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Manthi Wickramasooriya is an international arbitration specialist with over a decade of experience acting as counsel and advocate in complex cross-border disputes, with a special focus on M&A disputes.

Manthi has represented clients in high value complex arbitrations, worth in excess of US\$1 billion, conducted under most of the major arbitral rules, including ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, SIAC and HKIAC and in jurisdictions such as Argentina, Dubai, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Rwanda and Ukraine. Having also practised in Hong Kong, Manthi has substantial experience in Asia-Pacific and cross-border China related disputes. Whilst he is now based in London, he continues to advise Asia-Pacific based clients on their disputes.

Manthi is published in international arbitration and public international law, most notably authoring a chapter on '*Restructuring Investments to Achieve Investment Treaty Protection*' in the Kluwer volume marking the 50th anniversary of ICSID and regularly speaks on disputes-related topics.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and was recognized as a Rising Star in International Arbitration by *Legal 500 UK*, 2024. He received his M.A. (Hons) in Law from the University of Cambridge, where he was a Commonwealth Trust Scholar.

NOTABLE REPRESENTATIONS

Acting for two private equity firms in an English law governed SIAC arbitration against a major global private equity firm arising out of the sale of a telecommunications tower business in Asia. Manthi was one of the lead advocates for the claimants. The sum in dispute is US\$ 700m.

Acting for a major global port operator in an ICC arbitration against a European sovereign relating to a port concession agreement in Cyprus, ending in a resounding victory for our client.

Acting for a Fortune 500 company in an English-law governed HKIAC arbitration arising from the failed sale of a multi-million dollar tech company to a Chinese asset management fund.

Acting for a large global carmaker in two arbitrations before the Dubai International Arbitration Centre and an arbitration before the Japanese Commercial Arbitration Association. Successfully defended emergency relief proceedings in all three venues and obtained a 85% costs award.

Acting for a Chinese VC fund in a HKIAC arbitration arising from the failed investment in a well-known cryptocurrency exchange.

Acting for the State Savings Bank of Ukraine, in its USD 2 billion landmark UNCITRAL treaty arbitration against the Russian Federation relating to the loss of its investments in Crimea resulting from the internationally condemned annexation of that territory.

Acting for the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, in its major USD 3 billion dispute pending before the English Courts against the Russian Federation.

Acting for a global oil and gas conglomerate in LCIA arbitration concerning a dispute over a major gas field in Argentina.

Acting for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in a USD2 billion ICSID arbitration brought by a Turkish power generator under the Pakistan-Turkey bilateral investment treaty.

Acting for a premier international investment bank in a USD90 million SIAC arbitration relating to allegations of mis-selling complex derivatives products.

EDUCATION

University of Cambridge, UK, Fitzwilliam College
(M.A. (Cantab), Law, *with Honors*, 2009)

The College of Law
(Legal Practice Course, *with Distinction*, 2010)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan UK LLP, London
Of Counsel, 2022-present
Senior Associate, 2020-2022

Allen & Overy LLP, Hong Kong
Senior Associate, 2018-2020

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan UK LLP, London
Associate & Senior Associate, 2014-2018

Allen & Overy LLP, London
Associate, 2012-2014

AWARDS

Recognized as a Rising Star in International Arbitration by Legal 500 UK, 2024.

PUBLICATIONS AND LECTURES

Panelist, *Key Principles of UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and Investor-State Arbitration*, Conference of the Commercial Law Development Program of the United States Commerce Department, November 2023.

Panelist, *The Exclusive Jurisdiction Clause v. The Arbitration Agreement: Winner Takes All?*, Colombo Arbitration Week 2023

Breach but no damage in ICSID arbitration (Urbaser v Argentina), LexisNexis, Feb. 2017

Restructuring Investments to Achieve Investment Treaty Protection, Building International Investment Law: The First 50 Years of ICSID, by S. Jagusch, A. Sinclair and M. Wickramasooriya, Dec. 2015

A Comparison of ICSID and UNCITRAL Arbitration for Investment Arbitration, Croatian Arbitration Yearbook, 20th vol., by Jeffrey Sullivan and M. Wickramasooriya, Dec. 2013

Case Note on PT Prima International Development v Kempinski, Mealey's International Arbitration Report, by Shobna Chandran and M. Wickramasooriya, Sept. 2012

ADMISSIONS

Solicitor of England and Wales (2012)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, International Bar Association (IBA)

Member, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

LANGUAGES

English

Sinhalese