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Michael Howe is a counsel in the firm's Litigation/Controversy Department and a member of the International Arbitration Practice Group. Mr. Howe practices from the firm's London office. He joined the firm in 2014.

Practice

Mr. Howe's practice focuses on complex arbitration and litigation matters. He has represented clients in numerous institutional and ad hoc arbitrations under a wide variety of arbitral rules, including LCIA, ICC, ICDR and UNCITRAL. Mr. Howe has a particular focus on international commercial arbitration. He has represented clients from a broad range of industries, including energy, natural resources, manufacturing and construction. Mr. Howe has a particular focus on disputes in the energy sector.

In addition to his arbitration practice, Mr. Howe has a significant litigation practice. A qualified solicitor-advocate, he has represented clients in high-stakes commercial litigation before the English courts and in court proceedings relating to arbitration, including before the UK Supreme Court and courts of other Commonwealth jurisdictions.

Past Experience

Prior to joining WilmerHale, Mr. Howe worked at an international law firm in London and New York, where his practice focused on international arbitration, litigation and internal investigations.

Professional Activities

Mr. Howe is an Assistant Editor of the *Journal of International Arbitration*. He speaks and publishes regularly on topical issues of international arbitration law and practice. He has

lectured on International Commercial Arbitration at Victoria University Wellington and Queen Mary University of London, and is a member of the ICC Young Arbitrators Forum and the LCIA Young International Arbitration Group.

Solutions

Litigation

International Arbitration

Experience

Representing a Middle Eastern government in LCIA arbitration proceedings—and associated court proceedings across multiple jurisdictions—in relation to a dispute worth tens of billions of dollars with a group of Middle Eastern companies regarding the development of two gas fields.

Representing an exploration and production company in ICC arbitration proceedings regarding rights to an oil field offshore Africa.

Representing a government official in proceedings before the English Commercial Court, relating to contractual rights to develop two oil blocks.

Representing a Middle Eastern government in LCIA arbitration proceedings against a European company relating to the development of two gas blocks.

Representing an oil company in LCIA arbitration proceedings relating to the construction of offshore oil infrastructure in the Caspian Sea.

Representing a global oilfield services company in separate ICC and LCIA arbitration proceedings relating to the drilling of oil wells in the Middle East.

Representing a group of real estate development companies in UK court proceedings arising out of two arbitral awards.

Representing a manufacturing company in UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings against a state-owned entity in connection with a dispute regarding the supply of natural gas.

Representing an Eastern European smelting plant in LCIA arbitration proceedings, and associated court proceedings, in relation to a dispute under a processing agreement.

Representing an investor in the natural resource sector in UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings against the government of an African state.

Representing an investor in the hospitality sector in English court proceedings arising out of LCIA arbitration proceedings.

Representing a US entity in a licensing dispute before the LCIA, which settled before the hearing in a manner highly favorable to WilmerHale's client.

Representing a central Asian client in a landmark arbitration appeal before the UK Supreme Court.

Recognition

- Recognized as a "Future Leader" in the 2018–2024 editions of *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* with sources saying he is a “hugely impressive international arbitration practitioner who takes a splendid personable approach” and is “thoughtful and detail-oriented.”
 - Was a member of the team awarded "Transatlantic Dispute Resolution Team of the Year 2017" by *Legal Week* and *The American Lawyer*.
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Credentials

EDUCATION

LLM, International Legal Studies, New York University School of Law, 2007

BA, St. Catherine’s College, Oxford University, 2006

Jurisprudence – English Law with German Law, First Class Honours

ADMISSIONS

England and Wales, Solicitor

New York

LANGUAGES

English

German