

International Arbitration & White & Case

A global practice





The International Arbitration Practice at White & Case is widely recognized as preeminent in its field.

With more arbitration practitioners in offices around the world than any other firm, we cover every jurisdiction, arbitral forum and industry sector, and work under multiple laws and in diverse languages.

We act for leading corporations, financial institutions, investors and sovereign states. Many are repeat clients. They turn to us because they trust our skill, experience and reputation to achieve the best possible outcome for them, and because our partners personally handle all their cases. Our high-profile cases often make headlines, and they include some of the most important decisions in international arbitration history.

Our practice is recognized as preeminent; a recent market review named 51 of our International Arbitration lawyers as global market leaders, more than any other law firm. Year after year, the legal directories, including *Chambers Global*, *The Legal 500* and *Global Arbitration Review*, place our practice at the top.

Our practice at a glance

With more than 230 arbitration lawyers globally, we have the largest International Arbitration Practice in the world. Our lawyers are based in the key arbitral centers of New York, Washington, DC, London, Paris, Geneva, Stockholm and Singapore, and we have significant on-the-ground arbitration capability in Mexico City, Miami, Houston, Los Angeles, Madrid, Frankfurt, Warsaw, Dubai, Doha, Riyadh, Hong Kong and Melbourne.

We are truly global

Our practice is independently recognized by *Chambers* as being “the farthest reaching and most evenly spread of the specialist arbitration firms.” No other law firm has our strength and depth of coverage in the United States, Europe and in emerging markets worldwide. Our deep and diverse bench ensures we can assemble the right combination of experience to meet our clients’ needs.

We have an all-star team

Our team includes many of the most highly ranked arbitration practitioners globally, and *Who’s Who Legal* ranks 51 of our arbitration partners as leaders in the field—more than any other law firm. Many of our lawyers hold prominent positions at key arbitral institutions and on thought leadership committees. Our team’s collective experience brings with it unrivaled experience and insight that can make all the difference to the outcome achieved.

We are the go-to team when the stakes are high

Our team has achieved groundbreaking results in some of the most complex and high-value disputes in the world. *Global Arbitration Review* has described our practice’s reputation in the market as a “fearsome and creative opponent.” We repeatedly have won cases where others tried and failed on similar issues using different counsel.

We work flexibly to meet unique needs

No two cases are alike and we do not propose cookie-cutter solutions. Our approach is partner-led and adaptive to fit our clients’ unique needs. Our team’s broad capabilities ensure we can advise on disputes involving virtually any substantive law, arbitral forum and industry sector, and can work in multiple languages.

We support our clients at all stages

We advise clients at every stage of the dispute resolution process, from drafting dispute resolution clauses to pre-proceeding issues and the conduct of proceedings, through to the enforcement of arbitral awards. We also advise on alternative dispute resolution methods, such as disputes boards and mediation, and provide guidance on the best dispute resolution options in any given situation.

We guide through complexity

Parties to disputes today face challenging questions, including regarding litigation and arbitration financing, cybersecurity concerns, economic sanction issues, privacy rules and, for some, public company disclosure requirements relating to the dispute. Our team provides needed guidance and trusted counsel on these issues and more.



Technology

Rapid success paving the way to the sale of memory chip business

When its joint venture partner threatened to block the proposed US\$18 billion sale of Toshiba's coveted memory chip business, Toshiba turned to *White & Case* to represent it in the multiple arbitrations and related proceedings that followed. Our team quickly devised and executed the winning strategy that led to a prompt and successful resolution of this critical matter.

Our deep bench ensures we field the right team



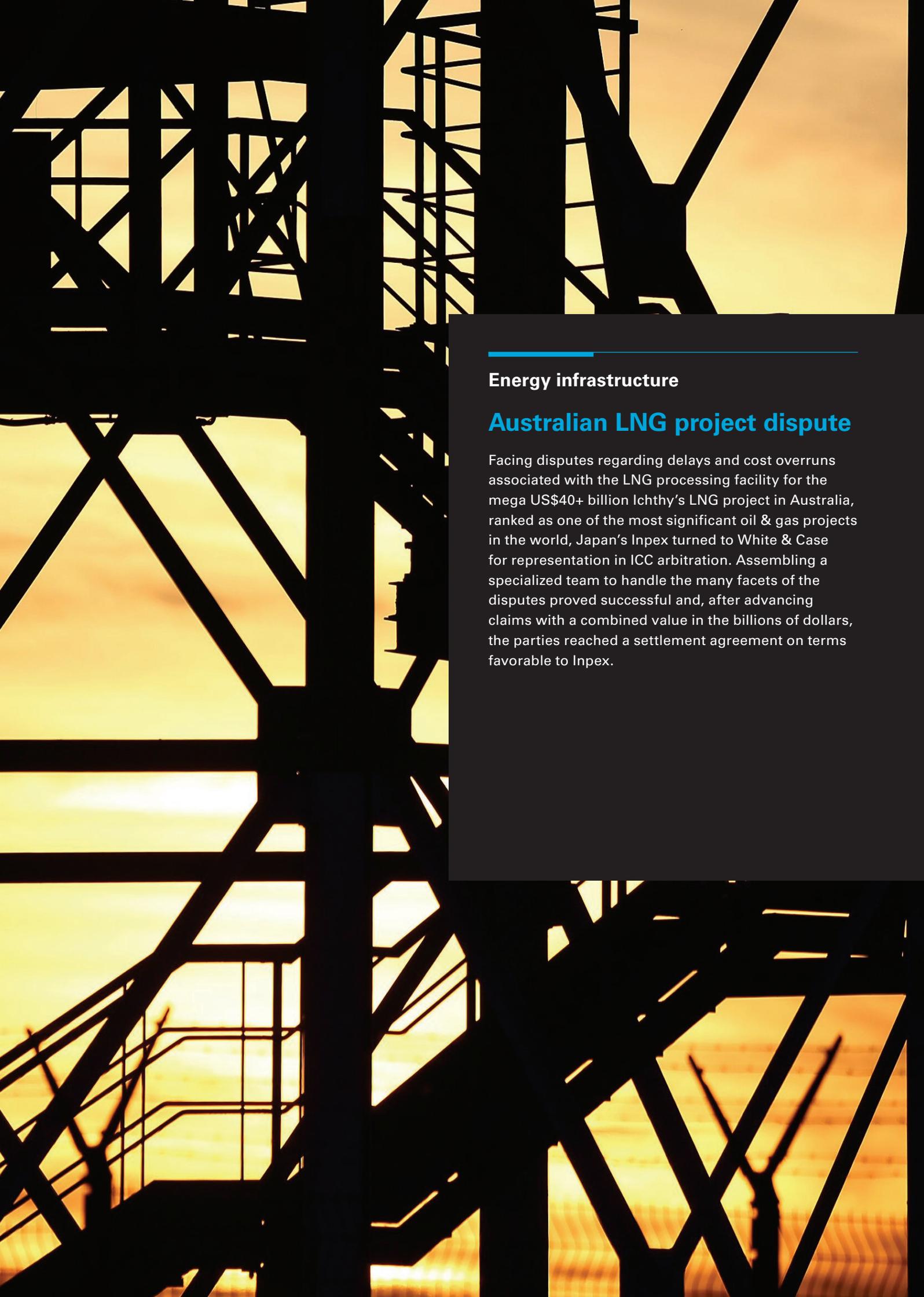
Experience with all leading arbitral institutions and arbitration rules, including ICC, LCIA, AAA, ICDR, SCC, SIAC, HKIAC, CIETAC, VIAC, ICSID, PCA, UNCITRAL and more

We work on and handle proceedings in multiple languages

Specialist industry knowledge across multiple sectors

Multinational and multi-cultural teams with experience working in, and legal training from, jurisdictions around the world

Expertise in all phases of a dispute—including, where needed, world-wide enforcement litigation

The background of the entire page is a silhouette of a complex industrial structure, likely a refinery or LNG processing facility, set against a warm, golden sunset sky. The structure consists of numerous vertical and diagonal beams forming a grid-like pattern. A dark grey rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

Energy infrastructure

Australian LNG project dispute

Facing disputes regarding delays and cost overruns associated with the LNG processing facility for the mega US\$40+ billion Ichthy's LNG project in Australia, ranked as one of the most significant oil & gas projects in the world, Japan's Inpex turned to White & Case for representation in ICC arbitration. Assembling a specialized team to handle the many facets of the disputes proved successful and, after advancing claims with a combined value in the billions of dollars, the parties reached a settlement agreement on terms favorable to Inpex.

An independent view



“Clearly the best in the business”

“Undoubtedly pre-eminent in the field”

“A fearsome and creative opponent”

“White & Case is beyond compare. They are fantastic, really as good as it gets”

“Outstanding group with an excellent track record in high stakes commercial and investor-state arbitrations”

“Its impressive global coverage allows for the adept handling of matters across all major hubs worldwide”

“White & Case are pretty extraordinary”

Chambers Global

“What distinguishes White & Case from other law firms is its vast expertise in every aspect of international arbitration”

“They go full on and you can’t ask them to do anything more”

Chambers USA

“A force in the global market”

“A reputation for its ability to win tough cases”

“First class”

Global Arbitration Review

“Extremely hard-working and technically excellent”

Legal 500 Latin America

“The firm is certainly one of the best and most decorated globally when it comes to resolving disputes through arbitration”

“They defend their clients 100%, they argue every possible point, and they never leave anything — real fighters, but always in total good faith”

Legal 500 UK

Band 1

International Arbitration

Chambers Global, 2026
Chambers Europe, 2025
Chambers USA, 2025
Chambers France, 2026

Tier 1

International Arbitration

The Legal 500 USA, 2025
The Legal 500 Latin America, 2026
Benchmark Litigation USA, 2025

#1 Worldwide

International Arbitration

(six times since 2015)
Global Arbitration Review

Most Active in Investment Arbitration

Jus Connect Global Arbitration Report, 2025



Capital markets

Obtaining compensation for thousands of bondholders

Representing tens of thousands of holders of Argentine bonds, White & Case prepared and presented their claims in a groundbreaking US\$2.4 billion dispute presented in ICSID arbitration. Our team's innovative approach led to a landmark decision on jurisdiction that paved the way to a historic settlement whereby Argentina agreed to pay 150 percent of the principal value of the affected bonds. The arbitral decision was featured in *The Economist* and press worldwide, was recognized as "Arbitration Decision of the Year" and "Most Controversial or Surprising Arbitration Decision of the Year" by OGEMID and was then named "Most Influential Award of the Last Decade" by OGEMID.

Global reach

North America

We serve our clients from eight US commercial hubs: New York; Washington, DC; Los Angeles; Miami; Silicon Valley; Boston; Houston; and Chicago. Our integrated teams handle the most complex, precedent-setting arbitrations that exist today, addressing matters in all parts of the world.

Latin America

With more than 250 lawyers, most of whom are fluent in Spanish and/or Portuguese, and many of whom have extensive experience living and working in the region, our multi-disciplinary Latin America Practice has the strategic perspective that makes the difference for our clients. We support our clients in Latin America with lawyers based throughout our network, with strong support from those based in Houston, Mexico City, Miami, New York, São Paulo, Washington, DC, London, Paris and Madrid.





Africa

As the first international firm to open an office in South Africa in 1995, we work with clients to manage disputes in jurisdictions across the continent, and have advised clients on matters involving almost all 54 African countries, tapping into the resources and expertise of lawyers throughout our global network.

Europe & Middle East

With 25 offices across EMEA, we combine our regional expertise with our integrated global network, often drawing upon support from our offices in London, Paris, Brussels and the UAE. We have been active across the Middle East for more than seven decades, have developed strong relationships in the region and regularly act for a broad range of clients from many different sectors.

Asia-Pacific

In a region made up of many individual markets, each distinguished by separate legal systems, cultures and business norms, it is critical to know which law firms understand how to achieve success across the region. With more than 200 lawyers across Asia-Pacific, our team includes a deep bench of regional expertise. Our fluency in Mandarin, English and other languages allows us to serve our clients' needs seamlessly, including from our offices in Singapore, Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tokyo, Seoul, Melbourne and Sydney.

Experience in key sectors



Aerospace & defense



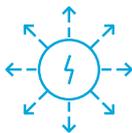
Automotive



Chemicals



Construction & infrastructure



Energy



Financial institutions



Insurance



Mining & metals



Pharma & healthcare



Nuclear



Power



Private equity



Technology



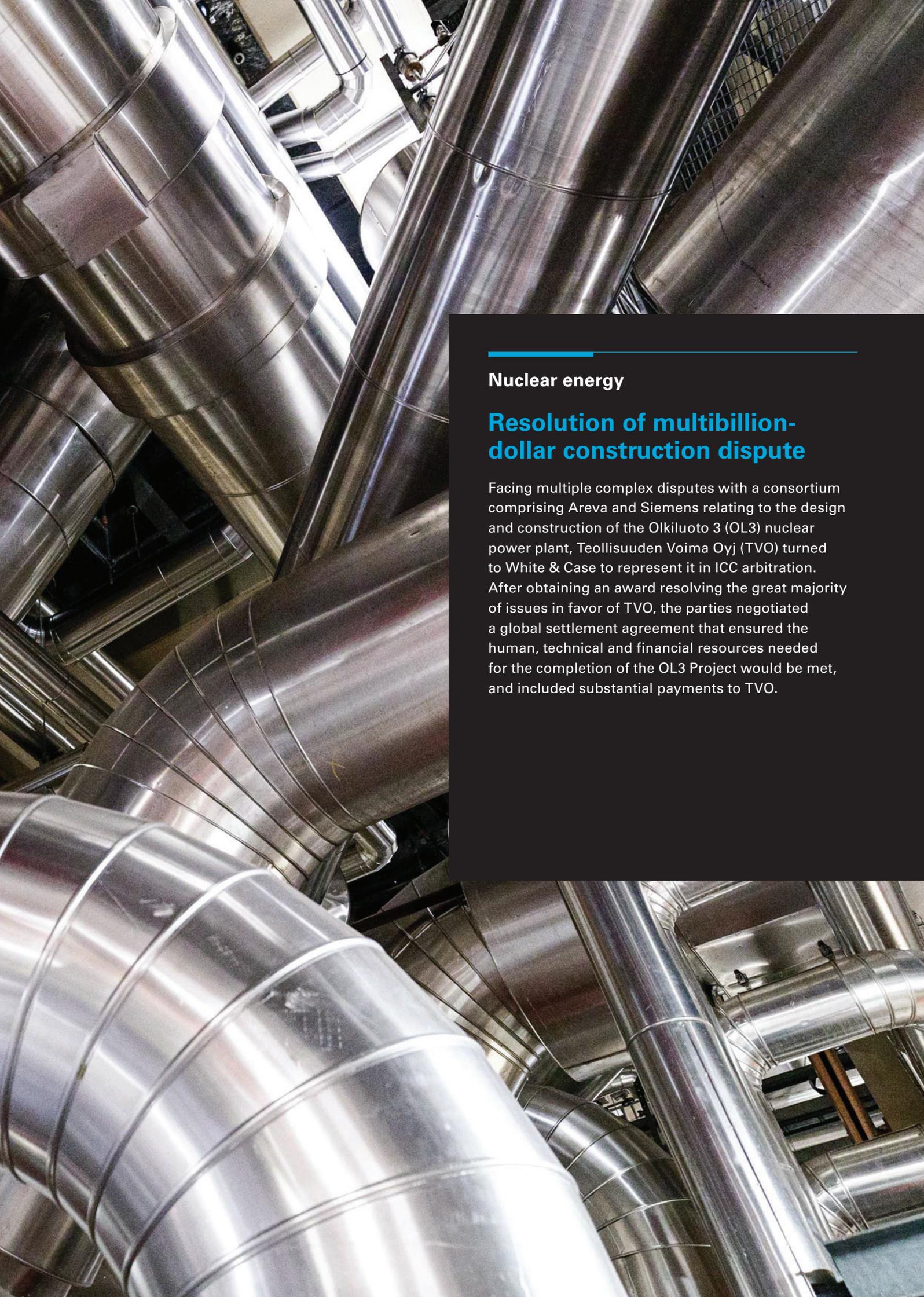
Real estate



Transportation and logistics



Telecommunications



Nuclear energy

Resolution of multibillion-dollar construction dispute

Facing multiple complex disputes with a consortium comprising Areva and Siemens relating to the design and construction of the Olkiluoto 3 (OL3) nuclear power plant, Teollisuuden Voima Oyj (TVO) turned to White & Case to represent it in ICC arbitration. After obtaining an award resolving the great majority of issues in favor of TVO, the parties negotiated a global settlement agreement that ensured the human, technical and financial resources needed for the completion of the OL3 Project would be met, and included substantial payments to TVO.

Recent representations – Commercial arbitration

Asia-Pacific oil industry contractor

Representation of an Asia-Pacific oil industry contractor in a US\$1.4 billion Spanish-language ICC arbitration relating to the construction of an oil refinery and pipelines in Latin America.

Panama Canal contractors

Representation of contractors in a number of related commercial arbitrations addressing a multibillion-dollar dispute with the Panama Canal Authority regarding the US\$5.5 billion Panama Canal expansion project.

Privatization agency

Representation of a state agency in an ICC arbitration relating to a post-M&A dispute involving obligations under a clawback agreement following the acquisition of a telecommunications company.

Biotechnology company

Representation of a biotechnology company that had developed a revolutionary device for the long-term treatment of a chronic disease in an ICC arbitration of a dispute over a pharmaceutical licensing and know-how agreement.

European cable company

Representation of a telecommunications company in commercial arbitration of a dispute with a joint venture between two Hollywood studios in relation to a premium movie channel and involving parallel litigation proceedings in New York and the Netherlands.

Leading Spanish bank

Representation of a Spanish bank in an ICC arbitration relating to disputes concerning structured derivatives and other complex financial instruments.

German company shareholder

Representation in a commercial arbitration governed by Chilean law between shareholders and joint venture partners in international breweries.



Telecommunications

Unitel S.A. shareholder dispute

Portuguese telecom company PT Ventures turned to White & Case when disputes arose among the shareholders of Unitel S.A., one of Africa's largest mobile phone providers. Representing PT Ventures in a multi-party ICC arbitration, White & Case obtained an award of more than US\$650 million, along with interest, arbitration fees and costs, in favor of PT Ventures, securing its rights. Our team also defeated an application to annul the award in subsequent proceedings.

Recent representations – Investment arbitration

SGS Société Générale de Surveillance

Obtained an award in favor of SGS in an ICSID arbitration against the Republic of Paraguay under the Swiss-Paraguay BIT arising out of non-payment for inspection services. Considering SGS failed to obtain relief pursuing similar claims against other states using different counsel, this victory was significant.

TECO Guatemala Holdings

Obtained and defended a US\$50 million-plus award in favor of TECO in an ICSID arbitration against Guatemala under the DR-CAFTA arising from a dispute regarding the state's electricity tariff regime. This award was particularly significant, as similar claims brought by different counsel against Guatemala were rejected.

WRB Grenada Private Power Ltd

Obtained a US\$60 million-plus award in favor of WRB in an ICSID arbitration against Grenada under a share purchase agreement relating to an electric utility.

Ukraine

Obtained complete dismissal of Global & Globex's claims in an ICSID arbitration under the Ukraine-US BIT in the first complete summary dismissal of claims under ICSID Rule 41(5). The matter was nominated for Arbitration Win of the Year by *Global Arbitration Review*.

Republic of Uzbekistan

Obtained complete dismissal of Metal-Tech's claims brought under the Uzbekistan-Israel BIT relating to a joint venture to process molybdenum after establishing the alleged investment was obtained by corrupt means. This was the first investment treaty case dismissed on corruption grounds and was nominated by *Global Arbitration Review* for "Most Important Published Decision in Jurisprudential Terms."

Republic of the Philippines

Obtained an award in favor of the Philippines dismissing all claims in two consecutive ICSID arbitrations brought by Fraport under the Germany-Philippines BIT relating to contracts to construct and operate an international airport terminal in Manila.

Mobile TeleSystems

Obtained a favorable settlement of claims for Mobile TeleSystems, Russia's largest mobile telecoms provider, following an ICSID Additional Facility Rules arbitration with Turkmenistan and state entities under the Russia-Turkmenistan BIT seeking compensation of US\$800 million following the suspension of telecommunications licenses.

A close-up photograph of a gold nugget resting on a dark, textured rock surface. The gold is bright yellow and has a rough, crystalline appearance. The background is blurred, showing more of the rock and some other mineral deposits.

Mining

Securing compensation for gold mining project blocked by the government

When the Venezuelan government blocked the development of Gold Reserve's Brisas Project, one of the world's largest undeveloped gold/copper deposits, White & Case obtained a unanimous award of more than US\$740 million in compensation, placing Gold Reserve in the position both to obtain compensation and to reach agreement on further development projects.

Recent representations – Enforcement of arbitral awards

Commissions Import Export (Commisimpex)

In a politically charged dispute relating to public works that had remained unpaid for 30 years, our team obtained an award of €550 million plus against the Republic of the Congo and pursued multijurisdictional enforcement litigation to ensure collection.

Cruz City 1 Mauritius Holdings

In a dispute with a leading Indian real estate developer concerning a large commercial real estate project in Mumbai, after obtaining several LCIA arbitral awards for approximately US\$300 million for our client, our team pursued a multi-jurisdictional enforcement strategy and achieved a series of groundbreaking decisions in favor of our client.

Saudi Aramco

Successfully defended Saudi Aramco against claims seeking to enforce a fraudulent US\$18 billion arbitration award rendered in Egypt.

Ioan Micula, European Food and others

Representing Ioan Micula and others in multijurisdictional actions, including before the courts of the EU, the US, England and Wales, Belgium, Luxembourg and France, to enforce an ICSID award of more than US\$240 million against Romania, and obtaining several landmark decisions involving the interface between EU law and investor-state arbitration leading to payments in favor of our clients.

Sovereign representation

Representing a sovereign state in efforts to resist enforcement of arbitral awards in legal proceedings in the UK, the US, Germany, Belgium and France, and coordinating the state's efforts to set aside the awards in the Netherlands.

African state

Representing an African state and its national oil company in an ICC arbitration in Paris involving disputes over a long-term oil supply contract and several alleged investment contracts, and in proceedings to enforce the resulting award in the Cayman Islands, Switzerland and Belgium.

SK Engineering & Construction

Representing SK Engineering & Construction in proceedings to enforce a US\$450 million ICC arbitral award against the Mexican national oil company, Petróleos Mexicanos, S.A. de C.V., obtaining a court order requiring Pemex to post a bond in the full amount of the award, leading to a favorable settlement for our client.



Banking

Achieving precedent-setting award for leading Czech bank

After disputes arose that threatened the stability of leading Czech bank ČSOB, White & Case obtained critical precedent-setting decisions establishing jurisdiction in the case, and proceeded to obtain an award in the bank's favor of more than US\$877 million, which for many years remained the highest award of compensation obtained in ICSID arbitration.

Global citizenship & diversity

Our award-winning commitment to maintaining a range of views and backgrounds among our people is a source of strength.

Our commitment to diversity & inclusion

We are naturally diverse because of our work, our locations and the people we attract. Diversity for us is not a choice—it is a professional imperative.

Our Firm's ten affinity groups are critical to creating a sense of community among diverse groups of lawyers and staff of all backgrounds. Since 2004, our Women's Initiative has worked to help our women lawyers develop the knowledge, skills and experience required for success and advancement.

We continue to invest in the diversity of the legal community beyond our Firm through law school affinity groups, job fairs, education efforts and networking events.

Pro bono, volunteer work and other contributions

We have handled high-impact pro bono matters since our Firm was founded. Today, we are one of the largest providers of pro bono legal services in the world.

More than 110 partners worldwide serve as Pro Bono Leaders who help guide and develop the practice. Our integrated global footprint is distinctive and gives shape to our pro bono work. We offer many cross-border projects that provide all our lawyers with the opportunity to work on international issues regardless of where they sit.

122,152 pro bono hours in 2022

100% of offices and practices do pro bono each year

150+ partners and counsel serve as Pro Bono Leaders

Pro Bono Firm of the Year

Who's Who Legal Awards 2021, 2022

Top 10 for Diversity among AmLaw 50 Firms for 16 consecutive years. Highest score among AmLaw 50 Firms in 2023

The American Lawyer, 2023

Corporate Equality Index (CEI) 100% score (16th consecutive year)

Human Rights Campaign (HRC), 2023

Mansfield Certified since 2018

"International Firm of the Year" for Diverse Women Lawyers, and Latin America Practice International Firm of the Year (Americas 2023)

"International Firm of the Year" for Work-Life Balance and for Innovation, "United Kingdom Law Firm of the Year" and "United Arab Emirates Law Firm of the Year" (EMEA 2023)

"International Firm of the Year" for Diverse Women Lawyers and for Hong Kong SAR Practice (Asia-Pacific 2023)

Euromoney Legal Media Group Women in Business Law Awards, 2023

About White & Case

White & Case is a global law firm with longstanding offices in the markets that matter today. Our on-the-ground experience, our cross-border integration and our depth of local, US and English-qualified lawyers help our clients work with confidence in any one market or across many.

We guide our clients through difficult issues, bringing our insight and judgement to each situation. Our innovative approaches create original solutions to our clients' most complex domestic and multijurisdictional deals and disputes.

By thinking on behalf of our clients every day, we anticipate what they want, provide what they need and build lasting relationships. We do what it takes to help our clients achieve their ambitions.

Ranked among the "Elite" International Arbitration practices

Chambers Global

Tier 1: International Litigation

The Legal 500 United States, 2025

Band 1: Banking & Finance

Chambers Global (Global Multi-Jurisdictional), 2025

Band 1: Projects & Energy

Chambers Global (Global Multi-Jurisdictional), 2025

Law Firm of the Year: M&A Cross-Border

Legalcommunity Corporate Awards, 2025

"Elite" international law firm

Latin Lawyer 250, 2025

Scored the most top practice and lawyer rankings of all international firms

Legal 500 Latin America, 2025 (Tier 1 for International Arbitration; Projects & Energy; Banking & Finance; Capital Markets; Corporate/ M&A)

Recipient of five "Deal of the Year" awards: Banking & Finance; Capital Markets; ESG Finance; Regulatory; Restructuring

Latin Lawyer Awards, 2025

Recipient of two "Practice of Law" awards: Restructuring; Unlocking Capital

Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Awards Europe, 2025

Recipient of the Burton Awards' Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Award

Law 360, 2025

Top 10 for Firm-wide Diversity Among AmLaw 50 Firms

The American Lawyer Diversity Scorecard, 2024

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