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Robert is special counsel in the litigation and arbitration team.

Dr Robert Kovacs specialises in public international law, international arbitration and business and human rights. He has represented individuals, companies, States, and State-owned entities in international disputes across a range of sectors, including energy, mining, construction, banking, mergers and acquisitions, sport, property and technology. He has a focus on Europe, Asia-Pacific and MENA.

Robert holds a PhD in international law, is the former Co-Chair of the Asia-Pacific Forum for International Arbitration and is a senior fellow at the Melbourne University Law School.

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### TRACK RECORD

Representing a Chinese company in an ad hoc investor treaty arbitration against an African State

Representing the Republic of Croatia in multiple ICSID arbitrations brought by Austrian companies concerning the banking sector

Representing a Dutch company in an ICSID arbitration against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela relating to the expropriation of a manufacturing facility

Representing a Croatian State-owned entity in a LCIA arbitration regarding an energy supply contract

Advising a government on its rights in relation to a cross-border oil & gas deposit in an occupied territory under international and humanitarian law

Advising a multinational company on international human rights obligations in relation to a mine in an African State

Advising a multinational company on sanctions regimes under the UK, US, EU and UN frameworks

Advising a government on drafting a model bilateral investment treaty and issues of public international law

### ADMISSIONS

■ Victoria, Australia, 2008

### PUBLICATIONS

[Sovereign Wealth Funds: Transnational Regulation and Dispute Resolution](#), Withers and British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 2021, co-author.

UAE in J. Fouret (ed.), Enforcement of Investment Treaty Arbitration Awards (Globe Law and Business, 2015), co-author.

The Law is What the Arbitrator Had for Breakfast: How Income, Reputation, Justice, and Reprimand Act as Determinants of Arbitrator Behaviour, in J.C. Betancourt (ed.), Selected Topics in International Arbitration – Liber Amicorum for the 100th Anniversary of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Oxford University Press, 2015), co-author.

International Arbitration and Insolvency – Question of Applicable Law, The 2014 Nappert Prize – Selected Papers, ICC Publication No764E.

Public Policy under the International Arbitration Act – Emerald Grain Australia Pty Ltd v Agrocorp International Pte Ltd, ADRB 2014 Vol. 1 No. 3, co-author.

Efficiency in international Arbitration: An Economic Approach, 23 Am. Rev. Int'l. Arb. 155 (2012).

The Rise of a Third Generation of Arbitrators? Fifteen Years After Dezalay & Garth 28(2) Arbitration International (2012), co-author.

A Transnational Approach to the Arbitrability of Insolvency Proceedings in International Arbitration, International Insolvency Institute, 2012. This article was awarded the 2012 III Gold Medal Prize.

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Young ICCA
  
- Asia-Pacific Forum for International Arbitration
  
- International Insolvency Institute
  
- Law Institute of Victoria

## EDUCATION

University of Geneva, Ph.D (summa cum laude) International Arbitration  
Monash University, LL.B (Hons)  
Monash University, B.Com, Economics

## LANGUAGES

ENGLISH

## DATES

JOINED: 2019

## RECOGNITION

2020 Legal 500 UK recommended lawyer

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