

Ashique Rahman

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tel: +44(0)203 889 9799

E-mail: ashique.rahman@fiettalaw.com



CAREER HISTORY

- Fietta LLP, counsel (2018 onward), senior associate (2016-2018)
- Volterra Fietta, associate (2011-2016)
- University of Sydney, research assistant (2010-2011)
- Ernst & Young, consultant in the Energy and Utilities Group (2007-2008)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Ashique is an Australian solicitor and counsel at Fietta. Prior to joining Fietta, Ashique was a senior-level associate at Volterra Fietta, where he worked with Stephen Fietta and other members of the Fietta team for almost 5 years. He has also worked at a UK 'magic circle' firm, at a Big Four accounting firm and at a refugee and human rights law non-governmental organisation. Ashique is a founding board member of the Young Public International Law Group, a network of public international law practitioners from law firms, the bar, international organisations, governments and academic institutions around the world. Ashique was named a "Future Leader" in the Who's Who Legal 2018 guide for arbitration.

Ashique advises States, international organisations and multinational companies on a broad range of public international law topics, including the law of the sea, international energy law, the law of treaties, jurisdictional immunities and international investment law. He has extensive experience in international disputes, including proceedings brought under investment treaties and the Energy Charter Treaty. He has acted as counsel (and was senior associate) in a number of complex, high-value arbitrations under the ICSID, ICC, LCIA, SCC and UNCITRAL Rules, including two of the largest ICSID cases of the past decade (Libananco v. Turkey and Koch v. Venezuela). Ashique holds a BSC from the University of New South Wales, an LLB from the University of Sydney and an LLM in public international law from the same institution.

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

LLM (2010) in Public International Law, University of Sydney

LLB (2006), University of Sydney

BSC (2003), University of New South Wales

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Rahman A, 'Mid-year review 2017: developments in investment treaty arbitration', Lexis PSL, (24 July 2017)
- Brown, C., Rahman, A. (2017). Juridical Persons and the Requirements of the ICSID Convention (Forthcoming). In Crina Baltag (Eds.), ICSID Convention After 50 Years: Unsettled Issues. Kluwer Law International;
- Delivered a seminar on investment treaty arbitration at BIICL as part of a two-day programme focused on current developments and strategies in cross-border dispute resolution (14 October 2016) ;
- Rahman A, 'Challenges to Arbitrators under the ICSID Convention: Everyday Practice or an Abuse of Rights?' presented at the 24th Annual Conference of the Australia New Zealand Society of International Law,(30 June 2016);
- Rahman A, 'ICSID—developments in annulment proceedings in 2016', Lexis PSL, (10 June 2016);

- Rahman A and Brown C, 'Regional Economic Integration in Southeast Asia' (2013) 4 European Yearbook of International Economic Law 353;
- Rahman A, "Advising International Oil and Gas Companies on Maritime Sovereignty Issues", presented to ITLOS Fellows, (20 February 2015);
- Fietta S and Rahman A, 'Investment Liberalisation and Protection – Dispute Settlement Mechanisms', presented to senior diplomats of a Southeast Asian State, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (1 September 2011);
- Rahman A, 'An Insight into the Application of Arbitral Theory: Arising Judicial Practice' 7(2) Asian International Arbitration Journal 97; and
- Prepared and delivered multiple training modules on public international law and international investment law to officials of a Gulf State (2012 to 2015).

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Highlights of Ashique's practice have included:

- Representing Big Sky Energy Corporation, a US oil company, in a pending ICSID arbitration brought under a bilateral investment treaty against the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Representing a Luxembourg entity in an investment treaty arbitration proceeding against an Eastern European State conducted pursuant to the SCC Rules;
- Representing the Claimants in Koch Minerals Sarl and Koch Nitrogen International Sarl v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (ICSID);
- Representing City-State N.V. (Netherlands) in a pending ICSID arbitration brought under a bilateral investment treaty against Ukraine;
- Representing more than 600 individuals in a pending ICSID arbitration brought under a bilateral investment treaty against Cyprus;
- Representing the Respondent in a LCIA arbitration concerning a dispute in relation to two petroleum coke supply contracts;
- Representing the Respondent in an international commercial arbitration under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules involving a dispute in relation to the joint development of a gas field pursuant to a production sharing agreement;
- Advising an Asian State in relation to a State-to-State arbitration conducted under the aegis of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA);
- Representing the Applicant in Libananco Holdings Co. Ltd v. Republic of Turkey (ICSID);
- Representing the Claimant in Vigotop Limited (Cyprus) v. Hungary (ICSID);
- Advising a European oil company in an ICC Rules arbitration against a Turkish energy company;
- Advising a Jordanian investor in connection with a dispute concerning an investment in the Turkish telecommunications sector;
- Advising an African State on the preparation of its submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf;

- Advising an international oil and gas company on maritime boundary claims in the Black Sea and the status of hydrocarbon blocks in the region;
- Advising a leading North American energy company on the legal regime governing transit through the Bosphorus Strait;
- Advising a global engineering and construction firm on the protections available under international investment treaties with respect to an investment in a Gulf State;
- Advising a global litigation fund in relation to an investment-treaty arbitration concerning an investment in Mexico;
- Advising a Norwegian energy company on the provisions of the Energy Charter Treaty in connection with an investment in Turkey;
- Advising a regional customs union on issues of treaty interpretation;
- Advising a State on the international law implications of the ongoing conflicts in Syria and Israel/Palestine; and
- Advising an NGO on a range of international law issue arising during the negotiation of the Arms Trade Treaty.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Bengali