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Stephen L. Drymer is a litigator and advocate by background and experience. Having appeared before all levels of courts in Canada, for over a decade Stephen has focused his practice on domestic and international arbitration and alternative dispute resolution.

A partner and head of the firm's International Arbitration and ADR practice, Stephen acts as counsel, arbitrator and mediator in domestic and international commercial and investment treaty disputes, and he advises parties on a broad range of issues associated with the design, negotiation, drafting and implementation of dispute resolution agreements and strategies. He has acted in disputes in the manufacturing, construction, petrochemical, oil & gas, mining, energy, environmental, financial services, IT, outsourcing, hospitality, transportation, aviation, aerospace and telecommunication industries, among others, both in *ad hoc* proceedings and under the rules of most major international arbitral institutions. Educated and trained in both the common law and the civil law, Stephen has pleaded cases and served as party-appointed arbitrator or president of tribunals in matters involving the laws of many jurisdictions around the world. Currently, Stephen is a member of the ICSID tribunal hearing the case of Burlington Resources Inc. v The Republic of Ecuador.

Stephen also advises and represents clients, both government and non-governmental, in matters of public international law and dispute resolution, including in matters involving maritime delimitation and transboundary resource management. He was a negotiator for Canada in the renewal of the Canada-U.S. Pacific Salmon Treaty and counsel to Canada in the mediation of disputes arising under that Treaty. He was counsel for the Government of Nova Scotia before an international tribunal constituted to determine the offshore boundary between the province of Nova Scotia and the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. He was an adviser to the Secretary General of the United Nations and mediator in a territorial and resource dispute between Gabon and Equatorial Guinea. And he is currently a neutral evaluator in an international dispute involving private and public parties and interests in the Middle East.

Stephen is as well very active in the resolution of sport-related disputes in Canada and internationally, in cases before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne. In addition to extensive work as counsel, he has served as arbitrator and mediator in numerous cases involving a wide range of issues and sports.

In addition to numerous professional associations in which he is active, Stephen is a member of the Panel of Canadian Arbitrators and Mediators of ICC Canada (the Canadian National Committee of the ICC), the International Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators of the American Arbitration Association - International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), the International Panel of Arbitrators of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) and the Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators of the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada.

Stephen is recognised as one of the world's leading international lawyers and dispute resolution professionals by a number of Canadian and international publications.

# STEPHEN L. DRYMER

#### **NATIONALITY**

Canadian

#### **LANGUAGES**

French, English, Spanish

# **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND DEGREES**

Since 1991 Member of the BAR OF QUEBEC

1986-1990 McGILL UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW

B.C.L. (Civil Law), LL.B. (Common Law)

1983 CANADIAN SECURITIES INSTITUTE

The Canadian Securities Course

1979-1983 YALE UNIVERSITY

B.A. (Political Science)

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since December 2012 WOODS LLP

Partner, Head of International Arbitration and ADR

1991-2012 NORTON ROSE CANADA (OGILVY RENAULT prior to 2010)

Partner, Co-Chair of International Arbitration

1984-1986 **NESBITT THOMSON DEACON** (F.H. DEACON HODGSON prior to 1986)

Investment Broker

#### **TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

McGill University Faculty of Law, Guest Lecturer: International Dispute Resolution

(2012-2013)

McGill University Faculty of Law, Guest Lecturer: *Sport Law and Arbitration* (2010-2013)

Vice-Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA)

Editor of IBA Arbitration News (2011-2013)

Director, Canada branch of the International Law Association (ILA)

Honorary Adviser to the United Nations Association in Canada (UNA Canada), former President of the Montreal branch

Officer of the Membership Committee and the Programme Committee of the Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society (TCAS)

Member of the Task Force on the New York Convention and the Task Force on the Revision of the ICC ADR Rules of the Commission on Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

Canada Delegate to United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group II, Revision of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (2008-2010)

Governor of the Québec Bar Foundation (2010-2012)

#### **PANELS AND ROSTERS**

Panel of Canadian Arbitrators and Mediators of ICC Canada (the Canadian National Committee of the ICC)

International Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators of the American Arbitration Association - International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR)

International Panel of Arbitrators of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)

Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators of the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC)

# **RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION**

Named as one of the world's leading international lawyers by Canadian and international publications:

Global Arbitration Review

The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration

Who's Who Legal: Mediation 2014 List of the world's leading mediators

The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers

Chambers Global

EuroMoney Expert Guides - Guide to the World's Leading Commercial Arbitration Attorneys

Practical Law Guide (PLC) - Which Lawyer?

LEXPERT/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading Lawyers in Canada

Who's Who Legal - Canada

The Best Lawyers in Canada

The 50 Best Lawyers in Canada

# **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Canadian Bar Association (CBA)

American Bar Association (ABA)

International Bar Association (IBA)

International Law Association (ILA)

International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)

London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

ICC Canada

Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society (TCAS)