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Stephen L. Drymer heads Woods LLP's International Arbitration practice. A litigator and advocate by background and experience, he now works almost exclusively in domestic and international arbitration and dispute resolution. He acts as counsel, and serves as arbitrator and mediator, in commercial, investment treaty and sport cases, and he advises parties on a broad range of issues associated with the design, negotiation, drafting and implementation of dispute resolution agreements and strategies.

Educated and trained in both the civil law and the common law, Stephen has represented parties and served as party-appointed arbitrator or tribunal president in matters involving the laws of many jurisdictions, both in *ad hoc* proceedings and under the rules of many international arbitral institutions.

He has acted in commercial and investment cases in the manufacturing, infrastructure, construction, petrochemical, oil & gas, mining, energy (including renewables), environmental, financial services, securities, outsourcing, hospitality, sports & entertainment, transportation, aviation, IT, telecommunication, aerospace, health science, crop science, pharmaceutical and nutraceutical industries, among others.

Stephen is as well very active in the resolution of sport-related disputes in Canada and internationally, in particular in cases before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, the World Rugby Anti-Doping Judicial Panel, and the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC). In addition to extensive work as counsel, he has served as arbitrator and mediator in numerous cases involving a wide range of issues and sports.

Stephen also advises and represents clients, both government and non-governmental, in matters of public international law and dispute resolution, including in disputes involving maritime delimitation and transboundary resource management. He was a negotiator for Canada in the renewal of the Canada-U.S. Pacific Salmon Treaty and counsel to Canada in the mediation of disputes arising under that Treaty. He was counsel before an international tribunal constituted to determine the offshore boundary between the provinces of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador. He was an adviser to the Secretary General of the United Nations and mediator in a territorial and resource dispute between Gabon and Equatorial Guinea. And he was a neutral evaluator in an international dispute involving government and private parties in the Middle East.

Among the several professional associations of which he is an active member, Stephen is a former Chair of the Arbitration Committee of ICC Canada, the Canadian National Committee of the ICC.

STEPHEN L. DRYMER

NATIONALITY

Canadian

LANGUAGES

French, English, Spanish (working knowledge)

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND DEGREES

Since 1991	Member of the BAR OF QUÉBEC
1986-1990	MCGILL UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW B.C.L. (Civil Law), LL.B. (Common Law)
1983	CANADIAN SECURITIES INSTITUTE The Canadian Securities Course
1979-1983	YALE UNIVERSITY B.A. (Political Science)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since December 2012	WOODS LLP Partner, Head of International Arbitration
1991-2012	NORTON ROSE CANADA (OGILVY RENAULT LLP prior to 2010) Partner, Co-Chair of International Arbitration
1984-1986	NESBITT THOMSON DEACON (F.H. DEACON HODGSON prior to 1986) Investment Broker

INSTITUTIONAL PANELS AND ROSTERS

Roster of Arbitrators of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)
International Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR)
International Panel of Arbitrators of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators of the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC)
Member of the World Rugby Anti-Doping Judicial Panel

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Canadian Bar Association (CBA)

American Bar Association (ABA)

International Bar Association (IBA)

International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)

London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

ICC Canada

Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society (TCAS)

RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION

Named as one of the world's leading international lawyers by various Canadian and international publications, including

Global Arbitration Review

The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration

The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers

Who's Who Legal

Who's Who Legal: Mediation – List of the world's leading mediators

Chambers Global

EuroMoney Expert Guides - World's Leading Commercial Arbitration Attorneys

Practical Law Guide (PLC) - Which Lawyer?

LEXPERT/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading Lawyers in Canada

Best Lawyers

The 50 Best Lawyers in Canada