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Stephen L. Drymer is a partner and head of Woods LLP's International Arbitration practice. A litigator and advocate by background and experience, he now practices almost exclusively in the area of domestic and international arbitration and dispute resolution.

Stephen acts as counsel, and serves as arbitrator and mediator, in domestic and international commercial and investment treaty disputes, and he advises parties on a broad range of issues associated with the design, negotiation, drafting and implementation of dispute resolution agreements and strategies.

Educated and trained in both the common law and the civil law, Stephen has pleaded cases and served as mediator, party-appointed arbitrator and tribunal president in matters involving the laws of many jurisdictions, both in *ad hoc* proceedings and under the rules of most major international arbitral institutions. He has acted in commercial and investment cases in the manufacturing, infrastructure, construction, petrochemical, oil & gas (including exploration, production, transportation, pricing), mining, energy, environmental, financial services, outsourcing, hospitality, transportation, aviation, IT, telecommunication, aerospace and crop science industries, among others. He is currently serving as co-arbitrator or as tribunal president in several ICSID cases as well as in other (non-public) investor-State disputes.

Stephen also advises and represents clients, both government and non-governmental, in matters of public international law and dispute resolution, including in matters involving maritime delimitation and transboundary resource management. He was a negotiator for Canada in the renewal of the Canada-U.S. Pacific Salmon Treaty and counsel to Canada in the mediation of disputes arising under that Treaty. He was counsel for the Government of Nova Scotia before an international tribunal constituted to determine the offshore boundary between the province of Nova Scotia and the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. He was an adviser to the Secretary General of the United Nations and mediator in a territorial and resource dispute between Gabon and Equatorial Guinea. And he was a neutral evaluator in an international dispute involving private and public parties in the Middle East.

Stephen is as well very active in the resolution of sport-related disputes in Canada and internationally, in cases before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne. In addition to extensive work as counsel, he has served as arbitrator and mediator in numerous cases involving a wide range of issues and sports.

In addition to numerous professional associations in which he is active, Stephen is a member of the CAS list of arbitrators, the International Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators of the American Arbitration Association - International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), the International Panel of Arbitrators of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) and the Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators of the SDRCC. He is also a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb) and Chair of the Arbitration Committee of ICC Canada, the Canadian National Committee of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

Stephen is recognised as one of Canada's and the world's leading international lawyers and dispute resolution professionals.

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## STEPHEN L. DRYMER

### NATIONALITY

Canadian

### LANGUAGES

French, English, Spanish (working knowledge)

### ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND DEGREES

Since 1991	<b>Member of the BAR OF QUEBEC</b>
1986-1990	<b>MCGILL UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW</b> B.C.L. (Civil Law), LL.B. (Common Law)
1983	<b>CANADIAN SECURITIES INSTITUTE</b> The Canadian Securities Course
1979-1983	<b>YALE UNIVERSITY</b> B.A. (Political Science)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since December 2012	<b>WOODS LLP</b> Partner, Head of International Arbitration
1991-2012	<b>NORTON ROSE CANADA</b> (OGILVY RENAULT prior to 2010) Partner, Co-Chair of International Arbitration
1984-1986	<b>NESBITT THOMSON DEACON</b> (F.H. DEACON HODGSON prior to 1986) Investment Broker

### TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Chair of the Canadian Arbitration Committee of ICC Canada

Vice-Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the IBA (2013-2015)

Honorary Adviser to the United Nations Association in Canada (UNA Canada); former President of the Montreal branch

Officer of the Membership Committee and the Programme Committee of the Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society (TCAS)

Editor of *IBA Arbitration News* (2011-2013)

Member of the Task Force on the New York Convention and the Task Force on the Revision of the ICC ADR Rules of the Commission on Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (until 2013)

McGill University Faculty of Law, Guest Lecturer: *International Dispute Resolution* (2012-2013)

McGill University Faculty of Law, Guest Lecturer: *Sport Law and Arbitration* (2010-2013)

Canada Delegate to United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group II, Revision of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (2008-2010)

Governor of the Québec Bar Foundation (2010-present)

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## **INSTITUTIONAL PANELS AND ROSTERS**

List of Arbitrators of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

International Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators of the American Arbitration Association - International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR)

International Panel of Arbitrators of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)

Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators of the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC)

## **RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION**

**Named as one of the world's leading international lawyers by Canadian and international publications:**

*Global Arbitration Review*

*The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration*

*The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*

*Who's Who Legal*

*Who's Who Legal: Mediation – List of the world's leading mediators*

*Chambers Global*

*EuroMoney Expert Guides - World's Leading Commercial Arbitration Attorneys*

*Practical Law Guide (PLC) - Which Lawyer?*

*LEXPERT/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading Lawyers in Canada*

*Best Lawyers (including "2015 Lawyer of the Year – International Arbitration")*

*The 50 Best Lawyers in Canada*

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Canadian Bar Association (CBA)

American Bar Association (ABA)

International Bar Association (IBA)

International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)

London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

ICC Canada

Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society (TCAS)