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Education

J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 2001

M.P.Aff., University of Texas, 2001

B.A., Brandeis University, 1996

Bar Admissions

New York

Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. Amalya L. Kearse, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2001-02) For over 20 years, Greg Litt has represented companies and individuals in high-stakes international arbitration and litigation in a wide range of industries around the globe. Serving as lead counsel in U.S. and international arbitration matters and coordinating counsel in multijurisdictional disputes, Mr. Litt combines excellence in advocacy, careful attention to strategy and skillful coordination across jurisdictions to help his clients meet their commercial goals.

Mr. Litt was named a National Practice Area Star and Litigation Star in *Benchmark Litigation 2022* and *2021*, a Rising Star in International Arbitration in *Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration* and an ADR Champion by *The National Law Journal*. Additionally, he was named to Lawdragon's inaugural Global Litigation 500 list in 2021. He also was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for International Arbitration and in *The Legal 500 U.S.* for his work on international sports matters, and was selected as one of only five U.S. lawyers nominated for International Arbitration Attorney of the Year at the *Benchmark Litigation 2018* Awards.

Mr. Litt was a member of the Skadden team that won a \$1.2 billion LCIA arbitration award for NTT Docomo of Japan in its dispute with Tata Sons of India in connection with an Indian telecommunications venture. The case was named Global Dispute of the Year for Commercial Arbitration in Asia by *The American Lawyer*, and the Skadden team was named Transatlantic Arbitration Team of the Year by *The American Lawyer* and *Legal Week* of London.

Other significant representative matters include:

M&A and Commercial

- an ICC arbitration for a U.S. car rental company against a French bank in a \$450 million post-closing adjustment dispute with respect to the sale of a business in England;
- New York state court litigation for a Channel Islands-based aircraft leasing company, as plaintiff, resulting in a \$400 million judgment against European aircraft manufacturer Airbus;
- an ICDR arbitration for Anglo-Irish Bank concerning management of a New York real estate/hotel investment fund, resulting in a complete victory and control of the fund;
- a series of accounting and indemnification disputes for a South American financial services company against a Swiss counterparty following the sale of a European bank;

Energy

- an ICC arbitration for a U.S. energy company against a Korean gas company over the ownership and control of a Korean joint venture, resulting in a successful disposition of assets;
- an LCIA arbitration for a U.S. oil and gas company against a Hong Kong-based company concerning tax liabilities and indemnities following the sale of a company involved in offshore oil production in Asia;

Life Sciences and Health Care

- a series of disputes involving a Japanese life sciences company against a U.S. biotechnology company regarding the development and manufacturing of biologic therapies;
- an ICC arbitration for a U.S. pharmaceutical company in a licensing dispute against a European patent rights holder;
- the defeat of class action claims in a FedArb arbitration on behalf of electronic medical records provider eClinicalWorks;

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Intellectual Property

- an ICC arbitration for a French consumer electronics company against a U.S.-based technology company concerning IP licenses and competition claims;
- an AAA arbitration involving a group of international insurance companies concerning false advertising and trademark rights;
- an ICC arbitration for a U.S.-headquartered technology company against a Japanese counterparty involving patents, trade secrets and employee noncompetes in Taiwan and South Korea;

Sports

- an arbitration in the Court of Arbitration for Sport, representing the Qatar Football Association in successfully defeating a challenge to the Qatar national team's championship at the 2019 AFC Asia Cup;
- litigation in Florida for a Brazilian sports marketing company against CONMEBOL and 10 Latin American soccer federations and related proceedings before FIFA and Paraguayan courts;
- a Qatari soccer official in a groundbreaking victory before the FIFA Appeal Committee, marking the first time the body completely overturned sanctions imposed by the FIFA Ethics Committee;

International Judgment and Award Enforcement

- the successful defense of international judgment enforcement proceedings for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, including a substantial victory in New York's highest court;
- the successful enforcement of Japan-based NTT Docomo's \$1.2 billion LCIA arbitration award against Tata Sons of India, including proceedings in the courts of New York, London and Delhi;

28 U.S.C. § 1782 (Cross-Border Discovery)

- Section 1782 proceedings in Colorado on behalf of a global beverage company in support of English High Court litigation involving the sale of a business in Europe; and
- multiple proceedings under Section 1782 in seven jurisdictions around the U.S. on behalf of a French bank in connection with international disputes arising out of the global credit crisis.

Mr. Litt serves as hiring partner for the firm's New York office. He is the attorney development partner for Skadden's international arbitration practice in New York and is actively involved in the firm's U.S. associate litigation training program.

In addition, Mr. Litt is active in the international arbitration community. He currently serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the New York International Arbitration Center and a member of the International Arbitration Club of New York.

Publications

- "The Rise of International Arbitration in IP, Science and Technology Disputes," *Financier Worldwide*, June 2022
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- "Recent US Court Decision Confirm Arbitrator Discretion to Limit Discovery," *Mealey's International Arbitration Report*, August 2013, with Colm P. McInerney
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- "International Enforcement of Judgments and Arbitral Awards: Challenges for Creditors, Debtors and International Banks," *Corporate Disputes*, October-December 2012
- "International Class Arbitration," in World Class Actions: A Practitioners Guide to Group and Representative Actions Around the Globe (Oxford University Press 2012), with Lea Haber Kuck
- "International Banks in the Crosshairs: Cross-Border Judgment Enforcement in New York," *Corporate LiveWire*, July 2012
- "After Stolt-Nielsen, Circuits Split, But AAA Filings Continue," *Mealey's International Arbitration Report*, July 2012, with Tina Praprotnik
- "Desirability of International Class Arbitration," *Contemporary Issues in International Arbitration and Mediation: The Fordham Papers* (Nijhoff 2009), with Dana Freyer