## **PAUL LEFEUVRE**





# ATTORNEY AT LAW | AVOCAT (Paris Bar 2012)

International Business Law | International Dispute Resolution Energy, Infrastructures | Art, Tech & Web3

### **OVERVIEW**

Paul Lefeuvre is a French qualified attorney at law, based in Paris, specializing in international business law and cross-border dispute resolution.

Paul has spent thirteen years in top-tier international Law Firms, advising and representing large companies in high-profile transactions and disputes involving complex and business-sensitive issues, bringing them to an optimal conclusion, either in court, through arbitration, or other dispute resolution mechanisms. Paul's experience covers a wide range of topics, including joint ventures, shareholder agreements, long-term supply contracts, representations and warranties, licensing, distribution, investment, trade, and construction, with a particular focus on energy, infrastructure, transport, telecommunications, media, and technology industries.

In parallel to his main international arbitration activities, Paul has developed a strong experience in advising startup and scale-up companies, providing strategic advice on various business, corporate and compliance matters, drafting, negotiating, and implementing internal, domestic, and international agreements, including shareholder agreements, distribution, concession, licensing, SaaS, and various sale and purchase agreements. Paul also acts regularly on behalf of companies in French and international courts, representing them at all stages of their disputes.

### SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Paul's most recent experience include:

## Advisory matters:

- Advising a North-African national energy company in a dispute against a Spanish company regarding the enforcement of coal supply agreements. The dispute was conducted under the ICC rules of arbitration
- Advising a French company and international investors on the creation and incorporation of shareholder structures for the conduct of cryptocurrency related activities in various countries worldwide
- Advising a group of entrepreneurs regarding the creation of a startup company offering services in relation to social and environmental transition in the Web3 industry
- Advising Shareholders of a French tech company in relation to the sale and purchase of shares to investors

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- Advising an English online art retail company in pre litigation discussions regarding the implementation of a SaaS agreement
- Advising a European State-owned company in securing long term mining rights with a Central Asian State

# Court and arbitration representation:

- Representing an Indian company against a French company and a first rank French bank in a dispute relating to a first demand bank guarantee called in the context of an arbitration procedure. The dispute was heard by French commercial courts, the arbitration proceedings by the Courts of Dehli, India
- Representing a French tech retail company at pre-litigation and litigation stages of various disputes held in front of French courts
- Representing a European Consortium in arbitration proceedings against a European State regarding the conduct of regulated activities during the Covid Pandemic. The arbitration was conducted under the ICC Rules of arbitration
- Advising a French logistic company in arbitration proceedings under the ICSID and OHADA rules, regarding the construction and operation of container handling terminals in West-African countries
- Advising an African state-owned transportation company in a dispute with a Chinese company regarding the purchase of passenger train coaches. The dispute was conducted under the ICC Rules of arbitration
- Advising a joint venture between European companies in an arbitration against a Spanish energy company regarding the purchase of several wind farms in Europe. The arbitration was conducted under the ICC Rules of arbitration
- Advising a joint venture between Algerian, UK and Norwegian companies, against an Italian energy company, in a gas price review conducted under the ICC Rules

## **PAST ENGAGEMENTS**

# **2021-2022** Three Crowns LLP, Paris – Associate, International Arbitration

Advising and representing companies, state-owned entities, and governments in international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations as well as in their pre-dispute negotiations with a specific focus on infrastructure, construction, energy, and mining disputes, mainly in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

# **2012-2019** Shearman & Sterling LLP, Paris – Associate, International Arbitration

Advising and representing companies, state-owned entities, and governments in international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, with a specific focus on post-M&A, infrastructure, construction, oil & gas, renewable energy, and mining disputes, mainly in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

**2011 Obeid Law Firm, Beirut** – Trainee Associate, International Arbitration

**2010-2011** Watson Farley & Williams LLP, Paris – Trainee, International commercial and corporate law

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**EFB, Paris Bar School** 

**International Arbitration Academy** 

Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne University, CRFPA.

Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne University, IDAI - Cairo University Master 2 – International Business Law

Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne University, Master 1 – International and European Business Law

BAR ADMISSIONS
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Paris

# **LANGUAGES**

French, (native)

English (bilingual)

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