

## Tomas Vail



### Practice Experience

Tomas Vail is an associate in the International Arbitration Group of White and Case LLP, based in London.

Tomas represents clients in arbitration proceedings in the UK and abroad, including under the auspices of the LCIA, ICC, SCC and UNCITRAL rules. He also represents both states and investors in investment treaty arbitration proceedings under the ICSID rules, applicable treaties and public international law.

Tomas has particular experience in the petroleum and extractives industry, advising on investment treaty structuring, production sharing agreements, tax stability provisions and cost recovery mechanisms. He regularly publishes and presents on issues relevant to international arbitration and is listed on the LCIA database of neutrals/arbitrators.

Tomas was educated at the Washington College of Law, where he obtained a Juris Doctor degree, and completed his undergraduate studies in political science at Macalester College. As part of his legal education, Tomas completed graduate studies in international arbitration at Université Paris X – Nanterre, as well as a clerkship at the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris.

Tomas is a member of the bar in New York and is a Solicitor of England and Wales. He is a native speaker of Russian and English and is fluent in French.

### Tomas' recent experience includes:

- Advising a group of oil majors in a series of UNCITRAL arbitrations with the Republic of Kazakhstan, and negotiating a highly complex settlement agreement in relation to the Karachaganak gas field.
- Advising an international oil company in two ICSID arbitrations against the Republic of Uganda arising out of a production sharing agreement (in parallel to domestic tax proceedings).
- Acting for shareholders in a joint-venture dispute in the Middle East under LCIA rules, including drafting a successful application to compel document production under the Arbitration Act 1996 and obtaining a final award for specific performance.

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### Bars and Courts

New York State Bar

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JD, Washington College of Law

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English

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