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## Education

M.A. (Law), University of Oxford

Legal Practice Course, BPP Law School

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## Bar Admissions

England & Wales

## Languages

English

German

Maximilian Szymanski focuses on dispute resolution with significant experience in international arbitration, including public international law. His clients are predominantly in the energy, mining, aviation, banking and infrastructure sectors. Mr. Szymanski has advised clients from a range of sectors and jurisdictions in international arbitration under LCIA, ICC, UNCITRAL, AAA and ICSID rules, as well as in domestic Nigerian arbitration proceedings, and court actions in England, Turkey and Hong Kong. Mr. Szymanski frequently collaborates with foreign counsel due to the multijurisdictional nature of his work.

Mr. Szymanski also has acted as the tribunal secretary to LCIA and CRCICA tribunals in English and Egyptian law-governed disputes in the financial, agricultural and construction sectors. Prior to his career in law, he worked at the consulting firm McKinsey & Company in Austria.

Before joining the firm, Mr. Szymanski trained and worked as an associate in the London and Singapore offices of an English firm. He has higher rights of audience in the Senior Civil Courts of England and Wales.

Mr. Szymanski's recent representations include:

- DP World in only the second-ever bilateral investment treaty claim against the Kingdom of Belgium. The claim arose in regard to the taking of DP World's port concession rights in breach of treaty protections. DP World's interest in Belgium involved its shareholding in the Antwerp Gateway facility, a container terminal on the bank of the river Scheldt in Europe's second-largest port of Antwerp;
- a Russian conglomerate in LCIA arbitration proceedings arising out of a multibillion-dollar shareholder dispute over a leading international telecommunications company;
- an airline in relation to its obligations under an agreement to purchase a large number of aircraft;
- a large multinational bank in relation to sanctions;
- a European state-owned entity in LCIA arbitration proceedings arising out of a privatisation;
- a leading private business conglomerate on the enforcement of foreign judgments in England;
- a major North American gas company on English law aspects in AAA proceedings arising out of an assignment agreement;
- a multinational company during an investigation by European and English competition authorities; and
- a leading media company in settlement negotiations.

Mr. Szymanski's experience prior to joining Skadden includes advising:

- an international investment firm in a Paris-seated ICC arbitration regarding a Turkish law-governed SPA relating to a mining project in Turkey;
- a major energy company in two ad hoc arbitrations under Nigerian law relating to offshore hydrocarbon interests in Nigeria; and
- an Australian oil company in relation to a proposed investment in a joint development zone in offshore Western Africa covering a disputed maritime boundary.