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Barton Legum is a partner in Dentons' Paris office and head of the firm's investment treaty arbitration practice. Barton has over 25 years' experience in litigating complex cases and has argued before numerous international arbitration tribunals, the International Court of Justice and a range of trial and appeals courts in the United States. His practice focuses on international arbitration and litigation in general and arbitration under investment treaties in particular.

From 2000 to 2004, Barton served as Chief of the NAFTA Arbitration Division in the Office of the Legal Adviser, United States Department of State. In that capacity, he acted as lead counsel for the United States Government defending over \$2 billion in claims submitted to arbitration under the investment chapter of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The United States won every case decided under his tenure.

Barton is a Past Chair of the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association, an international bar organisation with over 24,000 members from over 90 countries around the world. In 2012-2013, he served as Chair of the Section and chaired its Executive Committee, Council and Administration Committee. He served as Chair-Elect from 2011-2012, Vice-Chair from 2010-2011, Finance Officer from 2008-2010, Programs Officer from 2006-2008, Chair of the Section's Disputes Division from 2004-2006 and as Co-Chair of the Section's International Litigation Committee from 1999 to 2003. He served as an officer of the Mediation Committee of the International Bar Association from 2009-2012 and co-chaired the subcommittee that drafted the IBA Investor-State Mediation Rules.

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