



Dr Wojciech Sadowski

OVERVIEW

Dr. Wojciech Sadowski is a partner at Queritius. He focuses on international and trans-border dispute resolution, working as counsel and arbitrator.

Wojciech has been extensively involved in advisory work and client representation in matters involving international investment treaties and acted for both investors and states. He has also broad experience in commercial arbitrations and litigations before domestic courts, the European Court of Human Rights, the General Court of the EU and the Court of Justice of the European Union.

He has acted in matters relating to, among others, construction, infrastructure, renewable and conventional energy, M&A, real estate, finance, intellectual property, telecoms, mining and metals, pharmaceutical, outsourcing, FMCG, sale of goods, shareholders' agreements and unfair market practices.

Wojciech holds a PhD in legal studies and is the author or co-author of many articles and books on international and trans-border arbitration and litigation. Until 2013 he was a researcher and then assistant professor at the Institute of Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Science, where he defended a PhD thesis on the res judicata principle in investment treaty arbitration.

Before founding Queritius, Wojciech was a Warsaw and London partner at a leading global law firm and had almost 20 years of working in top legal brands.

Since 2008, Wojciech has been constantly ranked as a leading dispute resolution practitioner by principal directories, including Chambers and Partners, Legal 500, Best Lawyers and Who's Who International Arbitration.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE ARBITRAL APPOINTMENTS

- President of an ICC arbitral tribunal in an M&A dispute between a Spanish, Dutch and French entities governed by Spanish law
- Sole arbitrator in a post-M&A ICC arbitration governed by Spanish law between a global energy company and two Spanish entities

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BAR ADMISSIONS

- Poland, Adwokat

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Chambers and Partners (Global/ Europe)
Dispute Resolution Poland (Arbitrator):
Band 4 - 2026
Band 3 - 2024
Band 4 – 2022-2023
Band 2: 2012 – 2019
Band3: 2009 – 2011
- Up & coming – 2008
Arbitration Poland:
Band 2: 2023-2024-2025 - 2026
Band 3: 2014, 2017 – 2019 and 2022
Litigation Poland:
Band 3: 2025 - 2026
- Legal 500 EMEA
Dispute Resolution – Poland:
Tier 1: 2014 - 2019
Tier 2 – 2010 and 2013
Tier 3 – 2009, 2011 and 2012
- Who's Who Legal (Lexology)
International Arbitration:
Global Leader 2015 – 2026
Thought Leader 2022-2026
- Best Lawyers
Arbitration - Poland: 2010-2019

- Party-appointed arbitrator in an ICC dispute arising from a contract for the development of a software system for a financial institution
- President of an ICC arbitral tribunal in a dispute between a German and Russian company concerning the international sale of goods
- Sole arbitrator under the SCC Arbitration Rules in a dispute between a Russian and a Polish party concerning the delivery of an aircraft
- President of the arbitral tribunal in a dispute between a shopping mall operator and a tenant
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an ICC dispute resulting from an M&A transaction in the automotive sector
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an ICC dispute between Spanish and CEE parties resulting from a construction contract
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an ICC dispute resulting from a supply contract in the automotive sector
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an ICC dispute resulting from an IT contract in the banking sector
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an FAI dispute resulting from a construction contract in the energy sector
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an arbitration before the Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration in a dispute resulting from a series of lease agreements
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an arbitration before the Polish Chamber of Commerce resulting from an M&A transaction in the FMCG sector
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an arbitration before the Polish Chamber of Commerce resulting from a construction contract
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an arbitration before the Polish Chamber of Commerce resulting from two spot contracts in the chemical industry
- Party-appointed arbitrator in a dispute between a distributor of vegetable oil and a supermarket chain related arising from the distribution agreement
- Party-appointed arbitrator in a post-M&A arbitration between a Cypriot company and Polish individuals related to price reduction on the ground of tax liability
- Party-appointed arbitrator in a dispute between a German and a Polish parties arising from a contract for the supply of a technological line
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an arbitration between two companies concerning repayment of a loan
- Party-appointed arbitrator in an arbitration before the Polish Chamber of Commerce resulting from an M&A transaction involving the sale of two wind projects to a global energy company

INVESTMENT TREATY ARBITRATION

- Counsel to a Central European state in the arbitration against Spanish investors, relating to revocation of a tax exemption
- Counsel to the Republic of Poland in the USD 16 billion arbitration against Eureko B.V., relating to the privatization of Poland's largest insurance company, PZU SA
- Counsel to a CEE country in a dispute against U.S. and Canadian investors relating to an investment related to the development of a seaport facility
- Counsel to a Central European state in the arbitration against two Luxembourg companies relating to supervisory measures applied by the regulator to a commercial bank
- Counsel to the Republic of Poland in the case David Minnotte and Robert Lewis vs. Republic of Poland (ICSID Case No. ARB(AF)/10/1), relating to an investment in the pharmaceutical sector
- Counsel to the Republic of Poland in the case Vincent J. Ryan, Schooner Capital LLC et al vs. Republic of Poland (ICSID Case No. ARB(AF)/11/3), relating to an investment in the vegetable fat industry
- Counsel to a Central European state in the arbitration against Dutch investors relating to a regulatory change in the entertainment sector
- Counsel to a EU investor in an arbitration against a CEE country related to regulatory changes in the renewable energy sector.
- Advisor to a multinational exploration company on treaty-related claims against a Central European state relating to an investment in the mining sector
- Advisor to an Asian engineering company on treaty-related claims against a Central American state relating to the non-compliance with an arbitral award
- Counsel to a Polish construction company in a dispute with a Southern European state related to the non-compliance with an arbitral award
- Counsel to a multinational engineering company on investment treaty aspects of their claim against a Latin American country
- Counsel to a European fund on investment treaty aspects of its claim against a Latin American country
- Counsel to Corona Materials LLC in the case Corona Materials LLC v. Dominican Republic (ICSID Case No. ARB(AF)/14/3), relating to an investment in the mining industry
- Counsel to Marion and Reinhard Unglaube in the dispute against Costa Rica (ICSID Case Nos. ARB/08/01 and ARB/09/20), relating to the expropriation of real property for environmental purposes

- Counsel to a Central European state in the arbitration against a Luxembourg company relating to an investment in a real estate development company

COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

- Counsel to a manufacturing company in an ICDR arbitration against a global FMCG company arising from a production agreement
- Counsel to a bank in an ad hoc arbitration arising from a stock-option plan agreement
- Counsel to an FMCG company in an M&A dispute concerning the acquisition of a distribution company
- Counsel to a venture capital fund in an ICC arbitration against former shareholders in a manufacturing company, in a dispute arising from an M&A transaction
- Counsel to a consortium of engineering companies in an SCC arbitration against a public utility company, in a dispute resulting from an EPC contract
- Counsel to a US provider of cargo scanning technology in an ICC arbitration against a Southern European state over non-performance of the concession agreement
- Counsel to a combined-cycle power plant operator in three arbitrations against the general contractor and the insurer of the combined value of EUR 200 million
- Counsel to an international organization in a commercial arbitration regarding early termination of a lease of real property
- Counsel to an FMCG producer in an ICC arbitration against a Luxembourg company, in a dispute arising under a joint venture agreement
- Counsel to an international telecom in a VIAC arbitration regarding the acquisition of shares in a major Polish telecom
- Counsel to a construction company in an ICC arbitration over the settlement of a consortium agreement related to a FIDIC-based contract for the construction of a water treatment plant
- Counsel to a seaport authority in an arbitration over a terminated tenancy agreement
- Counsel to an apparel company in an arbitration with a multinational shopping centre operator arising from a commercial lease agreement
- Counsel to an international motion picture distribution company in an arbitration with a cinema operator over license fees
- Counsel to a German construction company in an arbitration against a Polish road authority arising from a FIDIC-based contract for the construction of a motorway in Poland

- Counsel to a Baltic chain of discount retail stores in Lithuania and Latvia with regard to a dispute resulting from the repudiation of a franchising contract
- Counsel to an Israeli IT company in an arbitration resulting from a contract for IT services
- Counsel to a hard coal mining company in a dispute with a consortium of contractors regarding performance of a contract for construction of a hard coal processing plant
- Counsel to a construction company in an arbitration arising from a FIDIC-based contract for construction of a major shopping mall
- Counsel to a hotel operator in a dispute with a contractor concerning the refurbishment of a hotel
- Counsel to a Portuguese road construction company in an UNCITRAL arbitration against a Polish road authority related to a FIDIC-based contract for construction of a motorway in Southern Poland

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

- Counsel to a Polish engineering company in a dispute arising from the termination of a contract for the construction of an oil pipeline
- Counsel to Portuguese construction companies in a dispute arising from a FIDIC contract for the construction of a motorway in South-Eastern Poland
- Counsel to eight investment funds and private investors in a precedent dispute regarding the application of the investment funds law
- Counsel to a manufacturer of RFID inlets in a dispute relating to the annulment of a tender
- Counsel to an English company in a dispute with a Polish distributor under a framework license agreement
- Counsel to an international motion picture distribution company in a dispute against a public institution regarding the enforceability of a license agreement
- Acted for a spirits manufacturer in a dispute against its major competitor related to misleading packaging
- Counsel to a shopping mall operator in a dispute against a defaulting and insolvent lessee under a commercial lease contract
- Counsel to an Italian shareholder of a Polish construction company in a dispute against a State agency regarding the validity of a strategic resolution taken by shareholders of that company
- Counsel to Europe's largest inland waters operator in a series of disputes related to defamation in press articles
- Counsel to a major Polish bank in a debt collection case against a defaulting borrower and its shareholder

- Counsel to a Polish distributor of mechanical tools in a dispute with a U.S. manufacturer regarding unfair market practices
- Advisor to a Polish company in a dispute with an international bank resulting from an FX transaction
- Counsel to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs before the Polish Constitutional Court in a dispute related to the constitutionality of the U.S. – Poland extradition treaty
- Counsel to a Polish energy company in a set of litigations against the consortium of Bulgarian and US companies arising from a contract for services related to environmental studies
- Counsel to a Polish energy company in a set of litigations against the consortium of Bulgarian and US companies arising from a contract for services related to environmental studies
- Counsel to a Polish mining company in an arbitration against the consortium of a Polish and a Spanish company, related to the performance of a construction contract

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PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Club Español del Arbitraje, President of the Polish-Ukrainian Chapter
- Former President of the Court of Arbitration at the Polish National Bar Association

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Institute of Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, 2009
- LL.M., University of Gdansk, 2002

LANGUAGES

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