

Edern Coënt

Senior Foreign Attorney, LL.M.

Professional Practice

Edern Coënt is a Senior Foreign Attorney at Peter & Kim in Seoul, and is a member of the New York bar.

Edern specializes in international arbitration, acting as counsel in disputes across a wide range of industries, including defense, shipbuilding, construction, energy, intellectual property, mergers and acquisitions, and joint ventures. He has experience handling arbitrations seated in major international hubs such as Hong Kong, Singapore, Seoul, London, Paris, and Geneva, under institutional rules including the ICC, SIAC, LCIA, SCC, KCAB, and in ad hoc proceedings.

Edern is native in French, fluent in English and also conversant in Mandarin. He holds a Master's Degree in Law from Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas University, an LL.M. from Cornell Law School, and a Master's Degree in Chinese Studies from the École Normale Supérieure.

Career

- Senior Foreign Attorney, Peter & Kim (2025 present)
- Senior Associate, Mayer Brown LLP (2022 2025)
- Foreign Legal Consultant, Kim & Chang (2018 2022)
- Deputy Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration (2014 2018)

Education

- Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas (Master's Degree in Law, 2013)
- Cornell Law School (LL.M., 2012)
- Ecole Normale Supérieure in Lyon (Master's Degree in Chinese Studies, 2011)

Representative Cases

- Represented a German company in arbitration proceedings against a Korean state entity in relation to the procurement of military vessels (ICC, Seoul)
- Represented a German company in arbitration proceedings against a Korean company in relation to the repair of a military vessel (ICC, Singapore)
- Represented a German company in set-aside proceedings following an arbitration against a state entity in relation to the repair of a military vessel (ICC, Singapore)
- Represented a Norwegian company in arbitration proceedings against an Indonesian state-owned company in relation to the operation of an LNG Floating Storage Regasification Unit (FSRU) (SIAC, Singapore)
- Represented a Maldivian company in arbitration proceedings against a Hong Kong company in relation to the management of a hotel resort (SIAC, Singapore)
- Represented an American company in arbitration proceedings against an Indian company in relation to the operation and resale of solar power installations (SIAC, Singapore)
- Represented a Korean company in arbitration proceedings against a Japanese company in relation to the sale and purchase of LNG (SIAC, Singapore)
- Represented an English company in pre-arbitration proceedings against a Vietnamese company in relation to the payment of a brokerage fee for a major real estate project (VIAC, Ho Chi Minh)



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ADMISSIONS & COURTS

New York, 2013

LANGUAGES

French, English, Mandarin

NATIONALITIES

French

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Arbitration / Litigation

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Aerospace & Defense Infrastructure & Energy

Edern Coënt

- Senior Foreign Attorney, LL.M.
- Represented four international investment companies in arbitration proceedings against a Korean individual in relation to the exercise of a put-option valued at approximately 2 billion USD (ICC, Seoul)
- Represented a Korean company in arbitration proceedings against a Chinese company in relation to a video game licensing agreement (SIAC, Singapore)
- Represented a Korean company in arbitration proceedings against an Italian company in relation to the sale of port equipment (SCC, Singapore)
- Represented a Korean company in arbitration proceedings against a Chinese company in relation to the sale of a private aircraft (ICC, Seoul)
- Represented a Korean company in arbitration proceedings against Korean and Bangladeshi companies in relation to a power plant project (ICC, Geneva)
- Represented an American company in arbitration proceedings against a Korean company in relation to the safety equipment of a nuclear plant (KCAB, Seoul)
- Advised a Korean company on potential arbitration proceedings against a Chinese company in relation to the manufacturing of Flat Panel Displays (FPD) (SIAC, Singapore)
- Advised an English company in dispute against a Vietnamese bank regarding the valuation of real estate assets in Ho Chi Minh City
- Advised a Singaporean company to defend against trademark violations claim by a
 Dutch company in relation to the branding and distribution of tyres

Professional Associations

- New York State Bar Association
- Paris Arbitration Centre
- HKIAC HK45

Publications

- Co-Author, One Country, Two Systems: Availability of Interim Measures in China, a New Argument for Hong Kong on the Asia-Pacific Arbitration Stage? (Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 2019)
- Author, When Two Are Too Many? Jurisdictional Skirmishes over the Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in France (The Paris Journal of International Arbitration, 2016)

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