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Partner leading our International Arbitration group in Paris, Laurent Gouiffès has over 20 years' experience representing major industrial groups and States in high profile, complex international arbitrations and mediations. He has extensive experience of arbitration under the rules of the ICC, LCIA, ICSID and UNCITRAL and has also acted in a number of disputes brought under the Energy Charter Treaty.

With a focus on energy-related, technological and investment disputes, Laurent regularly acts on behalf of clients in the oil and gas, mining, electricity, nuclear, aerospace and telecommunications industries as well as on behalf of States. He also acts as arbitrator in cases before the ICC, the LCIA and the Chamber of Arbitration of Milan.

Laurent regularly speaks and publishes on topical issues in arbitration, energy and public/private international law including giving lectures on energy arbitration at LSE in London and Sciences Po in Paris.

**EXPERIENCE ACTING AS ARBITRATOR**

- Acting as sole arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between a Greek engineering company and a Romanian company arising out of a FIDIC contract for the rehabilitation of a railway line.
- Acting as sole arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration, under English law with proceedings in French, between two courier services companies in relation to their business in North Africa.
- Acting as sole arbitrator in an arbitration administered by the Milan Chamber of Arbitration, under Italian law, between an Italian aviation company and a German company in the financial sector concerning the provision of transport.
- Acting as sole arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration under Italian law between an American company and an Italian company in the pharmaceutical sector.
- Acting as sole arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration under English law between a law firm and various companies from Kazakhstan in relation to payment of fees.
- Acting as sole arbitrator in an ICC arbitration under Italian law between an Italian company and an Israeli company in the fashion industry.
- Acting as co-arbitrator in an ICC arbitration under French law in relation to the payment of legal fees between an English and French company.
- Acting as sole arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration under English law in a substantial dispute between an Australian mining company and an Indian steel manufacturer.
- Acting as sole arbitrator in an arbitration under the aegis of the Chamber of Arbitration of Milan under Italian law in a dispute between an English company and an Italian company in the optic business.
- Acting as sole arbitrator in a LCIA arbitration under English law in relation to a financial dispute between two UK and American companies.
- Acting as sole arbitrator in an arbitration under the aegis of the Chamber of Arbitration of Milan under English law in relation to a F3000 car racing dispute.
- Acting as sole arbitrator in an ICC arbitration under German law between a German company and an English company in the food industry.
- Acting as co-arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration under English law in relation to a dispute between Maltese and Italian parties.

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**PRACTICES**

International Arbitration  
Energy  
Projects, Engineering and Construction

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**INDUSTRY SECTORS**

Aviation  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Media, Technology and Telecomms

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**EDUCATION**

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, 1993  
Post-masterate diploma in International Law, University of Paris - Panthéon-Assas, 1996

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

Member of the ICC, LCIA, CFA, ASA and IAI  
Councilor on the LCIA European Users' Council  
Arbitrator on the ICC, LCIA, CAM, SIAC, SHIAC and KLRCA panels

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**AWARDS / RANKINGS**

"[He is] very talented and very good under pressure."  
Legal 500 EMEA 2013  
"Sources describe him as 'disarmingly persuasive, knowledgeable, articulate and poised'.  
Chambers Europe, 2012  
"[He is] an excellent and very enthusiastic attorney with a sharp legal mind."  
Legal 500, 2012  
Listed in Who's Who Commercial Arbitration, 2015

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**BAR ADMISSIONS /**

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Paris (since 1998)  
England & Wales (since 2005)

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**LANGUAGES**

French  
English  
Italian  
German