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M.A. (Law), University of Oxford
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Languages

English
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Maximilian Szymanski focuses on dispute resolution and has significant experience advising on international arbitration, including public international law. Mr. Szymanski has represented 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, the United States, India, Turkey and Hong Kong. He 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. In recognition of his work in international arbitration and litigation, he was named one of *Best Lawyers' 2023 Ones To Watch*. Prior to his career in law, he worked at McKinsey as a management consultant and was based in Austria.

Before joining Skadden, 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:

- a founder and promoter of India's largest airline in LCIA India arbitration proceedings and related court proceedings in the United States and India
- a state-owned entity in LCIA arbitration proceedings brought by an investor following the privatisation of a national gaming agency. The arbitration concerned indemnities relating to changes in taxation legislation and tax audits, including their compatibility with the European state aid regime. A particular focus was the inter-relationship of the changes in taxation legislation with international law under various multilateral treaties and arrangements concerning the bailout of an EU member state
- DP World in a bilateral investment treaty claim against the Kingdom of Belgium concerning concession rights in the port of Antwerp
- a conglomerate in LCIA arbitration proceedings arising out of a multibillion-dollar shareholder dispute concerning control over a leading international telecommunications company
- a South African oil company in post-M&A disputes
- an airline concerning its rights and obligations involving its suppliers of aircraft and engines
- one of the world's largest banks in relation to sanctions
- a leading pharmaceutical group concerning its tax affairs
- a multinational company during an investigation by various European and English competition authorities