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Philippe Boisvert is a litigator who regularly represents clients before all judicial bodies in Québec, and before domestic and international arbitration tribunals. His practice focuses on complex domestic and cross-border disputes, notably in the fields of construction, infrastructure and in the enforcement of arbitral awards in Canada. He has more than 10 years of experience in arbitrations relating to infrastructure works such as nuclear and hydroelectric power plants, tunnels, roads, bridges, refineries, transportation infrastructure, etc.

Philippe is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and the past President of Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (YCAP). He has been named a “Future Leader” in international arbitration by *Who’s Who Legal* in 2023 and 2024 and was recognized for commercial arbitration in the 2024 edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

Prior to joining BLG, Philippe practiced for eight years in the international arbitration group of White & Case LLP in Paris. He was previously a law clerk to the Honorable Marc Noël at the Canadian Federal Court of Appeal in Ottawa. He also taught contract law and sports law at the University of Ottawa.

Experience

- Represents contractors in dispute boards and arbitration proceedings relating to major infrastructure works in Québec;
- Represents investors to recognize and enforce arbitral awards against a State before the Québec courts;

- Represented a contractor in arbitration proceedings relating to a major underground infrastructure project in Montréal;
- Represented European construction companies in ICC arbitrations regarding the construction of a hydroelectric project in Chile;
- Represented an engineering and construction company in an ICC arbitration relating to a large refinery project in Western Europe;
- Represented an owner in an ICC arbitration against a consortium of companies in relation to a road construction project in Central Asia;
- Represented an owner party in a multibillion euro ICC arbitration in the nuclear industry;
- Represented an Eastern European State-owned company in an ICC arbitration relating to a nuclear construction project;
- Acted as Administrative Secretary to the Tribunal in arbitrations under ICC and DIAC rules;
- Advising a major Middle Eastern gas supplier in connection with a gas price review arbitration under a long-term supply contract; and
- Representing a major European gas buyer in a price review dispute under a long-term supply contract.

Insights & Events

- Author, "ICC Arbitration Rules 2026: Towards enhanced flexibility and procedural efficiency", BLG Article, June 2026
- Author, "The Superior Court of Québec sets aside an arbitral award and establishes guidelines for the use of AI", BLG Article, June 2026
- Author, "La Cour d'appel confirme la nullité de la clause d'arbitrage modèle d'Hydro-Québec dans certaines circonstances", BLG Article, August 2025
- Co-Author, "Q&A: conducting litigation in Canada (Québec)", Lexology, June 2024
- Author, "SCC revisits principles applicable to bank guarantees and confirms pro-arbitration stance by upholding an ICC tribunal's order", BLG Article, April 2024
- Regular contributor on Canadian arbitration case law on Arbitrationmatters.com
- Speaker, "Tribunal Secretaries: A Deep Dive," CanArbWeek, October 2023
- Author, "Top commercial decisions of 2022", BLG Article, February 2023
- Speaker "Top 10 commercial cases of 2022,", BLG event February 2023
- Author, "Foreign states are not immune from the jurisdiction of Canadian courts in proceedings for enforcement of an arbitral award", BLG Article, January 2023
- Author, "Supreme Court of Canada clarifies when arbitration may be used in an insolvency situation", BLG Article, December 2022
- Speaker, "Enforcing Arbitral Awards Against States in Québec and Canada", Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Canada Branch), 26 May 2022
- Speaker, "Construction Law Roundtable", BLG, December 2021
- Speaker, "Circumventing the natural limitations of Witness Evidence?," Paris Arbitration Week, October 2021
- Speaker, "Evidence in International Arbitration," Young ICCA Skills Training Workshop on the Basics of International Arbitration, Johannesburg, July 2019
- Speaker, "How to Raise your Profile in the Arbitration Network," Cambridge Arbitration Day, February 2019

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA)
- Member, ICC Canada Arbitration Committee
- President, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners, 2023-2024
- North American Representative, International Chamber of Commerce Young Arbitration and ADR Forum, 2024 - 2026

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2023) of *Lexology Index* (Arbitration Future Leaders) (formerly known as *Who's Who Legal*).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Commercial Arbitration).

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2011
- Paris, 2014

- LLM, University of Cambridge, 2013
- JD, Common Law, University of Ottawa, 2010
- LLL, Civil Law, University of Ottawa, 2009
- B.A. Economics and Political Science, McGill University, 2006

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