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Hugh has more than 10 years experience in dedicated arbitration counsel work. He has represented clients in high-value and complex international and domestic arbitrations in a range of industry sectors, including telecommunications, mining, construction, insurance, logistics, IT and real property, as well as under ad hoc and institutional rules including the ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, ICDR, BCICAC, DIAC and ADRIAC.

In 2021, Who's Who Legal: Arbitration named him one of ten "Most Highly Regarded" partners under 45 in the Americas.

As a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), Hugh has acted as a sole arbitrator in arbitrations involving procurement and real property disputes, as well as the discipline chair and appeals officer for certain sports associations.

In addition to articles and book chapters on arbitration, Hugh co-authored the Guide to the PCA Arbitration Rules, published by Oxford University Press, and is an adjunct professor of international commercial arbitration at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Prior to joining BLG, Hugh practiced for five years in London and Dubai in the international arbitration group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP. He was previously assistant legal counsel at the Permanent Court of

Arbitration in The Hague, where he was the McGill Law fellow and supported arbitral tribunals presiding over international investment arbitrations.

Experience

- **International Arbitrations**

- Representing a Canadian contractor in an ICC arbitration regarding the termination of a large-scale expansion works FIDIC contract.
- Representing an international joint venture in a multi-million dollar ICC arbitration over the construction of a mine in Central America.
- Representing a consortium of Korean EPC contractors in an ICC arbitration seated in Toronto over the construction of a coal-fired power plant, resulting in a significant award.
- Representing Canadian and South American parties in the defence of an ICC claim arising from a series of guarantees.
- Representing an aerospace and telecommunications company in a dispute with an English satellite telecommunications company under the LCIA Rules.
- Representing a Canadian software developer in a programming dispute with an Eastern European/American vendor under the ICDR Arbitration Rules.
- Representing a telecommunications company in an investment dispute with a Middle Eastern government under the UNCITRAL Rules.
- Representing a consortium of Asian and African contractors in DIAC arbitration over the construction and finishing works of a major international airport in the Middle East.
- Representing a Turkish contractor in DIAC proceedings over the construction of a high-rise residential tower.
- Advising an international defence contractor in connection with a potential ICC dispute over a project in a Middle Eastern country.

- **Domestic ADR**

- Advising a government entity in a dispute over delayed transit works.
- Advising a government entity in a significant mass transit procurement dispute.
- Representing a hospital in a dispute over a series of delay issues arising during the construction phase of an expansion project.
- Representing a hospital in an adjudication regarding a newly installed security system.
- Advising a hospital in a dispute over the proper interpretation of a complex infrastructure contract.

- **Arbitration-related Litigation**

- Representing a Canadian company in the enforcement of a \$70 million ICC award arising in the mining and construction sector.
- Representing a consortium of companies in the recognition and enforcement of a \$40 million dollar ICC arbitral award in Ontario courts.
- Representing an Austrian company in the enforcement of a \$1 million ICC award against a Canadian entity.
- Representing the Government of Mexico in the set aside of a partial award on jurisdiction issued by an arbitral tribunal pursuant to the ICSID Additional Facility Rules.
- Representing a Rusoro Mining Ltd in the successful recognition and enforcement of a \$1 billion ICSID (AF) arbitral award against Venezuela in Ontario and in subsequent execution efforts;
- Representing a law firm in the appeal of a decision on an arbitration related to the production of documents.
- Representing a consortium of companies in the recognition and enforcement of a multimillion dollar arbitral award in Ontario courts.

Insights & Events

- Breaking the cycle of high-performer burnout with Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe
- Autonomous vehicles in mining operations: Key legal considerations
- GAR Construction Arbitration Know-How
- Author, "[What the internationalization of domestic arbitration means for lawyers](#)," *Canadian Lawyer Magazine*, 2021.
- International Chamber of Commerce to update Rules of Arbitration in January 2021
- Uber v. Heller: Supreme Court applies the law of unconscionability to arbitration agreements and identifies a new role for the Court
- Co-Author, "Construction Arbitration Canada," *Global Arbitration Review*, June 2020.
- Charities and Not-for-Profit COVID-19 Update
- Contractual risks amid the COVID-19 outbreak
- Moderator, "Growth of Arbitral Institutions in Canada," Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society, May 2019
- "Third Party Funding of Litigation in Canada," *Third Party Funding Review*, 2nd ed., January 2019
- Speaker, "Legal Developments in Third Party Funding", Thompson Reuters, Toronto, November 2018
- Speaker, "Multiparty Proceedings in International Arbitration", Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (YCAP), Ottawa, November 2018
- Author, "[Québec Court Consolidates Canadian Law on Third Party Funding](#)," *International Law Office*, 2018.
- "Court Clarifies when International Arbitral Awards Become Binding" *International Law Office*, September 2018
- When is a cross-claim discoverable?
- Interviewed, "[How a re-tooled NAFTA could hurt business investments of Canadian companies](#)," *BNN Bloomberg*, 2018.
- How a re-tooled NAFTA could hurt business investments of Canadian companies
- Interviewed, "How a re-tooled NAFTA could hurt business investments of Canadian companies," *BNN Bloomberg*, May 2018
- "Investment Treaty Arbitration 2018: Canada," *Global Arbitration Review*, 2016-2018.
- Author, "Projects under Pressure: is there any relief?" *Construction Law International*, 2018
- Author, "Third Party Funding of Litigation in Canada," *Third Party Funding Review*, January 2018
- Author, "[Projects Under Pressure](#)," *Construction Law International*, 2017.
- Author, "The evolution of third party litigation funding in Canada," *The Lawyer's Daily*, LexisNexis, October 2017
- Speaker, "Projects under pressure: is there any relief?," *International Bar Association Annual Conference*, October 2017

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Arbitrator, Arbitration Place, NextGen Arbitrators
- Member, ICC Task Force for "Addressing Issues of Corruption in International Arbitration"
- Director, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Adjunct Professor, International Commercial Arbitration, Osgoode Hall Law School

- Editorial board member, Arbitration News, 2013-present
- Director, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners
- Member, YIAG

Community Involvement

- Executive Committee Member, Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge
- Director, Canadian Constitutional Foundation
- Olympic Supporter, Canadian Olympic Committee
- Board member, TRM Family Foundation

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Commercial Arbitration)
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (International Arbitration)
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of Benchmark Litigation Canada as a "Future Star"
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* as one of the top ten "Most Highly Regarded" partners in the Americas under 45 years old
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*
- Recognized in the 2018-2021 editions of *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* – Future Leader
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Construction* – Future Leader
- Recognized in 2017 by the Legal Media Group's Expert Guides series as a "Rising Star"

Bar Admission & Education

- New York, 2011
- Ontario, 2010

- BCL/LLB, McGill University, Dean's List, 2009
- AB, Princeton University, cum laude, 2005

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