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Ahmed Abdel-Hakam is a Senior Associate in Eversheds Sutherland's International Arbitration and Public International Law practice. Ahmed is a Solicitor-Advocate (Civil and Criminal Higher Rights of Audience) before the Higher Courts of England & Wales and a French Avocat.

He represents clients in high-profile cross-border disputes with a multilingual element and legal and procedural issues across civil and common law jurisdictions. He advises on questions of English, French and international laws.

He has experience in international arbitration proceedings under the rules of all the major arbitral institutions, dealing with disputes covering a broad range of sectors, with a focus on mining and oil & gas. Ahmed regularly speaks at mining conferences around Africa (recent speaking engagements took place in: Sudan, Zambia, Angola and Liberia).

Ahmed advises investors on both potential claims under international investment law and investment structuring to access investment treaty protections. He also provides training to governments on investment treaty arbitration and is a contributor to Oxford University Press' online publication "Investment Claims".

In 2019, Ahmed has been selected as a Young Leader by the Franco-British Council. <https://francobritish.org/en/programmes/young-leaders/>



Ahmed's recent experience includes:

- Representing a North African State in defending an investment treaty claim brought by an investor pursuant to the Investment Agreement of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference.
- Advising a European contractor in an ICC arbitration relating to an EPC dispute in relation to a project involving the salvaging of a VLCC oil tanker in the Middle East.
- The Republic of South Sudan in ICSID proceedings brought by Sudapet Co. Ltd. concerning the disputed ownership of significant oil field interests (disputed amount exceeding US\$1 billion).*
- The Republic of South Sudan in its oil sector negotiations with foreign oil companies and related international law issues following its secession from the Republic of Sudan.*
- Advising Crescent Petroleum and Dana Gas in an LCIA dispute with the German energy company RWE.*
- United Capital Partners Group on parallel arbitration and multijurisdictional litigation proceedings relating to interests in VKontakte, Russia's largest social online networking service. The matter was settled in September 2014 following the US\$1.47 billion sale of a stake in VK.Com Limited to Mail.Ru Group Limited.*
- Orascom Telecom Holding SAE in a multi-billion dollar investment treaty arbitration against the government of Algeria in connection with Algeria's largest telecommunications operator.*

* Prior to joining Eversheds Sutherland