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## BACKGROUND

Alessandro studied law in Germany and Russia, and holds a PhD in international investment law. Alessandro trained in two well-known international arbitration boutiques in Hamburg and Milan, and in the Secretariat of the Energy Charter Treaty in Brussels. He was admitted to practice in Germany in 2015. Before joining Herbert Smith Freehills, he worked in another international law firm in Frankfurt focusing mainly on investment and commercial arbitration.

## KEY SERVICES

International Arbitration  
Public International Law

## KEY SECTORS

Energy  
Infrastructure

## EXPERIENCE

Alessandro specialises in investment and commercial arbitration.

He represents governments and investors in investor state proceedings. He also represents clients in commercial arbitrations. Alessandro has acted under different arbitral rules such as ICSID, ICC, SCC, CIETAC and DIS, but also in ad hoc arbitrations. His recent work includes representing an investor in an ICSID arbitration in the telecom industry, defending a state against the enforcement of an award under the Energy Charter Treaty in different jurisdictions, and representing a government in an investor-state arbitration related to an airport.

Alessandro's experience includes:

- representing an investor in a multi-million ICSID arbitration against a Southeastern European state

arising out of a failed privatisation of a state owned company in the telecommunication sector

- advising an investor in the pre-arbitration stage of a potential ICSID dispute against a Southeastern European state concerning the seizure of land
- advising a government in set aside proceedings before the Svea Court in Stockholm concerning an SCC award rendered in a multi-billion dollar investment arbitration based on the Energy Charter Treaty; as well as the same government in enforcement proceedings in multiple jurisdictions
- representing a state in an investor-state arbitration under ICC Rules commenced by a foreign investor and arising from an airport service agreement
- representing a multinational in ICC proceedings against an Asian engineering company in an ICC arbitration in relation to the construction of a fertiliser plant in the Middle East