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Maxim is a senior arbitration lawyer qualified in England and Wales, New York, and Russia. Prior to founding Osadchiy Dispute Resolution LLP in 2024, a specialist arbitration firm based in London, he practised, for over ten years, in the international arbitration groups of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (London) and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (Paris, London).

Maxim has represented states, corporations and individuals in many significant, high-stakes proceedings in the energy, mining, infrastructure and pharmaceuticals sectors. Well-versed in both civil and common law regimes, he has served as counsel in over twenty-five arbitrations, often involving parties from the CIS, Asia and the Middle East. He is recognized as a leading arbitration practitioner by *WWL: Arbitration Future Leaders* (2024) and is recommended for international arbitration by *The Legal 500 UK* (2022-2024).

Maxim started his career in 2009 as a corporate lawyer in the Moscow office of a Magic Circle firm, where he represented domestic and international clients in M&A transactions, predominantly in the telecommunications, transport, and retail sectors. He also advised on PPP and concession projects, some of the largest in Eastern Europe.

Following his decision to specialize in international arbitration, he joined the LCIA, supporting the Institution in the administration of numerous international proceedings, including challenge applications, selection and appointment of arbitrators and review of arbitral awards.

Between 2014 and 2017, he was an associate in the International Arbitration Group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, spending time in the Paris and London offices. In 2017, he became part of the International Dispute Resolution Group of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, practising as a senior associate until May 2024, when he founded Osadchiy Dispute Resolution LLP.

Maxim also spent time at Vannin Capital PCC, a litigation funder. The first private practice secondee to gain that experience, he supported the team during all phases of the funding process, from claim origination to negotiation of funding terms. He was involved in the assessment of over forty litigation and arbitration claims: jurisdiction, liability and quantum analysis.

In addition to his counsel work, Maxim maintains a strong interest in academia. Formerly a research assistant to Professor Julian Lew KC, he teaches a postgraduate course on dispute resolution in the energy sector at Queen Mary University of London (School of International Arbitration). He writes and speaks on international arbitration issues and is the winner of the 2024 Young ICCA Essay Competition.

Areas of practice

- Joint venture, post-M&A and shareholder disputes
- Energy, infrastructure and commodities disputes
- Sanctions and countermeasures disputes

Prior experience

- Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, London (2017-2024)
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Paris/London (2014-2017)
- Vannin Capital PCC, Secondment (2017)
- LCIA (2013-2014)
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Moscow (2009-2011)

Selected representations

- A biotechnology company in a complex ICC arbitration governed by Korean law arising out of a joint venture agreement with one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies.
- A global development company on its potential LCIA claims arising out of a termination of a joint venture agreement with an UAE entity to build and operate an LNG pipeline in Pakistan.
- A leading investment company in its defence of an LCIA arbitration claim brought by a high-net-worth individual relating to a corporate dispute with respect to a manufacturing group in Russia.
- A consumer goods company in its LCIA arbitration arising out of a breach of warranties relating to an English law governed acquisition of a major pharmaceutical business in Russia.
- A real estate conglomerate on its potential contract and treaty claims against an African state relating to interference in the sale of a stake in a development project.
- A global consulting firm on its potential UNCITRAL claims arising out of a New York law governed consultancy and management agreement with a leading airline company in East Africa.
- A Danish energy company in two parallel SCC arbitrations brought by a contractor arising out of two contracts for the manufacture and installation of equipment for use in an oilfield in Kazakhstan.
- A railways company in VIAC proceedings arising out of a suspension and subsequent termination of a complex railroad project in Libya against a consortium of Italian companies.
- A joint venture in two related ICC arbitrations arising out of construction and maintenance of the submarine natural gas pipeline between Egypt and Israel.
- An Italian manufacturer in a complex ICC arbitration relating to the supply of certain equipment for use in a brick production facility in Russia.
- A major aircraft operator on the impact of the U.S. and U.K. sanctions on the operator's rights and remedies under English law governed aircraft lease agreements.
- A Russian producer of snacks and confectionary products on its potential HKIAC claims arising out of a joint venture agreement with a PRC entity.

- A CIS State in several disputes brought by former subsidiaries of an oil major under the Energy Charter Treaty and the UNCITRAL Rules relating to an alleged expropriation and other breaches.
- A steel company on its potential investment treaty claims and interim relief against a CIS State relating to seizure of an oil tanker due to an alleged breach of the sanctions regime.
- A Canadian investor in its mining arbitration against the Republic of Kyrgyzstan brought under the Kyrgyz Foreign Investment Law relating to the revocation of licences for rare earth minerals.
- A joint venture on its potential high-value Energy Charter Treaty claims against the Republic of Kazakhstan relating to the imposition of certain fiscal measures.
- A leading energy company in its high-value High Court fraud litigation against several prominent Ukrainian businessmen, culminating in a twelve-week fully remote trial.
- A pipes producer in its High Court litigation to restrain proceedings in UAE courts threatened in breach of a London-seated arbitration agreement governed by English law.

Selected publications

- ‘Will AI fundamentally disrupt international arbitration as a practice and as a profession for young lawyers?’ (forthcoming), Winner of the 2024 Young ICCA Essay Competition, ICCA Congress Series No. 22 (Hong Kong).
- ‘Are Arbitral Institutions Using Artificial Intelligence? The State of Play in Adopting AI’ (2024), Kluwer Arbitration Blog (with Michael McIlwrath and Erika Santini).
- ‘Arbitration Agreements with Russian Parties—Growing Risks for Foreign Litigants’ (2024) Debevoise In Depth Client Publication (with Patrick Taylor and Svetlana Portman).
- ‘Calibrating *De Novo*: A Hard Look at Judicial Review of Arbitral Jurisdiction’ (2024) Journal of International Arbitration Vol. 41-1.
- ‘The Growing Prominence of Kazakhstan as a Destination for Foreign Direct Investment in the Post-Soviet Space’ (2023) Debevoise In Depth Client Publication (with Lord Goldsmith KC and Jane Shvets).
- ‘State Courts’ Attitude to Arbitrator Challenge Applications: Rich Tapestry of Arbitrator Bias Standards’ (2021) BCDR Arbitration Review (with Lord Goldsmith KC and Natalie Reid).
- ‘The Guide to Energy Arbitrations - Third Edition: Compensation in Energy Arbitration’ (2019) Global Arbitration Review (with Samantha Rowe and Aimee-Jane Lee).
- ‘Emergency Relief in Investment Treaty Arbitration – A Word of Caution’ (2017) Journal of International Arbitration Vol. 34-2.
- ‘Winning by Design: an outsiders view on third-party funding at Vannin Capital’ (2017) Funding in Focus Issue 4.
- ‘Arbitrating under the 2014 LCIA Rules: A User’s Guide’ (2015), Maxi Scherer, Lisa Richman & Remy Gerbay, Wolters Kluwer (assisted in writing a chapter on provisional measures).

Speaking engagements

- Tales of the Tribunal: special edition of Christopher Campbell's podcast on essay writing and importance of written advocacy in arbitration featuring Lilit Nagapetyan, speaker (forthcoming).
- International Arbitration: An AI Endeavour: ICCA Hong Kong 2024 Congress panel featuring Michael McIlwrath, Christopher Bogart, Rahim Moloo, Emily Hay and Winnie Tam SC, speaker (May 2024).
- The Impact of Sanctions on Cross-Border M&A Transactions: panel discussion at the Kazakhstan Legal Forum featuring Alan Kartashkin and Arman Berdalin, speaker (September 2023).
- Where to draw the line on Confidentiality? The Role of the Seat in protecting privacy in arbitration: BVI IAC panel featuring Arabella di Iorio, Nancy Thevenin, and Shai Wade, speaker (March 2023).
- The Cross-Jurisdictional Approach to Bankruptcy: International Arbitration Course organized by the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration featuring Professor Jan Paulsson, Bernard Hanotiau, and Jeffrey Waincymer (amongst others), speaker (January 2022).
- The Future of Virtual Hearings in Arbitration: BVI IAC panel featuring Dame Elizabeth Gloster, Francois Lassalle and Natalie Reid, speaker (October 2021).
- Client webinars on Interim Relief in Cross-Border Disputes; Hong Kong Arbitration for Russian Parties; and COVID-19: Impact On Contracts, speaker/moderator.

Academic appointments

Queen Mary, University of London, Teaching Associate

- International Arbitration in the Energy Sector (Dr. Maxi Scherer) (2019-Present)
- Comparative International Arbitration (Dr. Stavros Brekoulakis) (2020-2023)

Education

- Queen Mary, University of London, LL.M. (Distinction)
- Columbia Law School, LL.M. (Parker School Award)
- Russian Academy of Justice, LL.B. (First Class Honours)

Admissions

- England & Wales
- New York
- Russia

Languages

- Russian (native)
- English (fluent)