

## Noah Rubins

Noah is the head of the international arbitration group of the Paris office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, and the head of Freshfields' CIS/Russia Dispute Resolution Group. He has advised and represented clients in arbitrations under ICSID, ICSID Additional Facility, ICC, AAA, SCC, LCIA, ICAC, and UNCITRAL rules. He specializes in arbitration under the aegis of investment treaties, in particular in the energy sector. He and has also practised law in New York, Washington, Houston, and Istanbul. Over the course of 15 years, he has been involved in no fewer than 30 investment treaty arbitrations as counsel.

He has also been nominated as arbitrator in 35 cases under the ICC, LCIA, SCC, ICSID, VIAC, ICAC and UNCITRAL Rules, including three in investment treaty disputes. His many publications include the treatises *Investor-State Arbitration and International Investment, Political Risk, and Dispute Resolution*.

Noah's mandates include representing:

- **Loewen Group International** in the first investment treaty claim ever brought against the United States of America, arising out of discriminatory and arbitrary treatment of a Canadian business in U.S. courts;
- **Itera International Energy** in parallel arbitration proceedings against Georgia and Georgian ministries before ICAC and ICSID and under the Georgia-US and Georgia-Netherlands BITs in relation to a debt restructuring agreement;
- **Stans Energy** in an UNCITRAL arbitration against Kyrgyzstan in relation to the cancellation of licences to mine rare earths;
- the **Karachaganak** consortium of oil and gas companies in a series of tax-related disputes with the government over the exploitation of one of the largest hydrocarbon fields in Kazakhstan;
- the **Republic of Turkey** in the successful defence of investment treaty claims in Libananco and two parallel arbitrations, as well as in the European Court of Human Rights, arising out of alleged expropriation in the energy sector – Turkey was awarded US\$15 million in costs.
- **Rusoro Mining Ltd** in an ICSID arbitration involving claims of more than US\$2 billion arising out of the expropriation of gold mining rights by the government of Venezuela;
- a **US technology company** in a dispute with Indian partners over the division of intellectual property rights;
- **East Mediterranean Gas Co.** and several of its shareholders in four parallel arbitrations (two treaty and two contract), arising out of the termination by the Egyptian state-owned gas company of a long-term agreement for the supply of gas through a subsea pipeline to Israel – at the beginning of this month the first of the four panels awarded US\$324 million to our client;
- **Total SA** in an ICSID arbitration against Argentina in connection with its investments in exploration and production, electricity generation and gas transportation pursuant to the France-Argentina BIT – resulting in an award of US\$270 million, at the time the largest ever issued against Argentina; and
- the **Republic of Latvia** in an ad hoc investment treaty arbitration under the Switzerland-Latvia BIT in a dispute arising out of the investor's inability to withdraw funds from a local bank following its bankruptcy, resulting in the complete withdrawal of the claims.

Noah speaks English, Russian and French fluently, and has a working knowledge of Turkish, Hebrew and Spanish. He received degrees from Brown University, Harvard Law School, and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.