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Michael Dunmore is a Legal Director in the Corporate Commercial team in Dubai. He has acted as counsel in well over 80 arbitrations and has a broad range of experience with arbitrations, with a particular focus on construction arbitrations and telecommunication disputes. Michael has acted in arbitrations under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), DIFC-LCIA, QICCA, Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation, Arbitration Centre (ADCCAC), the Oman Arbitration Centre and in ad hoc arbitrations. Michael has been resident in the Middle East for close to a decade and is involved in disputes throughout the region. Michael is listed as an arbitrator at a number of arbitration centres in the region and has recently sat as sole arbitrator in several institutional arbitrations. Prior to joining Kennedys, Michael practiced in leading local and international law firms in Oman. He regularly contributes articles to arbitration journals.

Work Highlights

Dispute Resolution (Arbitration)

1. Commercial

- Acting as counsel in a DIAC arbitration seated in Dubai in relation to the management and operations of a hotel in Saudi Arabia.
- Acting as counsel in an arbitration under the ICC Expedited rules seated in Geneva related to a supply agreement.
- Acting as counsel in an arbitration under the rules of the Oman Arbitration Centre, seated in Muscat in relation to an agency agreement.
- Acting as counsel in an expedited arbitration under the rules of the Oman Arbitration Centre, seated in Muscat in relation to a telecommunications dispute.
- Acting as counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Muscat for an Iranian party in relation to a share transfer agreement.
- Acting as counsel in an ADCCAC arbitration seated in Abu Dhabi for a defence company in relation to a sales agreement.
- Acting as counsel in an ADCCAC arbitration seated in Abu Dhabi in relation to an agreement for the provision of satellite broadcasting.
- Acting as counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Tokyo in relation to a pharmaceutical dispute.

2. Construction

- Acting as counsel in an Ad Hoc arbitration seated in Muscat in relation to a dispute arising from the construction of road where the total amount in dispute is in excess of USD 310 million.
- Acting as counsel in and Ad Hoc arbitration seated in Muscat in relation to a dispute arising from the construction of the Oman Botanical Gardens.
- Acting as counsel in and ICC expedited arbitration seated in Muscat in relation to the delayed construction of a warehouse complex.
- Acting as counsel in an Ad Hoc arbitration seated in Muscat in relation to the design of major construction project in Duqm, Oman.
- Acting as counsel before an dispute adjudication board in respect of the delayed construction of a hotel in Muscat.
- Acting as counsel for a Contractor in an Ad Hoc arbitration in relation to the construction of a five star hotel in Jebel Akdar, Oman with amounts in dispute in excess of USD 70 million.
- Acting as counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Muscat in relation to the construction of a hotel.
- Acting as counsel for a subcontractor in an ICC arbitration seated in Muscat related to the Construction of a warehouse facility in Sohar, Oman.
- Acting as counsel in several ICC arbitrations seated in Dubai related to the construction of hotel complexes in Dubai.
- Acting as counsel in a DIAC arbitration seated in Dubai related to the construction of a hotel complex.
- Acting as counsel in an ADCCAC arbitration seated in Abu Dhabi in relation to cladding installation on buildings.
- Acting as counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Tokyo in relation to the construction of a marine loading port.

3. Corporate and M&A

- Acting as counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Singapore in relation to the sale of a cosmetics company.

4. Energy, Infrastructure & Projects/PPP

- Acting as counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Muscat in relation to a mining operation in Oman.
- Acting as counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Muscat in relation to the ownership of a gypsum mine in Oman.
- Acting as counsel in an Ad Hoc arbitration seated in Muscat in relation to the lease and operation of mining equipment in a gypsum mine.
- Acting as counsel in an Ad Hoc arbitration seated in Muscat in relation to the supply of oil well maintenance services.
- Acting as counsel in an DIFC-LCIA arbitration seated in Muscat related to the construction and operation of a desalination plant in Sohar, Oman.
- Acting as counsel for a subcontractor in a series of Ad Hoc arbitrations relating to the construction of the Muscat Sewerage system.

5. Real Estate

- Sitting as sole arbitrator in an arbitration seated in Dubai under the DIAC Rules in relation to the purchase and sale of a property.
- Sitting as sole arbitrator in an arbitration seated in Dubai under the DIAC Rules in relation to a rental agreement.

Education and Qualifications

- Stockholm University, L.L.M. International Commercial Arbitration Law, 2013
- University of Sydney, J.D., 2010
- University of Sydney, M. A. Criminology, 2007
- University of Windsor, B.A.(H) Criminology, 2006

Admissions

- Barrister & Solicitor, Ontario, Canada (2020)
- Attorney, New York (2018)
- Solicitor, England and Wales (2013)
- Solicitor, New South Wales, Australia (2011)

Awards and Market Recognition

Ranked in Chambers and Partners 2025 Dispute Resolution as Associate to Watch

“Michael Dunmore is a strong lawyer with particular experience in international arbitration. He is adept at handling disputes in the construction and mining sectors for a variety of domestic and global clients.”

“Michael is collaborative, proactive, responsive and supportive. He is always available with succinct and practical support.”

Articles/publications

- Dunmore, M. ‘Increasing Efficiency in Arbitration, Who Can do What?’ (2017) Czech (& Central European) Yearbook of Arbitration.
- Dunmore, M. ‘Influences on Procedural Aspects of International Arbitration’ (2016) Czech Yearbook on International Law.
- Co-author, Chapter ‘Japan’ (2016) International Commercial Arbitration Practice: 21st Century Perspectives (Eds. Naón, Mason et al.) Co-author, Chapter ‘Japan’ (2016) Baker & McKenzie International Arbitration Yearbook 2015-2016.
- Dunmore, M. ‘An Overview of the Arbitration Landscape in Japan’ (2016) Revista Romana De Arbitraj.
- Dunmore, M. ‘Towards a Uniform Public Policy’ (2016) KIIT Student Law Review Vol. III 1-12.
- Dunmore, M. ‘A Brief Overview of the Key Sources of Power in International Arbitration’ (2015) Asian Journal of International Arbitration 11(2) 169-180.
- Dunmore, M. ‘Increased Efficiency and Lower Cost in Arbitration: Sole member Tribunals’ (2015) Indian Journal of Arbitration Law Vol. IV(I) 26-32.
- Dunmore, M. ‘The Use of Emergency Arbitration Provisions’ (2015) Asian Dispute Review (July) 130-134.
- Dunmore, M. ‘What to Expect from the Review of Arbitral Awards by Courts at The Seat’ (2015) ASA Bulletin 33(2) 147-158.
- Co-author, Chapter ‘Japan’ (2015) International Arbitration Review. (Ed. J. Carter, 6th ed.), 366-376.
- Co-author, Chapter ‘Japan’ (2015) Baker & McKenzie International Arbitration Yearbook 2014-2015.
- Dunmore, M. ‘The Seat: Its Influence on Proceedings and Enforcement’ (2015) Austrian Yearbook On International Arbitration 356-381.
- Dunmore, M. ‘Enforcement of Awards the Role of Courts at the Seat’ (2015) Czech (& Central European) Yearbook of Arbitration 69-86.
- Dunmore, M. ‘Enforcement of Awards Set Aside in Their Jurisdiction of Origin’ (2014) Austrian Yearbook On International Arbitration 285-315.
- Dunmore, M. ‘Interim Measures by Arbitral Tribunals: The Enforceability Conundrum’ (2012) 8(2) Asian International Arbitration Journal 223-232.
- Dunmore, M. ‘Issues Faced by Arbitrators Relating to Fraud’ (2010) 72(2) Arbitration In Beijing 85-107.

Speaking engagements

- Disruption- Do’s and Don’ts (Panel)- Oman Arbitration Centre Breakfast Series - May 2025
- Energy and Infrastructure Project Disputes in Oman (Panel) - In house breakfast Seminar - February 2025
- Domain Name Disputes- Oman Arbitration Centre Breakfast Seminar - September 2024

- Tribunal Secretary Training Program - Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration - September 2024
- Lecture on International Arbitration - KIIT University, India - August 2024
- Comparative Approaches to Production in International Arbitration; Common Law vs. Civil Law in the MENA Region (panel)- Arab Lawyers Forum - Doha, Qatar -February 2024
- Mistakes in Drafting arbitration clauses- Breakfast Seminar- October 2023

Languages

- English