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PROFILE

Tim advises investors, sovereign states, multinational corporations, and high-net-worth individuals in relation to international arbitration and public international law disputes.

His experience includes representing clients in arbitrations under a wide range of arbitral rules, including ICSID, UNCITRAL, the ICC, LCIA, DIFC-LCIA, and before the Iran-US Claims Tribunal, with particular emphasis in investment treaty disputes. He has advised clients from all over the world in a variety of different sectors, including mining, energy, banking, hospitality, telecoms, aviation, and pharmaceuticals. He is known for his oral advocacy, conducting cross-examinations and oral submissions in both investment treaty and commercial arbitrations.

Tim is recognized as a rising star in many of the leading legal directories, including *Chambers and Partners*, *Legal 500*, and *Who's Who Legal*. He is described in *Chambers UK* as "extremely good," and "a very bright lawyer who can provide an accurate analysis of any complicated legal problem and develop the best possible legal arguments." *Legal 500* notes that "Timothy Smyth strongly impresses with his deep and precise analysis of the legal issues in every case, and his eloquent and effective advocacy."

EXPERIENCE

Tim's experience includes:

- Representing Colombia in a \$500 million claim brought by one of the world's largest mining companies under the Colombia-Switzerland BIT

PRACTICES ×

International Arbitration
Energy
Technology

EDUCATION ×

BPP Law School, Legal Practice Course (Distinction) and Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction)
Durham University, B.A., English Literature

ADMISSIONS ×

Bars

Solicitor of England & Wales

AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS ×

Associate to Watch, International Arbitration, *Chambers and Partners* (2025)

Future Leader, International Arbitration, *Who's Who Legal* (2024-2025)

Leading Associate, Public International Law, *Legal 500* (2021-2025)

One to Watch, International Arbitration and Energy and Natural Resources Law, *Best Lawyers* (2022-2025)

- Representing Peru in the successful defense of a \$150 million claim brought by a U.S. gold trader under the United States-Peru TPA
- Representing Turkey in claims of over \$1 billion by Singaporean and Dutch investors in relation to a natural gas distribution business
- Representing Costa Rica in the successful defense of a \$400 million investment treaty claim brought by a Canadian gold mining operator
- Representing Thailand in the defense of claims of over \$350 million brought by an Australian gold mining operator under the Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement
- Representing Bulgaria in defending claims of more than €1 billion in an Energy Charter Treaty arbitration in the electricity sector
- Representing Sweden in the defense of a \$1 billion claim brought under the Sweden-China BIT by a Chinese company in the telecoms sector
- Representing Bulgaria in the defense of a €80 million investment treaty claim by a Middle Eastern sovereign wealth fund
- Representing a Middle Eastern state on the successful defense of a \$500 million investment arbitration claim in the telecoms sector
- Representing Iran in a \$650 million High Court claim for enforcement of six judgments issued in the District Court of Columbia

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Saying Goodbye to the ECT, *New Law Journal* (2024)

Arbitration Contracts, *Jus Mundi WikiNotes* (2020)

What to Do When You Receive a Coronavirus-Related Force Majeure Notice, *Client Advisory* (2020)

Pride and Without Prejudice: Examining the Scope of Privileged Communications, *Lexology* (2016)

International Arbitration Africa Style, *Global Legal Post* (2014)

They Think It's All Over... The Rights Of Non-Participants In Arbitration Under English Law, *Mealey's International Arbitration Report* (2014)

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