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Steven Finizio's practice focuses on international dispute resolution. Mr. Finizio also serves as an arbitrator. He has particular experience with energy, financial services, shareholder, joint venture and M&A, and manufacturing issues. He has advised clients regarding disputes under the rules of most of the well-recognized international arbitration institutions and governed by the laws of jurisdictions in Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America and the US, as well as under bilateral and regional investment treaties. His pro bono work has included assisting a Central European government to draft new arbitration legislation and he was part of a team that won a landmark decision in the first freedom of expression case in the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in *Issa Loha Konaté v Burkina Faso*.

### *Professional Activities*

Mr. Finizio speaks regularly on international arbitration at conferences and seminars. He is Professor of Practice at SOAS University of London and Deputy Director of the SOAS School of Law Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Centre (SADRC). He is a founding member of the International Dispute Resolution Academy (IDRA) and is on the faculty at the Cologne Academy of Arbitration. He also has been on the faculty for the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA) and the Africa International Legal Awareness (AILA) International Treaty Law and Arbitration Programme.

Mr. Finizio is a member of the LCIA Court and a member of the GIAC Advisory Council. He also is a member of the *Global Arbitration Review* Editorial Board, the *Lexis®PSL Arbitration* Consulting Editorial Board, and the arbitration.ru Editorial Board, as well as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA).

He is a member of a number of arbitration and international law institutions and related associations, including the International Bar Association (IBA), Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), American Society of International Law (ASIL), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA). In addition,

Mr. Finizio is a Member of the Board of Trustees for the Media Defence Legal Initiative and the Advisory Board of the Institute of Small and Micro States.

## *Publications*

Mr. Finizio publishes extensively on issues relating to international dispute resolution. He is the co-author of "*A Practical Guide to International Commercial Arbitration: Assessment, Planning and Strategy*," (Sweet & Maxwell 2010) (second edition forthcoming), and "International Commercial Arbitration," in *The Law of Transnational Business Transactions* (Nanda, ed. Thomson Reuters updated 2020). See "Publications" under "Insights & News" for a full list of Mr. Finizio's publications and articles.

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## *Solutions*

Commercial Litigation  
Securities Enforcement

International Arbitration  
Securities Litigation

Litigation  
United Kingdom

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## *Experience*

Representation of a number of clients in gas price revision disputes relating to long-term gas and LNG supply contracts in Europe, the Americas, and Asia, including in a number of *ad hoc* arbitrations and in arbitrations under the ICC, SCC and UNCITRAL rules, sited in New York, Stockholm, London, Geneva and Lugano.

Representation of Asian investors in an aerospace manufacturing company in an investment treaty claim against an Eastern European state.

Representation of a European investor in an investment treaty claim against a Central European state relating to financial services and real estate investments.

Representation of a developer in an ICC arbitration relating to EPC contracts for the construction of solar power facilities in Africa, sited in New York.

Representation of an Eastern European manufacturing company in an investment treaty claim against an Eastern European state.

Representation of a European telecommunications services company in an ICC arbitration against a Swiss customer, sited in Zurich.

Representation of a Japanese manufacturing company in an ICC arbitration against a Korean company, sited in New York.

Representation of a European construction company in an ICSID arbitration against a Middle Eastern state.

Representation of a multinational clean energy company in multiple ICC and *ad hoc* arbitrations against an Indian company relating wind power projects in India, sited in London and New Delhi.

Representation of US and UK financial services companies in an LCIA arbitration, sited in London, relating to a services agreement and a fraud.

Representation of a UK agribusiness in an investment treaty claim against an East African state.

Representation of an international computer company in an HKIAC arbitration, sited in Hong Kong, relating to a purchase agreement.

Representation of a European oil and gas company in an *ad hoc* arbitration under the UNCITRAL rules, sited in New York, relating to a revenue sharing agreement in an LNG supply contract.

Representation of an international electronics company in an ICC arbitration, sited in Zurich, relating to an IP licensing agreement.

Representation of a number of matters involving US and UK energy and oil field services companies in ICC arbitrations, all sited in London, relating to claims of illegality with regard to a services agreement in a number of African countries.

Representation of a European manufacturing company in a DIS arbitration, sited in Zurich, relating to a share and purchase agreement concerning manufacturing facilities in China.

Representation of a global financial services company in two ICC arbitrations, sited in London, relating to franchise agreement disputes.

Representation of a European telecommunications company in an ICC arbitration, sited in Geneva, concerning shareholder and ownership rights.

Representation of a European energy company in consolidated *ad hoc* arbitrations under the UNCITRAL rules, sited in New York, concerning the interpretation of a gas sales and purchase agreement and requested price revisions.

Representation of a US financial services company in an ICC arbitration, sited in Paris, concerning an M&A dispute relating to the sale and purchase of an insurance company.

Representation of three multinational energy companies in an expert determination and related proceedings, sited in Washington DC, concerning a gas purchase and sales agreement with a state-owned gas company in Asia.

Recent matters as an arbitrator include serving as the presiding arbitrator, the sole arbitrator, and a party-appointed arbitrator in cases under the ICC and LCIA rules, as well as in *ad hoc* arbitrations.

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## Recognition



### ***Recognized for International Arbitration***

*Chambers UK, Chambers Europe, Chambers Global*

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2023



### ***Recognized as a Thought Leader***

*Who's Who Legal: Arbitration*

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2022-2024



### ***Recognized for International Arbitration and Public International Law***

*The Legal 500 UK*

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2022-2024

- Mr. Finizio has been ranked among the leading international arbitration lawyers in *Chambers UK*, *Chambers Europe* and *Chambers Global* for a number of years. *Chambers UK* notes his experience handling complex commercial arbitrations and representing clients in investment treaty cases, and quotes an interviewee who describes him as "really fantastic," explaining: "He is a thoughtful, clever lawyer," explaining "he is a thoughtful, clever lawyer," with another adding "has always exceeded expectations across the board."
- Mr. Finizio is recognized as a "Thought Leader" by *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration 2023 and 2024* which describes him as "an accomplished practitioner" who is deemed "one of the mainstays in the London arbitration scene."
- He is also recognized as a "Leading lawyer" for international arbitration and dispute resolution, and for public international law by *Legal 500 UK*, which includes him in its "Hall of Fame."
- He has been recognized for a number of years by *Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom* for international arbitration.
- Named to the *Lawdragon 500 Global Leading Litigators* list, which recognizes lawyers who specialize in international arbitration, public international litigation and global controversies.

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## Credentials

### EDUCATION

JD, University of Chicago Law School, 1992

*with honors*

*Order of the Coif; Associate Articles Editor, University of Chicago Law Review*

AB, Georgetown University, 1988

*magna cum laude*

### ADMISSIONS

California

District of Columbia

England and Wales, Registered Foreign Lawyer

### CLERKSHIPS

The Hon. Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1992 - 1993