



## *Michael Howe*

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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 both institutional and ad hoc arbitrations under a wide variety of arbitral rules, including LCIA, ICC, ICDR, UNCITRAL and ICSID. Mr. Howe has a particular focus on international commercial arbitration, having advised clients from Europe, the Americas, Asia and Africa in disputes relating to energy and natural resources, manufacturing, financial services and telecommunications. Mr Howe has recently represented a government in a dispute relating to the development of two gas fields; an exploration and production company in a dispute relating to rights to an offshore oil block; a manufacturing company in a dispute regarding the supply of natural gas; and a global oilfield services company in disputes relating to the drilling of oil wells.

Mr. Howe also has significant court experience. A qualified solicitor-advocate, he has represented clients in court proceedings relating to arbitration, including before the UK Supreme Court and courts of other Commonwealth jurisdictions. He has also advised clients on commercial matters before English courts, and has substantial experience of multi-jurisdictional disputes.

Mr. Howe has a strong commitment to pro bono work, particularly in relation to asylum matters. He appears regularly before the Asylum Support Tribunal on behalf of the Asylum Support Appeals Project.

### *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 is a member of the ICC Young Arbitrators Forum and the LCIA Young International Arbitration Group.

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## *Solutions*

Litigation

International Arbitration

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

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## ***Recognition***

- Mr. Howe was recognized as a "Future Leader" in the 2018 and 2019 editions of *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration*.
  - Mr. Howe 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

Ireland, Solicitor

New York

### **LANGUAGES**

English

German