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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Honlet Legum Arbitration**

Paris, France

#### **2022-present**

Founding Partner

### **Dentons**

Paris, France

#### **2014-2021**

Global Head, International Arbitration Group

#### **2013-2014**

Co-Head, International Arbitration Group Europe

#### **2013-2021**

Partner

### **Salans**

Paris, France

*including a one-year secondment to Salans' New York office in 2000-2001*

#### **2009-2013**

Co-Head and then Head of the International Arbitration Group

#### **2003-2013**

Partner

#### **1994-2002**

Associate

**Concentration on international arbitration, including international commercial arbitration and arbitration under investment treaties.**

*President, co-arbitrator or sole arbitrator in numerous commercial and investment treaty arbitrations (with million to billion US\$/EUR claims). Selected cases include:*

*ICC arbitration between Dutch seller and Turkish buyer regarding post-M&A warranties in respect of the sale of a Dutch company transferring control of a Turkish private university, London seat, Dutch law. (President)*

*ICC arbitration between gas company and contractor regarding the provision and dismantling of equipment for a combined-cycle power plant in Italy, Paris seat, French law. (President)*

*ICC arbitration between joint operators regarding an oil exploration project in Ivory Coast, Geneva seat, French law. (President)*

*ICC arbitration between owner and contractor regarding an industrial construction project in Algeria, Geneva seat, Algerian law. (President)*

*ICC arbitration between owner and contractor regarding environmental works in a French landfill following a divestiture, Paris seat, French law. (President)*

*ICC arbitration between owner (State company) and contractor regarding an infrastructure train project in Romania, Bucharest seat, Romanian law. (President)*

*Ad hoc arbitration under the rules of arbitration of the European Development Fund (EDF) between owner (West African State) and contractor regarding a road construction project, West African seat, West African law. (President)*

*ICC arbitration between owner and contractor regarding the construction of a steel mill in Brazil, Paris seat, Swiss law. (President)*

*ICC arbitration between contractor and subcontractor regarding the construction of a desalination plant in the United Arab Emirates, Milan seat, Italian law. (President)*

*SCC arbitration between manufacturer and distributor regarding distribution of products in the United States, Israel and certain territories of the CIS, Geneva seat, New York law and CISG. (President)*

*ICC arbitration between Saudi Arabia construction company and Italian company regarding a public works construction joint venture, Paris seat, Italian law. (Sole arbitrator)*

*ICC arbitration between leisure travel company and hotel owner regarding the termination of a hotel management agreement, Paris seat, Tunisian law. (Sole arbitrator)*

*ICC arbitration between owner and contractor regarding the construction of grain silo complexes in Romania, Paris seat, French law. (Sole arbitrator)*

*ICC arbitration between principal and agent regarding an agency agreement for tunnel boring machines to be sold in Iran, Paris seat, German law. (Sole arbitrator)*

*ICC arbitration between buyer and seller regarding a sale of marine equipment, Paris seat, Norwegian law and CISG (Sole arbitrator)*

*Investment treaty arbitration (UNCITRAL - PCA) between a dual national investor and an African State regarding the alleged expropriation of a banking group, Brussels seat, BIT and international law. (Co-arbitrator)*

*ICC arbitration between Middle-eastern contractor and East African State regarding a road construction project, London seat, East African law. (Co-arbitrator)*

*Ad hoc (Chartered Institute of Arbitrators) arbitration between Barbados and Dutch companies regarding commissions claimed in respect of sale of military vessels, Geneva seat, Dutch law. (Co-arbitrator)*

*ICC arbitration between owner and contractors regarding an electricity infrastructure project for an African mine, Brussels seat, French law. (Co-arbitrator)*

*ICC arbitration between owner (State-owned entity) and contractors in consortium regarding an infrastructure train project in Algeria, Algiers seat, Algerian law. (Co-arbitrator)*

*ICC arbitration between owner (Middle Eastern State) and contractor regarding the construction of a powerplant, Paris seat, Swiss law. (Co-arbitrator)*

*Ad hoc arbitration between owner (European State) and consortium of contractors regarding a motorway construction project, European seat, European law. (Co-arbitrator)*

*ICC arbitration between European buyer and US seller of an international energy group regarding the implementation of a share purchase and warranty agreement, Paris seat, French law. (Co-arbitrator)*

*ICC arbitration between contractor and sub-contractor regarding the manufacturing and sale of automotive products, Geneva seat, Swiss law and CISG. (Co-arbitrator)*

*Two related post-M&A ICC arbitrations between buyer and seller of an energy group, Paris seat, French law. (Co-arbitrator)*

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*Expert witness before the High Court of Justice in London regarding French law in relation to the transfer and extension of arbitration clauses to non-signatories. (Kout Food Group v Kabab Ji, [2019] EWHC 899 (Comm), [2020] EWCA Civ 6)*

*Expert witness in ICC arbitration regarding certain issues of French law in relation to the application of the New York Convention.*

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*Counsel for numerous corporations, States and State-owned companies in commercial and investments treaty arbitrations (with multi-million to multi-billion US\$/EUR claims). Selected cases include:*

*Counsel for an Indonesian oil company in an ICC arbitration against an African national oil company regarding an oil exploration project.*

*Counsel for a Middle Eastern company in the first multi-party/multi-contract ICC emergency arbitration and subsequent arbitration on the merits against an African State and several state-owned companies regarding an agreement for the country's exclusive oil supply.*

*Counsel for a public mining company and several of its subsidiaries in several ICC arbitrations (mining and M&A post-divestiture disputes).*

*Counsel for European investors in ICSID annulment proceedings, following an ICSID arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty against a EU Member State.*

*Counsel for Kazakhstan companies and individuals in an SCC arbitration regarding a joint venture in Kazakhstan.*

*Counsel for an Italian contractor in an ad hoc arbitration against a French owner concerning a paper mill construction project.*

*Counsel for a Korean contractor in an ICC arbitration against a Middle-Eastern State-owned owner regarding a dispute in connection with a chemical plant EPC project.*

*Counsel for a French public company in an arbitration against a Romanian company in connection with a construction project in Romania.*

*Counsel for an Italian energy company and its Russian subsidiary (owner) in a series of ICC arbitrations against a Spanish contractor regarding the construction of a powerplant in Russia.*

*Counsel for a French contractor in an ICC arbitration against a Russian owner regarding a construction project in Russia.*

*Counsel for a French pharmaceutical company in an ICC arbitration against an Italian pharmaceutical company regarding the termination of a pharmaceutical distribution agreement.*

*Counsel for a Greek company in an ICC arbitration against a French company regarding a motorway tolling agreement.*

*Counsel for a French pharmaceutical company in an ICC arbitration against a Swiss pharmaceutical company regarding a dispute over a co-development agreement.*

*Counsel for a real estate private equity fund in a bilateral investment treaty arbitration against a European State under the auspices of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), regarding a real estate project.*

*Counsel for a United States company in an ICC arbitration against an African State regarding the reform of the country's customs system.*

*Counsel for a German energy company and its Romanian subsidiary in an ICC arbitration against a State-owned entity regarding the implementation of a privatization agreement.*

*Counsel for a Japanese pharmaceutical company in an ICC arbitration against a Anglo-Swedish pharmaceutical company regarding the calculation of royalties under a worldwide patent license agreement for a blockbuster drug.*

*Counsel for a UAE company in an ICC arbitration against an African State regarding a mining project.*

*Counsel for a Cyprus company and a Danish individual in an ICC arbitration against a BVI company regarding a shareholders agreement and the control of a French logistics company.*

*Counsel for a public French company and one of its German subsidiaries in an arbitration against a Japanese company regarding a European-wide automobile product recall.*

*Counsel for a Dutch company in an ICC arbitration against a BVI company regarding the supply of bitumen in Algeria.*

*Counsel for an investor, beneficiary of an ICSID award, in enforcing that award against a Middle-eastern State.*

*Counsel for a public French company in the automotive industry in two ICC and ad hoc arbitrations against other automotive companies concerning the operation of two joint ventures.*

*Counsel for an Asian State in an UNCITRAL arbitration brought under a bilateral investment treaty by an English company, regarding a gold mining project. A special distinction was awarded to the team that I led by the Prime Minister of that State for “outstanding services rendered to the State” as a result of the outcome of this case.*

*Counsel for a public Indian company in an ICC arbitration against a Tunisian company concerning pipelines for one of the most important Iraqi oil fields.*

*Counsel for a State concern in an SCC arbitration against a Canadian company regarding the termination of a gold mining joint venture.*

*Counsel for a German media conglomerate in an ICC arbitration against a French company regarding the termination of an IT project.*

*Counsel for a public US company (NYSE) in an ICC arbitration against a French company concerning a European automotive patent license.*

*Counsel for a public US company (NASDAQ) in an ICC arbitration against a French foundation concerning a worldwide biotechnology patent license.*

*Counsel for a public Danish company in an ICC arbitration against a Swedish company concerning an alleged cartel investigated by the European Commission.*

*Counsel for one of the principal public US pharmaceutical companies (NYSE) in an ICC arbitration against a Dutch company following a take-over bid and the application of a change of control clause.*

*Counsel for various companies in actions to set aside arbitral awards and enforcement actions, before French and foreign courts. Obtained in particular the first complete stay of enforcement of an international award in France since the pro-enforcement 2011 French reform of international arbitration.*

## **EDUCATION**

### **1993-1994**

Lavoisier Scholar, Maison française, University of Oxford

### **1992**

Certificat d'aptitude à la profession d'avocat (Bar exam)

### **1992**

D.E.A. (post-graduate degree) in private law University of Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne (Sorbonne Law School) (Hons, top five of class)

### **1991**

Master in laws University of Paris II Pantheon Assas (Hons)

### **1990**

Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales (ESSEC)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR (appointed by ICC France)

French National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC France)

Member of the ICC Task Force on Arbitration involving States or State entities

Member of the ICC Task Force on Emergency Arbitration

Member of the ICC Task Force on National rules of procedure for recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards pursuant to the New York Convention of 1958

French Committee on Arbitration (CFA)

International Arbitration Institute (IAI)

London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

American Bar Association (ABA) Section of International Law (former Member of Steering Group to International Arbitration Committee)

French Society of International Law (SFDI)

American Society of International Law (ASIL)

International Bar Association (IBA)

Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)

Listed as an arbitrator with arbitral institutions or committees such as the French National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR, the international arm of the American Arbitration Association AAA), the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), the Russian UCCI Court of Economic Arbitration and the International Arbitration Court of the Kyrgyz Republic.

## PROFESSIONAL ACCOLADES

Listed in *Chambers Global, the World's Leading Lawyers for Business* (since 2006); *Chambers Europe* (since 2007); *Legal 500* (since 2009); *Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading International Commercial Arbitration Lawyers* (since 2011); *Who's Who Legal – Commercial Arbitration* (since 2015, included in the "Thought Leaders" section in 2017, 2019, 2020 and 2021); *Best Lawyers* (since 2014).

### Selected quotes from clients and peers:

"thorough, incisive, client-focused and with a detailed knowledge of the processes and procedures of international arbitration", a "widely known name on the market", "performing on the front line with considerable aplomb", with "attention to detail, strategic vision and foresight", "absolutely excellent" (Chambers), "extraordinarily knowledgeable in the investment and commercial arbitration field [...] an exceptional thinker [who] has wonderful clarity of thought and (...) great bedside manner for delivering complex and difficult points in an understandable way" (Legal 500), "a shrewd tactician with a sharp mind", "a consummate professional" (Who's Who Legal).

## PUBLISHED DECISIONS AS ARBITRATOR

PCA Case No. 2016-20 (UNCITRAL), *Dawood Rawat v Republic of Mauritius*, Award on Jurisdiction, 6 April 2018 (full text ITA : [www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/italaw9618.pdf](http://www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/italaw9618.pdf))

PCA Case 2016-20, *Dawood Rawat v Republic of Mauritius*, Order Regarding Claimant's and Respondent's Requests for Interim Measures, 11 January 2017 (full text ITA : [www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/italaw8082\\_0.pdf](http://www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/italaw8082_0.pdf))

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Case comment, "*Canepa v Spain - Some observations regarding the relationship between ICSID arbitrators and third-party funders*", *ICSID Review* (forthcoming autumn 2021) (co-author N. Srivatsa)

"*Africa Overview*", in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. X, 1 (Law Business Research, 2019) (co-authors L. Tout, J. Langley and M.H. Ludwig)

"*Africa Overview*", in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. IX, 9 (Law Business Research, 2018) (co-authors L. Tout, M.H. Ludwig and L. Nichols)

"*France*", in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. IX, 192 (Law Business Research, 2018) (co-authors B. Legum, A.S. Dufêtre and A. Lecompte)

"*Africa Overview*", in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. VIII, 9 (Law Business Research, 2017) (co-authors M. Bradfield, L. Tout, M.H. Ludwig and L. Nichols)

“France”, in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. VIII, 184 (Law Business Research, 2017) (co-authors B. Legum, A.S. Dufêtre and A. Lecompte)

*Genentech v Hoechst/Sanofi: new insights regarding the control of conformity by French courts of international arbitral awards with “international public policy”, in the Euromoney’s Guide to the Worlds’ Leading Arbitration Lawyers*, 2016, 24-25

“Africa Overview”, in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. VII, 10 (Law Business Research, 2016) (co-authors M. Bradfield, L. Tout, A. Barrier, M. Tabbara and L. Nichols)

“France”, in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. VII, 206 (Law Business Research, 2016) (co-authors B. Legum, A.S. Dufêtre and A. Lecompte)

*Recent decisions on third-party funding in investment arbitration*, *ICSID Review*, Vol. 30, No. 3 (2015), 699

“Africa Overview”, in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. VI, 25 (Law Business Research, 2015) (co-authors M. Bradfield, L. Tout, A. Barrier, J. Langley and L. Nichols)

“France”, in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. VI, 250 (Law Business Research, 2015) (co-authors B. Legum, A.S. Dufêtre and A. Lecompte)

*Arbitre d’urgence, Premier bilan du nouveau règlement d’arbitrage de la CCI (Emergency arbitrator. First return on experience from the new ICC Rules of Arbitration)*, *MOCI*, June 2015, No. 1987 (co-authored with A. Barrier)

“ICSID Annulment”, in *International Investment Law* (M. Bungenberg, J. Griebel, S. Hobe and A. Reinisch eds, Köln, 2015) (co-authored with B. Legum and A. Crevon)

“France”, in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. V, at 241 (Law Business Research, 2014) (with B. Legum and A.S. Dufêtre)

“The IBA Guidelines on Party Representation in International Arbitration”, 30(6) *J. Int’l Arb.* 701 (2013)

“France”, in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. IV, at 225 (Law Business Research, 2013) (with B. Legum and A.S. Dufêtre)

“France”, in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. III, at 190 (Law Business Research, 2012) (co-authored with B. Legum and A.S. Dufêtre)

“France”, in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. II, at 161 (Law Business Research, 2011) (co-authored with B. Legum and A.S. Dufêtre)

*International Construction Arbitration Bolstered by New Decree*, in *the Euromoney’s Guide to the World’s Leading Construction Lawyers*, 2011, 12-13

*International Arbitration and French Public Entities: the INSERM Decision of the Tribunal des Conflits*, *IBA Newsletter*, March 2011, 77-79 (co-authored with G. Vannieuwenhuysse)



“France”, in *The International Arbitration Review*, Vol. I, at 98 (Law Business Research, 2010) (co-authored with B. Legum and A.S. Dufêtre)

“France” in *Global Arbitration Review Know-How* (periodically updated from 2010 to 2017) (co-authored with B. Legum and A.S. Dufêtre)

*The Decision of the ICSID Ad Hoc Committee in CMS v. Argentina Regarding the Conditions of Application of an Umbrella Clause: SGS v. Philippines Revisited*, *The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals* (2008), Vol. 1, 1-32 (co-authored with G. Borg)

*Les incidences politiques de la souveraineté sur l'arbitrage : reconnaissance et continuité des Etats (the political implications of sovereignty over arbitration: recognition and continuity of States)*, *Rev. Arb.* (2003), Vol. 3, 777-803 (co-authored with B. Leurent)

## CONFERENCES & SEMINARS RELATING TO ARBITRATION

Mr. Honlet is a frequent speaker at international arbitration seminars and conferences (including ICC, IBA, ABA Section of International Law, UIA, AIJA). He is in charge of international arbitration seminars at the University of Paris II Pantheon Assas and *Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées* (French civil engineering grande école).

**The following are selected speaking engagements:**

Date	Speaking Engagement
10 May 2019	Participation in a panel on “ <i>the role of the TCC in resolving international construction disputes</i> ”, London International Disputes Week, London
2 April 2019	“ <i>Achmea, et après...?</i> ” Moderator of a debate between Prof. Geneviève Bastid-Burdeau (Sorbonne Law School) and Prof. Yves Nouvel (University Pantheon Assas) regarding the consequences of the <i>Achmea</i> decision of the CJEU, Paris Arbitration Week, Paris
19 Oct. 2018	Participation in a panel on “ <i>Construction Expertise in Various Domestic and International Legal Proceedings</i> ”, PMG’s 35 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Lausanne
21 June 2018	<i>Multiple Parties, Multiple Proceedings and International Arbitration: What a Tangled Web we Weave</i> Co-Chair 30 <sup>th</sup> Annual ITA Workshop and Annual Meeting, Introduction to the day, moderator of the panel commenting on the keynote speech “ <i>Coordination or Chaos</i> ” by Prof. E. Gaillard; moderator of a panel on <i>res judicata</i> , Dallas
17 April 2018	<i>Official launch of the ICCA-Queen Mary Report of the Task Force on Third Party Funding in International Arbitration</i> . Introduction to breakfast seminar, Sydney
12 March 2018	<i>Ethical Rules and Duties for Funders in International Arbitration</i> , School of International Arbitration and ICC Institute of World Business Law 33 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Joint Symposium of Arbitrators, London

6 Nov. 2017	<i>Workshop – Presentation and Public Comments on the ICCA QMUL Task Force Draft Report on Third Party Funding</i> , ICCA, Queen Mary, Max Planck Institute, University Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne, Paris
18 Oct. 2017	<i>The Settlement of Investor-State Disputes – Perspectives from the work of HCCH on judgments and UNCITRAL on settlements</i> , 2nd UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Judicial Summit, Hong Kong
26 April 2017	<i>The “Yukos” Awards, Overview of Enforcement Actions and the Case of the new Paris Russian Orthodox Cathedral</i> , ABA Section of International Law Spring Meeting, Washington DC
25 Nov. 2016	<i>Moderator of a Panel on Lex Mercatoria</i> , ICC Conference, Minsk
8 Nov. 2016	Commercial Arbitration: What Benefits for Investment Funds?, Association Française des Investisseurs en Capital (AFIC) (French Investment Funds’ Association), Paris
3 Dec. 2015	<i>The Regulation (or not) of Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration</i> , Panel Moderator, Conference on Third-Party Funding, International Bar Association (IBA), London
2 Dec. 2015	<i>Recent cases on Third Party Funding in Investment Arbitration</i> , an update, International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) - Queen Mary Task Force on Third-Party Funding, Sub-group on Investment Arbitration, London
16 Oct. 2015	<i>Thoughts About International Arbitration Inspired by Practicing in a Large International Law Firm</i> , keynote speech, China Academy of Arbitration Law Annual Congress, Qindao, China
29 Jan. 2015	<i>Recent cases on Third Party Funding in Investment Arbitration</i> , International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) - Queen Mary Task Force on Third-Party Funding, Sub-group on Investment Arbitration, Paris
31 Oct. 2014	<i>The Confrontation of Divergent Traditions in International Arbitration: Civilian and Common Law Perspectives on Sourcing and Presenting Evidence</i> , Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) Annual Meeting, Florence
20 June 2014	<i>Jurisdiction of Tribunal</i> - ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy, International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris
16 June 2014	<i>Hot Topics in International Arbitration Roundtable</i> , C-5 Transatlantic Litigation Conference, Amsterdam
5 Feb. 2013	<i>Third-Party Funding Roundtable</i> , “Wake-up with Arbitration” Breakfast, Paris
1 October 2012	<i>Arbitrating Sovereign Bond Issues Roundtable</i> , International Bar Association (IBA) Annual Meeting, Dublin

14 June 2012	<i>Organizing the work of the Tribunal and Case Management Conference</i> , ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy, International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Moscow
28 March 2012	<i>Annulment of Investment Treaty Awards before the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)</i> , CEDIN (International Law Center of Nanterre), upon invitation of Professor Alain Pellet, University of Paris X Nanterre
25 Oct. 2011	<i>Limits of Party Autonomy in Drafting Arbitration Agreements – The Institution’s Standpoint</i> , International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce Conference, Prague
6 May 2011	<i>Real Estate Investment and Bilateral Investment Treaty Arbitration</i> , panel about <i>Solving Real Estate Disputes through Arbitration and Other ADR Systems</i> , American Bar Association - International Association of Young Lawyers joint Conference, Milan
9 April 2011	<i>Efficient Use of Dispute Boards – The Pre DB phase</i> , Dispute Resolution Board Foundation Conference, Vienna
5 Nov. 2010	<i>How to Protect the Deal - what Corporate Lawyers Need to Know about Arbitration - Roundtable</i> , American Bar Association Section of International Law, Fall Meeting, Paris
3 Sept. 2010	<i>Civil Law/Common Law Key Differences</i> , Construction Law Summer School on Hot topics in International Construction Law, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge
18 May 2010	<i>The Answer to the Request for Arbitration: Strategy and Analysis of the Case</i> , Study of a mock case under the ICC Rules of Arbitration, PIDA training, International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris
5 Dec. 2008	<i>Taking of Evidence – ICC International Arbitration in Russia Conference</i> , International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Moscow
30 Oct. 2008	<i>Annulment of Investment Treaty Awards before Domestic Courts</i> , CEDIN (International Law Center of Nanterre), upon invitation of Professor Alain Pellet, University of Paris X Nanterre
24 Sept. 2008	<i>Foreign Investment Arbitration Roundtable</i> , American Bar Association Section of International Law, Fall Meeting, Brussels
17 Jan. 2008	<i>Domestic Review of Investment Treaty Awards, a French perspective</i> , panel about the <i>Domestic Review of Investment Treaty Awards</i> , Investment Treaty Forum (ITF), British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), London

## LANGUAGES

French (native)  
English (fluent)  
Spanish (notions)

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