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Profession:

Independent Domestic and International Arbitrator

Recognition:

2025 — Chambers Global: Eminent Practitioner in International Arbitration

2025 — Chambers Latin America: Eminent Practitioner in International Arbitration

2025 — Chambers USA: Band 1 in International Arbitration

2024 — Lawyer of the Year in International Arbitration, Best Lawyers in America

2023 — Hall of Fame Lawyer, Legal 500

“Doak Bishop is held in high esteem for his expert handling of commercial and investment treaty arbitrations. He is particularly regarded for his prowess in disputes concerning the construction, energy, and oil and gas sectors as both advocate and arbitrator.” (Chambers Guide to the USA – International Arbitration)

“Doak Bishop is a legend. He boasts incredible knowledge of investment arbitration . . .”

“Doak is extremely experienced and he has a fabulous reputation. He is really at the top of the field.”

“He is preeminent.” (Chambers Global Guide)

Arbitration Experience:

Involved in arbitrations since joining the American Arbitration Association’s (AAA) arbitration panel in 1983. A member of 5 AAA / ICDR arbitration panels: Commercial, Large Complex Cases, Energy, International, and Construction.

A Member of the Technology Panel of the Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center (SVAMC).

Founded the International Arbitration Practice Group at King & Spalding in 2000. Retired from King & Spalding at the end of 2025.

Served as Chairman of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration (ITA), as a Director of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), a member of the Governing Board and Advisory Board of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), a member of the LCIA Court of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), and the Court of Arbitration of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).

More than 200 arbitrations as arbitrator and counsel in arbitrations administered by the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), SCC Arbitration Institute of Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), Vancouver International Arbitration Centre (VanIAC), Santiago Arbitration and Mediation Centre (CAM Santiago), Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), and ad hoc arbitrations held under the arbitral rules of the Center for Public Resources (CPR) and the UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

Experience by Industry:

Breach of contract disputes involving many industries

All types of domestic and international energy and oil & gas disputes (100 cases or more) (*e.g.*, leases, royalties, natural gas measurement issues, international concessions, production sharing agreements, farm-out agreements, joint operating agreements, JOA accounting procedures, gas supply agreements, take-or-pay issues, export permit issues, gas processing plants, pipelines, refineries, drilling contracts and drilling incidents)

LNG disputes (natural gas supply, price issues, diversion of LNG cargo issues, antitrust & competition law issues)

Renewable energy disputes (wind and solar energy disputes)

Foreign Investment Disputes (approximately 60 cases or more) involving foreign governments under investment treaties and contracts, including issues of expropriation, fair & equitable treatment, taxation, privatization agreements, concessions, political risk insurance, and others

Public utilities and infrastructure disputes (water concessions, highway construction and toll collection, transportation, electric and gas distribution issues, breach of Electric Interchange Agreement to take firm electrical transmission between utilities, communications towers, power purchase agreements)

Power plant and turbine and generator disputes (multiple cases involving turbine and generator malfunctions and various cases relating to power plants)

Technology disputes (numerous cases involving energy and oil & gas-related technology, as well as trade secrets, IP, data processing, software disputes, technical issues involving turbines and generators, high tech television technology, video technology agreement, high tech camera system, electromagnetic spectrum allocation issues, computer equipment distribution, telecommunications, technical construction and engineering issues)

Mining disputes (gold, silver, nickel, copper, coal mines involving royalty agreements, environmental issues, and investment treaty issues)

Environmental disputes (groundwater contamination issues, oil & gas, oil refineries, mining operations, gasoline service stations, indemnity agreements)

Construction disputes (power plants, offshore oil platforms, oil refineries, ship building, and athletic stadium)

M&A disputes (oil & gas company mergers, preferential rights disputes, health companies' merger, sales and acquisitions of companies in various industries, including data centers and data processing companies)

Shipbuilding disputes (Floating Production Storage & Offloading (FPSO) units, Floating Storage & Offloading (FSO) units, Oil Platform Service Ships, power barges)

Hotel and casino disputes in Europe, Asia and Latin America

Aviation disputes (plane crash case and expropriations of airlines)

Pharmaceutical disputes (early-stage clinical trials involving USA and European pharma companies)

Insurance disputes (insurance contract interpretation, reinsurance disputes, reinsurance alliance disputes, surety and performance bonds)

Financial institution disputes (major bank holding company, investment bank, lender liability, director liability, FDIC issues, technology, breach of contract)

A large variety of commercial disputes

Leadership Positions in Professional Associations:

Chairman, Institute of Transnational Arbitration (2012-2015)

Member of the Governing Board and Advisory Board, International Council of Commercial Arbitration (2018-24)

Member of Board and Advisory Board of Directors, American Arbitration Association (2010 –2013)

Member of the LCIA Court of the London Court of International Arbitration (2015 - 2018)

Member of the Court of Arbitration of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (2012 – 2015)

Adviser to the American Law Institute project to develop the U.S. Restatement of the Law of International Commercial and Investor-State Arbitration

Member, U.S. delegation to the NAFTA Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes (1998 - 2021)

Member of Board of Trustees of the Center for American and International Law (2003-2023)

Executive Council, American Society of International Law (2015 - 2018)

Chairman, International Advisory Committee of the ICDR/AAA (2012-2013)

Co-Chair, Energy Committee of the Institute of International Arbitration (France) (2007-2008)

Chairman, Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas (1998 - 1999)

Chairman, Rules of Evidence Committee of the State Bar of Texas (1990)

Member, Texas Civil Trial Law Exam Commission (1985 - 1989)

Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (Co-chair, Drafting Committee for the Model International Dispute Resolution Agreement, 2004; member, Drafting Committee for the Model International Joint Operating Agreement, 1995 & 2002 revisions)

Teaching as Adjunct Professor:

SMU Law School – International Commercial Arbitration (1999, 2025, 2026)

University of Texas Law School — Foreign Investment Disputes (2013)

University of Oklahoma Law School – Foreign Investment Disputes (2011, 2013)

University of Houston Law School - Foreign Investment Disputes (2002)

Select Publications:

BOOKS

Bishop, Crawford & Reisman, Foreign Investment Disputes: Cases, Materials & Commentary (Kluwers 2005), (Kluwers 2nd ed. 2014)

Bishop & Marchili, Annulment under the ICSID Convention (Oxford 2012)

Co-Editor, The Art of Advocacy in International Arbitration (Juris Publishing 2nd ed. 2010)

Co-Editor, The Guide to Energy Arbitrations (GAR 2020)

Co-author of two chapters, College of Commercial Arbitrators Guide to Best Practices in Commercial Arbitration (JurisNet 2006)

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS:

Book — Psychology of Decision-Making and Advocacy in Dispute Resolution

Book — Space & Satellite Industry Disputes

SELECT ARTICLES

International Arbitration of Petroleum Disputes: The Development of a *Lex Petrolea*, 23 Y.B. Com. Arb. 1131 (1998), also published as Discussion Paper DP 12 by the Centre for Energy, Petroleum & Mineral Law & Policy of the University of Dundee, Scotland

Practical Guidelines for Interviewing, Selecting and Challenging Party-Appointed Arbitrators in International Commercial Arbitration, 14 Arb. Int'l 395 (1998) (with Lucy Reed)

A Practical Guide for Drafting International Arbitration Clauses, 1 Int'l Energy L. & Tax'n Rev. 16 (2000)

Select Speaking Engagements

Keynote speaker, ICCA Congress (Rio de Janeiro 2010), *The Compelling Need for a Code of Ethics in International Arbitration: Transparency, Integrity and Legitimacy*

Keynote speaker, ITA (Dallas 2012), *The Quality of Arbitral Decision-Making and Justification*

Keynote speaker, GAR LIVE, (2022), *The Psychology of Persuasion in International Arbitration*

Keynote speaker, GAR LIVE (London 2021), *Will the Tens of Trillions of Dollars Needed for Future Energy Investments be Protected?*

Keynote speaker, Dutch Arbitration Association, Dutch Arbitration Day (2018), *The Science of Decision-Making in International Arbitration and the Challenge of Artificial Intelligence*

Keynote speaker, Danish Institute of Arbitration (2014), *In Defense of Bilateral Investment Treaties, Energy Disputes Conference*

Keynote speaker, British Institute of International & Comparative Law (London 2010), *The Development and*

Maturation of the International Arbitration System of Foreign Investment Disputes

Keynote Speaker, Miami International Arbitration Society (Miami 2025), *Interview: The History of Investment Arbitration Over the Past 25 Years*

Rapporteur, ICCA Congress (Singapore 2012), *The Role of the Regulator in International Arbitration: Ethics*

Speaker, ICCA Congress (Dublin 2008), *Comment: Remedies in Investment Arbitration*

Speaker, AI Legal Conference (New York 2025), *Think AI Can't Handle Complex Litigation? Think Again*

Speaker, New York Arbitrators' Club (NY 2025), *The Future of AI in Arbitration and Best Practices for Arbitrators*

Dozens of speeches on domestic and international arbitration throughout the United States, Europe and Latin America

Education:

B.A. degree with High Honors and Departmental Distinction from Southern Methodist University (SMU) (1973)

J.D. degree with Honors from the University of Texas Law School (1976)

Research Editor of the Texas Law Review

Professional Licenses:

Admitted to the Bar: State of Texas, and all federal courts in Texas; Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit Court of Appeals

Work History:

Partner, King & Spalding, Houston (2000 – 2025); International Partner, Baker McKenzie (1999-2000); Partner, Hughes & Luce, Dallas (1982-1999); Associate, Fulbright & Jaworski, Houston (1976-1978)

Citizenship:

United States of America

Languages:

English

Certification:

Certification in AI, Digital Innovation, and Technology Dispute Resolution (ABA International Law Section and NYU Law School TechCred certification)

