AWARDS AND RECOGNITION FOR SIDLEY’S INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PRACTICE

THE AMERICAN LAWYER: GLOBAL DISPUTE OF THE YEAR: COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION (EUROPE)

Sidley received the 2017 American Lawyer Global Award for “Global Dispute of the Year: Commercial Arbitration (Europe)” following the team’s big victory in Atomstroyexport JSC. v. Natsionalna Elektricheska Kompania EAD. Sidley successfully represented Atomstroyexport, one of the world’s largest nuclear energy companies, in obtaining and securing payment of a €620 million in an ICC arbitration in Geneva with claims and counterclaims related to the cancellation of a nuclear power plant project. The hearing team consisted of partners Marc Palay, David Roney, Tanya Landon and Dorothee Schramm, all in Geneva, and Jennifer Haworth McCandless in Washington, D.C. The annual Global Legal Awards recognize “matters that demonstrate the industry’s ability to navigate complex international legal issues.” Winners were selected from over 200 entries from firms across the globe and were honored in four main categories: Citizenship, Disputes, Mergers and Acquisitions and Finance.

Benchmark Litigation, 2017

BENCHMARK LITIGATION

Marinn Carlson and Jennifer Haworth McCandless are named to Benchmark’s “Top 250 Women in Litigation.”

Benchmark Litigation, 2017

Sidley’s International Arbitration practice is ranked in Tier 1. “Beyond the appeals capacity, Marinn Carlson [is] noted… for [her] accomplishments in the firm’s international arbitration practice … attending to several matters concerning investment treaty arbitration as well as international commercial arbitration.” Benno Kimmelman is also recommended.

Benchmark Litigation, 2016

THE BEST LAWYERS IN SWITZERLAND

The 2019 edition of Best Lawyers in Switzerland listed six lawyers as “Best Lawyers”, including David Roney and Marc Palay for the “Arbitration and Mediation” and “International Arbitration” categories.

Best Lawyers in Switzerland, 2019

CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS

ASIA

“Sources appreciate [the team’s] collaborative work method, saying: ‘They’re responsive and have good client service.’ Friwen Yeoh is respected by clients for both his knowledge and his service, with sources describing him as ‘very approachable, practical and responsive’ and as having ‘a very great IQ to understand the client.’ Clients note the up-and-coming Desmond Ang as a ‘lawyer who can understand what his international clients really need and can provide any advice and support as they need it.”

Chambers Asia Pacific 2018 – China – Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration
“Allen Kim… maintains a solid dispute resolution practice, and regularly represents Korean clients on litigation and arbitration in the USA.”

Chambers Global 2015 – South Korea – Dispute Resolution: International Firms

EUROPE

“According to sources, the team is ‘always a step ahead, and able to respond effectively to the many technical, legal and political defences raised.’ Other commentators add that the team is ‘effective in establishing strategy’ and that it is ‘easy to reach and gives a lot of attention to cases.’ Marc Palay has experience advising on international commercial arbitration cases relating to payments, post-M&A disputes, termination of contracts and licensing agreements. He regularly acts for clients from the nuclear energy, manufacturing and pharmaceutical industries. Clients regard him as a ‘very focused, determined and experienced lawyer.’ Sources deem David Roney to be ‘straightforward and brilliant.’ He acts for clients on international commercial and investment arbitrations regarding IP licensing, technology development agreements and the cancellation of projects.”

Chambers Europe 2018 – Switzerland, Dispute Resolution

“One client enthuses: ‘Sidley Austin are very effective and efficient in their work,’ adding: ‘I cannot imagine a better service.’ Another values that ‘they understand the political and commercial aspects.’… One client says: ‘[Marc Palay] is one of the more outstanding legal minds I have worked with; I go to him for the toughest issues out there.’ David Roney is experienced in commercial and investment arbitrations. One source remarks: ‘He is calm and has total control of all details of the case,’ with others adding that he ‘shows excellent advocacy.’”

Chambers Europe 2017 – Switzerland, Dispute Resolution

“Noted of its cross-border capacity and experience in arbitrations involving Russia and the CIS region. Acts on behalf of companies in the energy, technology and commodities sectors. Also active in international arbitrations seated in international jurisdictions. ‘The firm is uniformly solid across its offices. It offers good value for money and the service is efficient and effective.’ ‘The Geneva arbitration team is a pleasure to work with. The lawyers are professional, well organized and responsive.’… ‘According to clients, [Marc Palay] understands the commercial part of a deal and impresses with his style of cross-examination as well: he has a plan in mind for what he wants to get from a witness.’ “Peers describe David Roney as ‘highly capable and likeable.’”

Chambers Europe 2016 – Switzerland, Dispute Resolution

“Marc Palay co-chairs the firm’s international arbitration practice. According to clients, ‘he understands the commercial part of a deal and impresses with his style of cross-examination as well: he has a plan in mind for what he wants to get from a witness.’ Peers describe international arbitration expert David Roney as ‘highly capable and likeable.’ He focuses on commercial and investment matters and has also represented Swiss financial institutions.”

Chambers Global 2016 – Switzerland, Dispute Resolution

“Marc Palay is an accomplished adviser in the area, with notable experience in international commercial arbitration matters as well as cross-border litigation. David Roney is focused on international arbitration, particularly investment and commercial disputes. Sources agree: ‘He has a quiet expertise that means he is immediately credible.’”

Chambers Global 2015 – Switzerland, Dispute Resolution
GLOBAL

“Highly regarded firm with an active presence in the arbitration field. Acts for governments and corporations in international commercial and investor-state disputes before all major arbitration fora. With a particularly strong offering in the USA, the team also regularly appears before U.S. courts to enforce overseas arbitral awards. New York-based Benno Kimmelman is held in high regard for his counsel work in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations. He is distinguished by market commentators as a ‘very well respected’ player in the field, particularly in the USA and Latin America.”

Chambers Global 2018 – Global, Arbitration (International)

“Robust practice with a strong platform in the USA … One client enthused: ‘They have tremendous expertise, a great reputation in investor-state arbitration, very analytical minds and a deep bench able to pursue long, complicated cases. Benno Kimmelman is based in New York and is well recognized by market observers in the USA and Latin America.”

Chambers Global 2017 – Global, Arbitration (International)

“Significant presence in the USA and Latin America advising on investment treaty and commercial arbitrations arising out of oil and gas, IP and Latin American investment disputes. Strong track record representing sovereigns, state-owned companies and multinational corporations. [Sources commented:] ‘The people we worked with were well organized and very responsive in dealing with the client and the co-counsel.’ ‘They have a fantastic practice in the U.S.’ “Louis Kimmelman is based in New York and is described by sources as ‘whip-smart and a very effective advocate.’ He is a respected practitioner with experience in complex investment treaty disputes under all major institutional rules.”

Chambers Global 2016 – Global, Arbitration (International)

“Well-known investment arbitration practice with additional expertise in a range of manufacturing, construction, insurance and contractual disputes. Strong presence in North and South America and also highly regarded for its activity in the CIS region. [Sources comment:] ‘These lawyers have a very good grasp of investment law and how international arbitration works. They have a global overview and know exactly how to focus the defense strategy. They go into a lot of areas of constitutional and procedural law from different jurisdictions with great rigor.’ ‘We were particularly impressed by their strategic handling of complex matters.’ Louis B. Kimmelman is recommended.

Chambers Global 2015 – Global, Arbitration (International)

LATIN AMERICA

“Reputable practice group experienced in handling Latin American disputes before all the major arbitral courts. Has recognised strength advising sovereign states, as well as major investors in investment treaty arbitrations throughout the region. Also has a growing practice acting as counsel on commercial arbitrations. Well-versed in matters related to an array of industry sectors, including energy and financial services … One source lauds the firm’s straightforward and subtle style, reporting: ‘The recent matters they handled for us were very sensitive, and they handled it very swiftly and delicately. We really appreciated their very clear, concrete proposals in terms of strategy cost and timeframe.’ … Louis Benno Kimmelman is highlighted by interviewees for his ‘ability to see through the problems straight away and see a practical solution without getting fazed.’ Another source adds: ‘He was extremely available at all times, and I was impressed by his ability to react very quickly to new developments.’ He has considerable experience advising on investment treaty and commercial disputes.”

Chambers Latin America 2019 – Latin America-wide, International Arbitration

“Well-established practice shared between the firm’s U.S. offices. Maintains considerable experience in cross-border international arbitration disputes under all major arbitral rules. Regularly retained to represent multinational companies and sovereign states in investment treaty disputes … The firm is lauded by sources for the strength and flexibility of its legal advice … [Clients affirm:] ‘They are outstanding. The service adapts to the complexities of the case and covers every legal and regulatory aspect. They can accommodate new elements and incorporate them smoothly into the legal strategy’ [and that] ‘the team is extremely professional and always
produces highly technical work in a diligent manner, delivering quality results.’… Louis Benno Kimmelman is recognized by peers for his ‘exceptional work,’ with clients praising him as ‘an excellent professional who is very knowledgeable in the field, with a wonderful reputation among arbitration users.’”

Chambers Latin America 2018 – Latin America-wide, International Arbitration

“Well-established practice shared between the firm’s U.S. offices. Has considerable experience in cross-border international arbitration disputes. Increasingly retained for work in both commercial and investment treaty cases, representing multinational companies and sovereign states. Has an in-depth knowledge of a variety of industry sectors including construction, financial services, telecoms and tobacco… Clients affirm: ‘The firm has a strong team in Latin America. It has huge versatility working on large and varied projects, which is a testament to the trust the lawyers inspire in clients and the results that they deliver.’… Market sources report that Louis Benno Kimmelman is ‘a first-rate lawyer and an expert in construction and other matters.’ They go on to add: ‘He is an excellent professional.’”

Chambers Latin America 2017 – Latin America-wide, International Arbitration

“Varied roster of work including prominent BIT arbitrations, and increasingly visible in commercial arbitration. Active throughout the region, with particular expertise in Peru and Central America. Frequently called upon as counsel by governments and international corporations. Interviewees praise Louis Kimmelman as ‘a very high-class lawyer.’ He is often called up as counsel on commercial arbitration mandates.”

Chambers Latin America 2016 – Latin America-wide, International Arbitration

“Louis Benno Kimmelman has experience in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, particularly with regard to construction and energy disputes.” Marinn Carlson is singled out as a Recognized Practitioner.

Chambers Latin America 2015 – Latin America-wide, International Arbitration

USA

“Impressive range of experience in international arbitration proceedings, regularly representing governments, state-owned companies and private corporations in investor-state, state-to-state and commercial arbitrations. Calls upon a multi-talented roster of attorneys skilled in arbitration proceedings and in related litigation. Draws on the firm's broad global footprint and complementary strengths in areas such as international trade and public international law to provide a fully integrated service to clients. An interviewee says: ‘What keeps me going back is that they're very responsive. When I have an issue they are able to provide very good advice on a very timely basis and are very good at responding under tight timelines.’ One client reports: ‘They know what to prepare for rainy days and get us ready proactively. They are brilliant advisers. We consider them as a strategic partner rather than lawyers we have retained.’… Practice co-chair Louis Kimmelman has an impressive and highly regarded practice acting as both counsel and arbitrator in a variety of complex investment treaty and commercial disputes. Market sources commend his ‘extreme thoroughness and cogency of presentation’ and cite his ‘ability to see through the problems straight away and see a practical solution’ as particular strengths.”

Chambers USA 2018 – Nationwide, International Arbitration

“Impressive range of experience in international arbitration proceedings that includes representing governments, state-owned companies and private corporations in investor-state, state-to-state and commercial arbitrations. Boasts a multi-talented roster of attorneys skilled in arbitration proceedings, as well as in related litigation … Louis Kimmelman is a widely respected practitioner who attracts plaudits for his ‘wonderful advocacy skills’ and ‘superior analytical ability.’ He has a wealth of experience in investment treaty and commercial arbitration under a wide range of rules. Allen Kim offers strengths advising South Korean clients on a broad range of international arbitration and litigation matters. His practice includes considerable experience in intellectual property, joint venture and M&A disputes.”

Chambers USA 2017 – Nationwide, International Arbitration
“Impressive range of experience in international arbitration proceedings that includes representing governments, state-owned companies and private corporations in investor-state, state-to-state and commercial arbitrations. Boasts a multitalented roster of attorneys skilled in arbitration proceedings, as well as in related litigation … Clients state that ‘they have the whole package,’ praising the team’s ‘tremendous expertise, great reputation in investor-state arbitration and very clear, organized and analytical minds.’ Sources also reveal: ‘The group as a whole is very professional, and can offer a lot of experience in arbitration tribunals. They provide us with productive and creative input.’ … Benno Kimmelman is a widely respected practitioner who attracts plaudits for his ‘wonderful advocacy skills’ and ‘superior analytical ability.’ He has a wealth of experience in investment treaty and commercial arbitration under a wide range of rules.”

Chambers USA 2016 – Nationwide, International Arbitration

“Impressive range of experience in international arbitration proceedings that includes representing governments and corporations in investor-state and commercial arbitrations … [Sources comment:] ‘They have been communicative and clear, and they are able to drive an effective resolution in a timely manner.’ ‘They impressed me and did an excellent job, with numerous examples of well thought out advocacy.’ … Clients hold Benno Kimmelman in high regard, noting that he is ‘excellent in terms of his analysis and understand of the situation.’”

Chambers USA 2015 – Nationwide, International Arbitration

GAR: RANKED IN GAR 30’S LIST FOR TOP INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION LAW FIRMS

Global Arbitration Review has, for the third straight year, ranked Sidley in its GAR 30 list, an annual ranking of the world’s leading international arbitration practices. The ranking is based on data spanning the previous three years, including the number of merits, jurisdictional and bet-the-company hearings and the amount in dispute in those matters. The number of arbitrator appointments is also a key data point used to evaluate the firms.

One client comments: “Cross-examination at the hearing was particularly accomplished, and stood in marked contrast to have opposing counsel was able to do.” “He describes the team as ‘cost-effective’ compare to the opponents and praises Marc Palay, Dorothee Schramm and their team for their affability and ability to work together.” Other clients “similarly notes the firm’s skills in cross-examination and says that Marc Palay’s leadership was ‘superb’ and another client calls Palay ‘brilliant’”. A senior development expert commends Sidley Austin’s ‘professionalism, effectiveness and commitment.”

Global Arbitration Review 100, GAR 30, 2018

“Sidley Austin performed superbly and are a first class group of lawyers. Each was well prepared and their ability to handle cross-examination of witnesses was outstanding.”

“Sidley Austin is the kind of place that blue-chip companies … go to when they have ‘global’ trade issues that require a multi-pronged attack.”

“Cross-examination at the hearing was particularly accomplished, and stood in marked contrast to what opposing counsel was able to do.” “[The team is] ‘cost-effective’ compared to the opponents and praise Marc Palay, Dorothee Schramm and their team for their affability and ability to work together.” “Palay’s leadership was ‘superb’ and Marc Palay is “brilliant.”

“We value Sidley Austin’s professionalism, effectiveness and commitment.”

A source “was particularly impressed with the ability of Benno Kimmelman … to communicate their client’s cause ‘with directness and clarity.’”

Allen Kim, David Roney and Matthew Shankland also received special mention.

Global Arbitration Review 100, GAR 30, 2017
LATIN LAWYER 250

“The firm has a busy arbitration practice with notable work advising the governments of Peru and Costa Rica. Marinn Carlson leads the team from Washington, D.C., where she is joined by Jennifer Haworth McCandless, who is visible in the Caribbean. In New York, Benno Kimmelman enjoys a good reputation in Latin America for commercial arbitration. … commercial arbitration has been a growing area.”

“The firm hired Carlos Jose Valderrama, a former official of the government of Peru, in its D.C. office to focus on trade and dispute resolution.”

Latin Lawyer 250, 2018

Sidley was listed as a “Recommended Law Firm” in the 2017 edition of Latin Lawyer 250. “Jennifer Haworth McCandless … and Marinn Carlson, also based in Washington, D.C., are growing in prominence... Commercial arbitration has been a growing area. In New York, Benno Kimmelman enjoys a good reputation in Latin America.”

Latin Lawyer 250, 2017

LATINVEX

Latinvex has, for the third straight year, named Marinn Carlson to the 2018 edition of its annual “Latin America’s Top 100 Female Lawyers” lists (both the Firm list and the Arbitration & Litigation list) along with newly recognized Jennifer Haworth McCandless. They were recognized for their significant work in the key area of International Arbitration. Latinvex focuses on Latin American businesses and includes nearly 50 rankings that evaluate the companies, countries and people representing the region’s legal, technology and energy sectors.

Latinvex, 2018

Sidley was named number one firm in the “Top 15 Arbitration Firms” by Latinvex, a publication that focuses on business in Latin America. The rankings were determined based on a “combination of factors, including value, prominence and scope of work; references among clients; size of Latin America practice and presence in Latin America.”

Latinvex Legal 50, 2015

LAW 360

Sidley was named an “International Arbitration Practice Group of the Year.”

Law360, 2017

THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 2016

Benno Kimmelman has been named a “2016 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Champion” by The National Law Journal. This award recognizes Benno as a legal leader who has “set the bar for advancing and innovating alternative dispute resolution, mediation, and arbitration tactics” and has “irrefutably left every case a winner.”

U.S. NEWS – BEST LAWYERS® “BEST LAW FIRMS”

Sidley received first-tier national rankings for the “International Arbitration – Commercial” and “International Arbitration – Governmental” categories.


WHO’S WHO LEGAL: ARBITRATION

Partners Marinn Carlson, Louis B. Kimmelman, Tanya Landon, David Roney and Dorothee Schramm were all recognized in Arbitration by Who’s Who Legal. In particular, Tanya Landon and Marinn Carlson were listed among the Future Leaders in Arbitration. “Tanya Landon is considered ‘one of the best international arbitration practitioners practicing out of Geneva’ and is further highlighted by peers as ‘an amazing lawyer.’” In addition, Louis B. Kimmelman was recognized among the “Thought Leaders” in Arbitration (Global) similarly to David Roney and Dorothee Schramm who in addition were listed as “Thought Leaders” in Switzerland.

The Who’s Who Legal, 2019

Marinn Carlson was named among the “Future Leaders” for Arbitration. She “is ‘a very knowledgeable and strong oral advocate’ who draws wide-ranging praise as ‘an emerging leader in the field of investor state arbitration.”

The Who’s Who Legal, 2018

Partners Louis B. Kimmelman and David Roney have been recognized in Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration, 2017. In addition, three Sidley partners have been named “Future Leaders” for Arbitration. Marinn Carlson is a leader in the investor-state field, and in the words of one source ‘was exceptional — very efficient, procedurally practical and a constructive opposing counsel to work against.’ Tanya Landon ‘stands out for her exemplary client service and the quality of her legal mind,’ and Dorothee Schramm has ‘good advocacy skills, a very international background and significant experience.”

The Who’s Who Legal, 2017