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- Investment Treaty Arbitration
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- Trade Policy and Negotiations
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STANIMIR A. ALEXANDROV is co-leader of the firm's International Arbitration group. Mr. Alexandrov focuses his practice in the areas of international dispute resolution, including investor-state arbitration and international commercial arbitration, and resolution of trade disputes before the World Trade Organization (WTO).

He has represented private parties and governments in arbitration before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), as well as in ICC, UNCITRAL, AAA and other international arbitrations. He has also represented governments in WTO disputes. Mr. Alexandrov's current and recent representations include global investors, such as Bechtel, Cargill, Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., GE, Impregilo, Lone Star, Tate & Lyle, Veolia, Vivendi, and of sovereigns including Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Peru and Turkey.

Mr. Alexandrov has been appointed to the ICSID's Panel of Arbitrators and serves as an arbitrator in numerous ICSID, ICC, LCIA, and PCA cases, as well as cases under the UNCITRAL arbitration rules. He has appeared as an expert witness in international arbitration on investment treaty interpretation.

Mr. Alexandrov is consistently listed as a leading practitioner in industry publications including *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Latin America*, *The Legal 500: United States*, *The Legal 500: Latin America*, *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* (Arbitration), *Benchmark Litigation* (Local Litigation Star and National Star for International Arbitration), *Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders* (Arbitration) and *Who's Who Legal's Commercial Arbitration*. *Chambers Global* consistently ranks Mr. Alexandrov in Band 1 where he is described as "a master strategist and a great speaker; one of the best investment lawyers in the field" and where "clients praise his in-depth knowledge and extensive experience of investor-state arbitration." In *The Legal 500: United States* he is "an authority for investment disputes."

Mr. Alexandrov was selected by *Chambers USA* 2013, as a Leader in their Field and it is noted that he "has an excellent reputation for his impressive investment treaty expertise" and that he is "recognized as having 'tremendous experience and unique insights specific to international arbitration that have proven invaluable.'" Mr. Alexandrov was listed in the 2012–2017 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*, recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" 2012 for International Arbitration – Governmental, and "Lawyer of the Year" 2014 for International Arbitration – Commercial. *Washingtonian* magazine has routinely included Mr. Alexandrov on its list of Washington's Best Lawyers and referred to him as one of the region's "best legal minds" in the area of International Trade and Arbitration.

Mr. Alexandrov's work is also praised by his peers. For example, another firm's dispute practice chair mentioned him as a lawyer who impresses him: "Stanimir Alexandrov. . . is someone I have long admired. Stanimir has vast experience as both an advocate and arbitrator in international arbitrations, and exemplifies all of the qualities that I have identified as keys to success for your lawyers in the field." (*Law360*, 2016).

EXPERIENCE

Mr. Alexandrov was Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, where he managed Bulgaria's relations with the European Union, the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and NATO and was responsible for all legal work of the Foreign Service. Prior to that, he served as Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Bulgaria in Washington, D.C., where he negotiated trade and investment agreements and worked with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

He is a professor at the George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C., and the American University Washington College of Law, where he teaches courses on international law and dispute settlement. Mr. Alexandrov is a regular speaker at conferences, seminars, roundtables and other forums on topics regarding investor-state arbitration and international law.

Mr. Alexandrov's publications have been cited by parties to disputes before the International Court of Justice and by Judges of the Court.

In addition to English and Bulgarian, he is fluent in French, Russian and Spanish.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- *International Human Rights in a Nutshell*, Sofia, 1997, with Judge Thomas Buergenthal (in Bulgarian).
- *Self-Defense Against the Use of Force in International Law*, Kluwer, 1996.
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- Co-authors Amelia Porges and Meredith Moroney, “FDI Growth in Asia: The Potential for Treaty-Based Investment Protection,” *The Asia-Pacific Arbitration Review* 2009 (*Global Arbitration Review*, 2009).
- Co-authors Nicolás Lloreda, Patricio Grané and Joshua Robbins, “Making Investment Treaties Work for Latin America,” *The Arbitration Review of the Americas* 2009 (*Global Arbitration Review*, 2009).
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- Co-authors Marinn Carolson and Joshua Robbins, “The Future of Investment Treaty Protection in Eastern Europe,” *The European and Middle Eastern Arbitration Review* 2009 (*Global Arbitration Review*, 2009).
- “*Vivendi* (Compañía de Aguas del Aconquija) v. *Argentina* Case,” *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law* (2008).
- “Canada—Measures Affecting the Export of Civilian Aircraft” and “Brazil — Export Financing Programme for Aircraft,” *The Case-Law of the WTO* (Brigitte Stern and Hélène Ruiz Fabri, eds.) (2007).
- “The Compulsory Jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice: How Compulsory Is It?” *Chinese Journal of International Law* 29, 5(1) (2006).
- “The ‘Baby Boom’ of Treaty-Based Arbitrations and the Jurisdiction of ICSID Tribunals: Shareholders as ‘Investors’ and Jurisdiction Ratione Temporis,” *The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals* 19, 4 (2005).
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- Co-author David Palmeter, “Inducing Compliance in WTO Dispute Settlement,” *The Political Economy of International Trade: Essays in Honor of Robert E. Hudec*, Cambridge University Press (Kennedy and Southwick, eds.) (2002).
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- “Non-Appearance before the International Court of Justice,” *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law* 33, 41 (1995).
- “Delimitation of the Continental Shelf in an Enclosed Sea,” *Hague Yearbook of International Law*, 3 (1992).

MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

Mr. Alexandrov is an active member of the Institut de Droit International, American Bar Association, American Society of International Law, London Court of International Arbitration and International Law Association. He is also an Advisory Board member of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration.

He is a member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law and was elected to the Governing Board of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA).

ADMISSIONS &

EDUCATION

CERTIFICATIONS

- District of Columbia
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- The George Washington University Law School, S.J.D., 1994
- The George Washington University Law School, LL.M., 1992
- Moscow Institute of International Relations, J.D., 1981