, ICSID and UNCITRAL) bringing this experience to his appointments and counsel cases.

Career

- Partner, Peter & Kim, Geneva (2019-current)
- Partner, Peter & Partners (2018-2019) and Senior Associate (2016-2017)
- Associate and Senior Associate, Python & Peter, Geneva (2008-2015)
- Trainee, Shearman & Sterling, Paris, France (2007-2008)
- Trainee, Bose Corporation, Boston, USA (2006-2007)

Education

- *Juris Doctor* Degree, Suffolk University, Boston, USA (2004-2007)
- Bachelor of Science Degree, *magna cum laude*, Northeastern University, Boston, USA (2000-2004)

Representative cases

- Counsel in an *ad hoc* arbitration between a state-owned enterprise and a sovereign state, involving aspects of public international law, with an amount in dispute of USD several billion.
- Counsel representing one of Europe’s largest industrial groups in two parallel arbitrations (ICC and SCC) in relation to disputes concerning natural gas deliveries with an amount of USD>500 million and USD>250 million in dispute, under Swiss and Swedish law.
- Co-lead counsel in a dispute concerning a long-term supply agreement for coal deliveries, dealing with issues of sanctions and interruption of supply, under English law.



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ADMISSIONS & COURTS

New York and Massachusetts, 2007

LANGUAGES

English, Russian, French, basic Italian and Croatian

NATIONALITIES

Swiss, Russian

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Arbitration
Joint-Ventures / Consortia
Investments & BIT
Mergers & Acquisitions
Public International Law
Shareholder Agreements

INDUSTRY SECTORS

Automotive & Heavy Industry
Commodities Trading
Media, Art & Entertainment
Mining & Metals
Oil & Gas

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- Co-counsel in an *ad hoc* arbitration concerning a long-term gas supply agreement in the Middle East, with an amount in dispute of USD 35 billion.
- Lead counsel in an investment arbitration against an Asian State on behalf of an investor from Southeast Asia of USD several billion.
- Lead counsel in an ICC arbitration related to a construction project in the KSA, under Swiss law, with more than USD 30 million in dispute.
- Lead counsel in an ICC arbitration for a major mining and metallurgy consortium with more than USD 500 million in dispute, under Swiss law.
- Secretary to the Arbitral Tribunal in an ICC arbitration, seated in Geneva, governed by Italian law, arising out of a post M&A dispute in the chemical sector (more than USD 600 million in dispute).
- Lead counsel in an *ad hoc* arbitration between a state-owned enterprise and a sovereign state, with an amount in dispute of over USD 150 million.
- Secretary to the Arbitral Tribunal in an ICC arbitration, seated in Singapore, governed by Thai law, arising out of a dispute in the renewable energy sector (more than USD 1 billion in dispute).
- Secretary of the Arbitral Tribunal in an ICC arbitration, seated in Geneva, under Bulgarian substantive law, arising out of a nuclear power plant construction project (more than USD 1.5 billion in dispute).
- Lead counsel in an *ad hoc* investment arbitration between a state-owned enterprise and a sovereign state, with an amount in dispute of USD 200 million.
- Lead counsel in an ICC arbitration in the automotive sector under French law, with 4 million EUR amount in dispute.
- Lead counsel in a Swiss Arbitration Center arbitration stemming from a distribution and marketing agreement in the agricultural sector, under Swiss Rules and Swiss law, with 60 million USD in amount in dispute.
- Lead associate in an investment treaty arbitration, *US Steel Global Holdings I v. Republic of Slovakia*, which ended in a favorable settlement for the client, with more than USD 350 million in dispute.
- Counsel to a major energy conglomerate in its price adjustment disputes under long-term supply agreements subject to ICC Rules, under Italian and Swiss law.
- Representing a German client in an *ad hoc* investment arbitration against a CEE government concerning an expropriation of an enterprise.

Professional associations

- Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- International Bar Association
- Inter-Pacific Bar Association
- Russia-CIS Arbitration Network
- ICCA

Publications

- *European Law and Investment Treaties*, in The Investment Treaty Arbitration Review Editions 3, 4, and 5, 2023-2024 (with Rodica Turtoi)

QUOTES

According to clients and peers:

“Konstantin is very sharp and has an exceptional presence in the hearing room”

“He is good at handling witnesses and answering questions from arbitrators”

“He is extremely analytical”

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“Konstantin Christie is one of the best arbitration practitioners we have ever worked with. He is smart, client-oriented and is always available.”

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- *System of Protection of Foreign Investments (Система защиты иностранных инвестиций) in the Textbook on International Investment Law, Astana, 2024* (in Russian)
- *Compensation for Expropriation*, in *The Investment Treaty Arbitration Review*, Editions 3, 4 and 5, 2018-2021 (with Esra Ogut and Rodica Turtoi)
- *When Circumstances Change – A comparative view of the law and ICC model clauses*, IBA Asia Pacific Forum, May 2020 (with Mino Han and Charis Tan)
- *LNG Contract Adjustments in Difficult Times: The Interplay between Force Majeure, Change of Circumstances, Hardship, and Price Review Clauses*, in *Oil, Gas and Energy Law Special issue on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)*, March 2020 (with Mino Han and Leonid Shmatenko)

Accolades/Ranking

- Lexology Index: Arbitration (2025)
- Chambers Global: Arbitration Counsel, Switzerland (2024)
- Legal500: Switzerland – Next Generation Partners (2024)
- Legal500 Arbitration EMEA Switzerland: Next Generation Partners (2025)
- Who's Who Legal: Arbitration, Future Leaders (2017-2023)

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