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Hugh has more than 12 years of experience of dedicated arbitration counsel work representing clients before numerous tribunals in high-value and complex international and domestic arbitrations involving a range of industry sectors, including telecommunications, mining, engineering, sports and entertainment, insurance, logistics, IT, and real property, and under a variety of rules including the ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, ICDR, AAA, VanIAC, DIAC, and ADRIC.

Hugh also acts as counsel for athletes and sports organizations in sports-related disputes before the Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) and in other sports dispute resolution forums. He captained the Princeton University squash team in 2005.

In 2021, *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* named him one of ten "Most Highly Regarded" partners under 45 in the Americas. In 2022, he was named as one of Canada's leading lawyers under 40 by *Lexpert*. As a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), Hugh has acted as a sole arbitrator in arbitrations involving procurement and real property disputes, as well as the discipline chair and appeals officer for certain sports associations.

In addition to articles and book chapters on arbitration, Hugh co-authored the Guide to the PCA Arbitration Rules, published by Oxford University Press, and is an adjunct professor of two courses (international commercial arbitration and sports arbitration) at Osgoode Hall Law School. He also maintains an active pro bono practice and was recognized at the 2022 Canada Law Awards for spearheading the "Pro Bono Initiative of the Year" to assist in the evacuation of vulnerable Afghans.

Prior to joining BLG, Hugh practiced for five years in London and Dubai in the international arbitration group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP. He was previously assistant legal counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, where he was the McGill Law fellow and supported arbitral tribunals presiding over international investment arbitrations.

Experience

Sports Disputes

- Representing an athlete in SDRCC arbitral proceedings arising from an anti-doping rule violation under the Canada Anti-Doping Program.
- Representing an athlete in an anti-doping infraction, which was resolved before arbitration proceedings.
- Representing athletes in SDRCC proceedings over a request for a formal release.
- Advising a coach in the context of SDRCC proceedings regarding membership in the relevant provincial sports organization.
- Representing a group of athletes and a provincial sports organization in a dispute with a national sports organization.
- Acting as the discipline and appeals chair of Squash Canada.
- Listed counsel at the [Sports Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada](#) (SDRCC).

International Arbitrations

- Representing a Canadian contractor in an ICC arbitration regarding the termination of a large-scale expansion works FIDIC contract.
- Representing an international joint venture in a multi-million dollar ICC arbitration over the construction of a mine in Central America.
- Representing a consortium of Korean EPC contractors in an ICC arbitration seated in Toronto over the construction of a coal-fired power plant, resulting in a significant award.
- Representing Canadian and South American parties in the defence of an ICC claim arising from a series of guarantees.
- Representing an aerospace and telecommunications company in a dispute with an English satellite telecommunications company under the LCIA Rules.
- Representing a Canadian software developer in a programming dispute with an Eastern European/American vendor under the ICDR Arbitration Rules.
- Representing a telecommunications company in an investment dispute with a Middle Eastern government under the UNCITRAL Rules.
- Representing a consortium of Asian and African contractors in DIAC arbitration over the construction and finishing works of a major international airport in the Middle East.
- Representing a Turkish contractor in DIAC proceedings over the construction of a high-rise residential tower.
- Advising an international defence contractor in connection with a potential ICC dispute over a project in a Middle Eastern country.
- Representing an international engineering firm in a dispute with a supplier of turbine generator units for a project located in the Saudi Arabia.

Domestic ADR

- Representing a public energy utility in a \$200 million arbitration with a contractor over the design, supply, and installation of seven turbine & generator units in a remote hydroelectric project.
- Representing a hospital in a dispute with an architectural consultant in a dispute regarding delays and deficiencies in the supplied drawings and design documents.
- Representing a hospital in a dispute over a series of delay issues arising during the construction phase of an expansion project.
- Advising a government entity in mass transit procurement and delayed transit works disputes.
- Representing a hospital in an adjudication regarding a newly installed security system.
- Advising a hospital in a dispute over the interpretation of a complex infrastructure contract.

Arbitration-related Litigation

- Representing a Canadian company in the enforcement of a \$93 million ICC award arising in the mining and construction sector.
- Representing a consortium of companies in the recognition and enforcement of a \$40 million dollar ICC arbitral award in Ontario courts.
- Representing the Government of Mexico in the set aside of a partial award on jurisdiction issued by an arbitral tribunal pursuant to the ICSID Additional Facility Rules.
- Representing a Rusoro Mining Ltd in the successful recognition and enforcement of a \$1 billion ICSID (AF) arbitral award against Venezuela in Ontario and in subsequent execution efforts.
- Representing the leading Ukrainian enterprise for turbine jet engine overhaul and maintenance in enforcement proceedings of a foreign arbitral award.
- Representing an Austrian company in the enforcement of a \$1 million ICC award against a Canadian entity.
- Advising investors in the enforcement of a \$110 million award against a State in Canada.
- Representing a law firm in the appeal of a decision on an arbitration related to the production of documents.

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Legal 500 Canada* as a "Next generation partner" (**Construction**)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration*
 - "Hugh has an extensive amount of international experience."
 - "He is an experienced and driven arbitrator."
 - "He possesses deep knowledge of the Canadian arbitration market."
- Recognized in the 2023 and 2022 editions of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Commercial Arbitration)
- Recognized in the 2023 and 2022 editions of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (International Arbitration)
- "Pro Bono Initiative of the Year" at the *Canada Law Awards 2022* for a national program to assist vulnerable Afghans
- Recognized in 2022 as a Lexpert Rising Star: Leading Lawyer Under 40
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of Benchmark Litigation Canada as a "Future Star"
- Recognized in the 2022 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Canada* (Arbitration)
 - "Hugh Meighen enjoys a fantastic reputation in the market for his wide-ranging experience handling domestic and international arbitrations spanning a variety of sectors."
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* as on one of the top ten "Most Highly Regarded" partners in the Americas under 45 years old
- Recognized in the 2022 and 2021 editions of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*
- Recognized in the 2018-2021 editions of *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* – Future Leader
- Recognized in the 2019 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Construction* – Future Leader
- Recognized in 2017 by the Legal Media Group's Expert Guides series as a "Rising Star"

Insights & Events

- Speaker, Cross-Border Litigation, “Commencing Cross-Border Disputes”, Ontario Bar Association, May 2023.
- Author, "Neurodiversity in the workplace: Best practices for inclusion", BLG Article, December 2022
- Author, "Breaking the cycle of high-performer burnout with Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe", BLG Article, June 2022
- Speaker, Ethical Conduct in International Arbitration, Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society (TCAS), February 2022
- "Third Party Funding of Litigation in Canada," Third Party Funding Review, 1-6th eds., January 2022
- Autonomous vehicles in mining operations: Key legal considerations, BLG Perspective, August 2021
- Author, "GAR Construction Arbitration Know-How", BLG Article, July 2021
- Moderator, “Arbitration Update for Litigators,” Law Society of Ontario, May 25, 2021
- Author, "[What the internationalization of domestic arbitration means for lawyers,](#)" *Canadian Lawyer Magazine*, 2021.
- Speaker, “New Frontiers”, The Advocates’ Society Fall Forum, October, 23, 2020
- Author, "International Chamber of Commerce to update Rules of Arbitration in January 2021", BLG Article, October 2020
- Speaker, “Is the Future of Arbitration Made of Virtual Insanity?” Canada Arbitration Week, 24 September 2020
- Author, "Uber v. Heller: Supreme Court applies the law of unconscionability to arbitration agreements and identifies a new role for the Court", BLG Article, June 2020
- Co-Author, "Construction Arbitration Canada," *Global Arbitration Review*, June 2020.
- Charities and Not-for-Profit COVID-19 Update, BLG Video, May 2020
- Author, "Contractual risks amid the COVID-19 outbreak", BLG Article, March 2020
- Moderator, “Growth of Arbitral Institutions in Canada,” Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society, May 2019
- Speaker, "Legal Developments in Third Party Funding", Thompson Reuters, Toronto, November 2018
- Speaker, "Multiparty Proceedings in International Arbitration", Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (YCAP), Ottawa, November 2018
- Author, "[Québec Court Consolidates Canadian Law on Third Party Funding,](#)" *International Law Office*, 2018
- "Court Clarifies when International Arbitral Awards Become Binding" *International Law Office*, September 2018
- Author, "When is a cross-claim discoverable?", BLG Article, June 2018
- Interviewed, "[How a re-tooled NAFTA could hurt business investments of Canadian companies,](#)" *BNN Bloomberg*, May 2018
- "Investment Treaty Arbitration 2018: Canada," *Global Arbitration Review*, 2016-2018
- Speaker, “Projects under Pressure”, IBA Annual Conference, ICP Committee, 12 October 2017
- Moderator, "Innovation in Arbitration," YCAP Spring Symposium, June 2017
- Speaker, "Alternative Dispute Resolution in P3 Projects," Osgoode Hall Certificate, March 2017

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Adjunct Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School
 - Course 1: *International Dispute Resolution: Commercial Arbitration*
 - Course 2: *International Dispute Resolution: Sports Disputes and Arbitration*
- Arbitrator, Arbitration Place, NextGen Arbitrator
- Member, ICC Commission
- Canada Representative, ICC Task Force for "Addressing Issues of Corruption in International Arbitration"

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Executive Committee Member, Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge

Community Involvement

- Olympic Supporter, Canadian Olympic Committee
- Member, MAP Cabinet, St. Michael's Hospital
- Director, Canadian Constitutional Foundation
- Board member, TRM Family Foundation

Bar Admission & Education

- New York, 2011
- Ontario, 2010
- BCL/LLB, McGill University, dean's list, 2009
- BA, Princeton University, *cum laude*, 2005



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