

RODOLPHE RUFFIE-FARRUGIA

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Occupation: Partner

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Nationality: French, Maltese

Residence: Australia/France (quarterly trips to Japan, Taiwan, Singapore)

Admissions: New York, Washington, Texas, District of Columbia,
Western Australia, New Zealand, France (pending oath)

Training: France, UK, Switzerland, Greater China (TW+PRC)

Regional focus: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe

Languages: French (native), English (fluent), Mandarin (fluent), Japanese
(advanced reading), Spanish (advanced), Portuguese (advanced
comprehension), Italian (advanced comprehension), Tagalog
(advanced comprehension), Russian (basic notions)

EDUCATION

2015-2016	Georgetown University Law Center <i>International Business & Economic Law</i> <i>LL.M., Certificate in International</i> <i>Arbitration and Dispute Resolution</i>	USA
2014-2015	University of Paris-Saclay: Versailles Saint- Quentin-en-Yvelines University <i>Master of Laws in Arbitration and</i> <i>International Business Law</i>	France

2008-2013	Paris West University Nanterre <i>Master's Degree in French and English Law, Concentration: Business Law</i>	France
2010-2012	National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations <i>Bachelor's Degree in Chinese Studies and Teaching French as a Foreign Language</i>	France
2009-2010	National Sun Yat-sen University <i>Chinese Language Center Certificate</i>	Taiwan
2007-2008	National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations <i>Bachelor's Degree in Japanese Studies (Year 1)</i>	France

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

Mar. 2019 – Mar. 2025	K&L Gates Partner	Perth, Australia
Mar. 2019 – Mar. 2025	Clifford Chance Counsel	Perth, Australia
Nov. 2017 – Oct. 2018	Sidley Austin Lawyer (+ trib. secretary for David Roney)	Geneva, Switzerland
Apr. 2017 – Oct. 2017	Archipel Lawyer	Paris, France
Aug. 2016 – Mar. 2017	Schellenberg Wittmer Tribunal secretary (for Christopher Boog, Nathalie Voser, Martin Bernet, Julie Raneda, and Andrea Mondini)	Zurich, Switzerland
Feb. 2016 – Apr. 2016	ICSID – World Bank Temporary consultant	Washington, DC, USA
May 2015 – Jun. 2015	Alexis Mourre Tribunal secretary	Paris, France

Arbitration Institutions Enlisted as an Arbitrator

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC France), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC, former KLRCA), Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA), Chinese Arbitration Association (CAA), Pacific International Arbitration Center (PIAC), International Games and Esports Tribunal (IGET)

Experience as Arbitrator

Acted in 3 cases (Swiss Rules: CHF 300k, AFA/ICC: EUR 35m, Delos: USD 100m)

Experience as Counsel

Acted in 33 cases (10 ICC, 9 ICSID, 4 UNCITRAL (incl. @PCA), 1 HKIAC, 1 CAA, 1 CIETAC, 1 AAA/ICDR, 1 Swiss Rules, 1 WIPO UDRP, 1 THAC, 3 Ad Hoc)

Experience as Tribunal Secretary / Arbitrator Assistant

Acted in 16 cases (7 ICC, 2 SIAC, 1 ICSID, 1 LCIA, 1 SCC, 1 Swiss Rules, 1 VIAC, 1 NAI, 1 WIPO UDRP)

Seats: Paris, London, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Bangkok, Geneva, Lausanne, Zurich, Vienna, Frankfurt, The Hague, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Seattle, Taipei

Nationalities of parties: Algeria, Australia, France, Congo, Cameroon, Nigeria, Kenya, DRC, Madagascar, Mauritius, Egypt, Thailand, Japan, Philippines, China (PRC+HK), Bangladesh, Iran, Turkey, UAE, Russia, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Malta, Slovenia, Portugal, Brazil, Trinidad & Tobago, USA

Main industries: energy, resources, construction, post-M&A, IP/IT, aerospace

Breakdown of past six years:

Arbitrator	Delos	Monaco	Canada	Belize	Finance
Arbitrator	AFA/ICC	Paris	France/TW	France/TW	Energy
Arbitrator	Swiss Rules	Lausanne	Ireland	Brazil	Sports
Counsel	ICC	Paris	Australia	Cameroon	Resources
Counsel	ICC	London	Australia	Congo	Resources
Counsel	ICC	Paris	Russia	DRC	Resources
Counsel	ICC	Singapore	Italy	Australia	Construction
Counsel	ICC	Paris	Nigeria	Nigeria	Construction
Counsel	ICC	Singapore	Bangladesh	Japan	Construction
Counsel	ICC	Lisbon	Iceland	Cape Verde	Aerospace

Counsel	ICC	Paris	Sweden	France	Aerospace
Counsel	ICSID	N/A	UK	[Confidential]	Telecom
Counsel	ICSID	N/A	Turkey	[Confidential]	Construction
Counsel	ICSID	N/A	UK	Congo	Resources
Counsel	ICSID	N/A	Mauritius	Congo	Resources
Counsel	ICSID	N/A	China	Trinidad	Construction
Counsel	ICSID	N/A	UK	Slovenia	Energy
Counsel	ICSID	N/A	Serbia	Slovenia	Energy
Counsel	ICSID	N/A	Australia	Egypt	Resources
Counsel	ICSID	N/A	UK	Kenya	Resources
Counsel	PCA/UNCIT.	Singapore	Australia	Thailand	Resources
Counsel	CAA	Taipei	USA	Taiwan	Semiconductor
Counsel	THAC	Bangkok	Australia	Thailand	Resources
Counsel	Ad Hoc	Copenhagen	Australia	Denmark	Resources
Counsel	Ad Hoc	London	Mali	Australia	Resources

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Creator of the StandArb Terms

Registrar of the International Games and Esports Tribunal (IGET)

Creator and co-founder of Esports Legal News Dispute Resolution

Advisor at Space Court Foundation

Member of arbitration professional organisations (ASA Below 40, ICC YAAF...)

Aug. 2014 – Apr. 2015	Dacheng France Law Office Intern	Paris, France
Jun. 2014 – Jul. 2014	PricewaterhouseCoopers Intern	Taipei, Taiwan
Mar. 2014 – May 2014	Harris & Mourre Intern	Seattle, USA
Oct. 2013 – Nov. 2013	Bird & Bird Intern	Shanghai, PRC
Nov. 2012 – Apr. 2013	Huiye Law Firm Intern	Shanghai, PRC

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Moderator at CIM Connect Convention in Vancouver on 5 May 2026: *Miners Across Borders: Managing Government and Business Relationships in Challenging Times*

Panelist at 2026 ICC Tokyo Arbitration Day on 22 April 2026: *The Odyssey of Arbitration and Dispute Resolution: Space Industry and Beyond*

Moderator at ADC 40th Anniversary Conference – Reaching For the Stars in Sydney, March 2026: *An ADR Hypothetical: The Aftermath of a Satellite's Lunar Crash*

Panelist at Paris Arbitration Week (PAW) K&L Gates event on 25 March 2026: *In-House Counsel Ask the Questions: Infrastructure Arbitration Worldwide*

Co-Moderator at Paris Arbitration Week (PAW) Board Sport Arbitration Event on 23 March 2026: *The New Frontiers of Arbitration in Esports (and Video Games)*

Panelist at Japan International Arbitration Week (JIAW) JCAA Global Arbitration Forum 2025 on 27 November 2025: *Fast and Fair: Balancing Party Benefits and Pitfalls in Documents-Only Arbitration*

Keynote speaker at French-Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FACCI) C-Suite Luncheon on 2 October 2025: *Francophone Africa in Western Australia*

Panelist at Africa Down Under (ADU) Conference on 4 September 2025: *Agendas, Agreements, and Arbitration: Ensuring Investments Stay Away from Disputes*

Guest lecturer at University of Western Australia, July 2025: *Interim Measures*

Panelist at Global Esports Industry Week (GEIW) ESIC Global Esports Summit in Austin on 20 June 2025: *Game Changers: The Future of Dispute Resolution*

Moderator & Panelist at Global Esports Industry Week (GEIW) IGET Experts Workshop in Austin on 19 June 2025: *Esports Law: State of the Game & Fighting (Legal) Games: Resolving Esports Disputes*

Presenter at International Games and Esports Tribunal (IGET), Official Public Online Information Session on 7 May 2025

Lecturer at Agence française de développement (AFD) Judicial Services, Training and Institutions (JuSTICE) Project Workshop to Lao Government in Vientiane on 5-9 May 2025: *Contractual Protection and State Liability*

Panelist at IPBA 32nd Annual Conference and Meeting in Chicago, April 2025: *Game On! Navigating the Legal Complexities of the Gaming (and Gambling) Industry*

Panelist at Talking Space Affairs' WA Space Week event in Perth, November 2024: *Talking Foreign Affairs: New Space, New International Law?*

Panelist at CFA 40 Dîners de l'arbitrage in Paris, November 2024: *Arbitrage et Espace*

Moderator at Francophone Africa in Western Australia Forum in Perth, September 2024: *Sustainability, Environment, and Investment Protection*

Panelist at Esports Insider (ESI) Play by the Rules summit in Lisbon, September 2024: *Esports Dispute Resolution: Arbitration and Mediation*

Panelist at SPACETIDE Conference in Tokyo, July 2024: *Legal implications and challenges of lunar exploration*

Guest lecturer at University of Western Australia, June 2024: *Enforcement of Arbitral Awards*

Panelist at SPACETIDE Conference in Tokyo, July 2024: *Legal implications and challenges of lunar exploration*

Panelist at IPBA 32nd Annual Conference and Meeting in Tokyo, April 2024: *Pioneering Space: Commercial Opportunities and Legal Challenges*

Delegate to UNCITRAL Working Group III (ISDS) 47th Session in January 2024 on behalf of IPBA

Panelist at Japan Arbitration Club conference in Tokyo on 30 November 2023: *Urgent & Necessary Celebration: 忘年会 Dinner Around Emergency Arbitration*

Panelist at Australian Arbitration Week CIArb YMG conference in Perth on 11 October 2023: *From Down Under to Up Above: Mining & Arbitrating in Space*

Panelist at Australian Arbitration Week UNCCA conference in Perth on 11 October 2023: *Australian Insights: Update on the UNCITRAL Working Group III and the future of ISDS reform*

Presenter at Indo-Pacific Space and Earth Conference in Perth on 24 October 2023: *Starbitration: Alternative Dispute Resolution to Pacify New Space Disputes*

Keynote speaker at Space & Beyond Ventures seminar in Tokyo on 29 June 2023: *Space Tech For A Sustainable Future – Environmental, Commercial, And Legal Perspectives*

Lecturer at U.S. Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development Program Workshop to Lao Government in Vientiane on 12-14 June 2023: *International Arbitration*

Panelist at Paris Tech Arbitration and Jus Mundi conference in Paris on 15 June 2023: *Esport & Arbitrage – Actualité & Perspectives*

Panelist at ICC YAAF webinar on 18 May 2023: *Picking the Right Arbitrator for You*

Panelist at Anderson Mori & Tomotsune and Asia-Pacific Forum for International Arbitration (AFIA) conference in Tokyo on 19 April 2023: *Arbitration and New Tech Horizons: Brighter Days Ahead?*

Panelist at Paris Arbitration Week conference on 29 March 2023: *Bubbles & Stars: A Champagne Breakfast Exploring Space Resources Disputes*

Panelist at IPBA 31st Annual Conference and Meeting in Dubai, March 2023: *Mediation in Investor-State Disputes – Introducing the IPBA IASC's Decision-Tree*

Delegate to UNCITRAL Working Group III (ISDS) 44th Session in January 2023 on behalf of IPBA

Guest lecturer at University of Western Australia, November 2022: *Public Policy in International Arbitration*

Guest lecturer at Paris I Sorbonne University, November 2022: *Fundamentals of International Investment Law and Application to Space Mining Projects*

Lecturer at Amsterdam Institute Global Education, March 2022: *Cannabis business law in Australia and Cannabis business dispute resolution & prevention*

Guest speaker at the Global Law & Business Blog on 22 February 2022: *International Dispute Resolution*

Delegate to UNCITRAL Working Group III (ISDS) 41st and 42nd Sessions in November 2021 and February 2022 on behalf of IPBA

Presenter at CAA & NTU's ACWH 2021 Taipei International Conference on Arbitration and Mediation: *Arbitrating in Taiwan*

Panelist at International Cannabis Business Conference in Berlin on 26-27 August 2021: *Doing business internationally*

Panelist and moderator at ENERAP Australia Inaugural Conference on 22 July 2021: *Across the Indian Ocean: Opportunities and Challenges for Asia-Pacific Companies in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Panelist at IPBA's 30th Annual Meeting and Conference in 2021: *The Impact of Online Dispute Resolution and AI*

Arbitrator at ILC Cup 2021 Sports Arbitration Moot Competition (online)

Guest speaker at The Arbitration Happy Hour on 29 April 2021: *Arbitration: A Cure for the Cannabis Industry?*

Moderator at Space Court Foundation's online conference on 14 April 2021: *Toward Space Arbitration and Beyond – Taking UNCLOS and ICSID to the Stars*

Moderator at It's in the Law online conference on 26 March 2021: *eSport and the Law – Uncheating Cheaters*

Delegate to UNCITRAL Working Group III (ISDS) 39th and 40th Sessions in October 2020 and February 2021 on behalf of IPBA

Panelist at AAMEG's June 2020 seminar in Perth: *Tips & Tricks of Litigation Funding*

Delegate to UNCITRAL Working Group III (ISDS) 38th Session (continued) in January 2020 on behalf of UNCCA/LAWASIA, 39th and 40th Session on behalf of IPBA

Invitee Participant in UNIDIR-SWF Informal Group Committee's October 2019 meeting in Washington DC on the impact of the militarisation of space on commercial space actors

Presenter at CAA & NTU's ACWH 2019 Taipei International Conference on Arbitration and Mediation: *When ICA met ISDS... How come? How so? How far?*

PUBLICATIONS & INTERVIEWS

[soon] S. Huang, R. Ruffié-Farrugia, C. Yan, *Restitutio in Integrum: Restitution and Specific Performance as Full Reparation in Kind*, in: B. Legum (ed.), *In-Depth: Investment Treaty Arbitration*, 11th ed., Lexology, 2026

R. Ruffié-Farrugia, L. Shmatenko, O. Volkov (eds.), *Esports Law & Practice*, Edward Elgar Publishers, 2025

J. So, *Rodolphe Ruffié-Farrugia: Being a lawyer is rarely a 9-to-5 job*, Australasian Lawyer, 15 September 2025

J. So, *Rodolphe Ruffié-Farrugia is a language lover first and foremost*, Australasian Lawyer, 10 September 2025

A. Sheppard KC, K. Rozycka, R. Ruffié-Farrugia, J. Banks, *Mining Arbitrations in Africa*, Global Arbitration Review, April 2023

S. Luttrell, R. Ruffié, *Legal strategies for responding to the Mali Government's review of Mining Conventions*, 2020

Contributed to S. Luttrell, D. Poddar, *Batter Up: ACCC Proposes Compulsory "Final Offer Arbitration" for Disputes between Media Businesses and Digital Platforms in Australia*, Australian Journal of Competition and Consumer Law, Thomson Reuters

Contributed to S. Luttrell, A. Murphy, *Overcoming Challenged to Stabilisation Provisions in Long-Term Mining Agreements*, in: Global Arbitration Review, *The Guide to Mining Arbitrations*, 2019

Contributed to D. Schramm, *Review of the Recent Case Law of the Swiss Federal Supreme Court*, in: C. Müller et al., *New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration 2018*, Stämpfli Editions, 2018

Contributed to A. Mourre, *Gas price reopeners: is arbitration still the answer?*, IBA IDR Vol.9 No. 2 – October 2015