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Education

B.C.L., University of Oxford, 2001
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Bar Admissions

England & Wales

Solicitor-Advocate (Higher Courts Civil-Proceedings)

Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. Anthony Murray

Gleeson, AC, Chief Justice of Australia (1998-1999)

Daniel Gal is King's Counsel. He is a solicitor advocate with extensive experience in commercial arbitration and investment treaty disputes and litigation. He has particular experience in complex multijurisdictional disputes in growth markets, in particular the Middle East, Turkey, Russia and Brazil. Over the course of the last 25 years, he has represented some of the world's leading companies in sectors such as telecommunications, banking and finance, infrastructure, energy, construction and technology under a variety of different rules including ICC, ICSID, LCIA, UNCITRAL, AAA and ad hoc arbitrations. He served, until recently, as one of Australia's representatives to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and, from 1998-99, served as the law clerk to the Chief Justice of Australia.

Mr. Gal sits on the firm's global Financial Oversight and Audit Committee.

Recognised by *The Times* in March 2024 for a landmark victory involving a Middle East-based client, Mr. Gal has repeatedly won plaudits from clients and peers for his international work. Sources describe him as "incredibly quick-witted" and someone who "can offer outside-of-the-box solutions" (*Chambers Global*), "a superb advocate and a terrific tactician" who is "an absolute pleasure to work with and a creative and fast thinker" (*Chambers UK*) and "highly recommended — one of the best brains in the industry, very knowledgeable and a pleasure to work with" (*The Legal 500 UK*). Additionally, he has been named repeatedly to *Best Lawyers in the UK* and *The Legal 500's* U.K. Private Practice Arbitration Powerlist, as well as recognized as one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Global Litigators. Mr. Gal has also been selected as a Global Leader in *Lexology Index* (formerly *Who's Who Legal*): *Arbitration* and previously was named one of the 45 top international arbitration counsel worldwide under the age of 45 by *Global Arbitration Review*. Mr. Gal has twice been part of arbitration teams that won *Legal Business'* International Arbitration Team of the Year award.

Representations include:

- Enka Insaat ve Sanayi A.S., one of the world's largest construction groups, in a several hundred-million-dollar ICC arbitration proceeding concerning the termination of a hydro-power project in the Caucasus
- Agility in a landmark victory in ICSID annulment proceedings against the Republic of Iraq arising out of the expropriation of Agility's investment in Iraq
- DP World Plc in the first-ever successful claim against the Kingdom of Belgium under international law arising out of the expropriation of an infrastructure concession
- a subsidiary of a major investment group in two successful and consecutive multibillion-dollar LCIA arbitrations related to the ownership and control of one of the largest Middle East-based telecommunications companies, with related British Virgin Islands litigation
- the trustees of Bermuda trusts with assets of approximately US\$15 billion as the successful respondents in the defence of multiple proceedings attacking those trusts, including the largest claim by value ever to come before the Bermuda Supreme Court
- the government of South Sudan in its highly publicized and strategically important arbitration with Sudapet Co. Ltd. concerning the disputed ownership of significant oil field interests (with a disputed amount exceeding US\$1 billion). *Legal Business* named Skadden as its International Arbitration Team of the Year in recognition of the firm's successful defence in this case
- Cayman and Cypriot entities in connection with the successful U.S. Chapter 11 restructuring of a subsidiary and advice regarding related LCIA arbitration proceedings in London connected to former Yukos assets