

# Eversheds Sutherland Bolsters International Arbitration Practice With Three High-Profile Partners

Eversheds Sutherland is pleased to announce the arrival of three international arbitration partners to the firm's Litigation Practice Group. The high-profile team joins from Dentons and includes Meriam Nazih Al-Rashid in New York, and William O'Brien and John Lomas in Washington DC. Ms. Al-Rashid and Mr. O'Brien are already resident in their respective offices while Mr. Lomas will join Eversheds Sutherland in the next few weeks.

In addition to growing the practice in the United States, Eversheds Sutherland added seven partners in key arbitration markets around the world last year. The global arbitration practice covers all the leading global arbitration hubs, including New York, London, Paris, Singapore, Hong Kong, Zurich and the Middle East. With a solid presence in the US, the group will continue to grow in the Americas, and is looking to build in Latin America, as well as the US.

## About the Lawyers

Al-Rashid represents and advises clients on complex international disputes with a focus on public international law, including issues related to human rights, war crimes, genocide, and international investment arbitration, international commercial arbitration, foreign investor risk management, and arbitration legislative reform in various jurisdictions. Her practice covers a broad spectrum of industries, including mining, mineral resources, infrastructure, oil and gas, civil engineering, textiles,

hospitality, and real estate. Al-Rashid has served as counsel in disputes and transactions involving parties from around the globe, including Latin America, the Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia, and Europe. Her experience includes participation in arbitrations before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), International Court of Justice (ICJ), Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), as well as under the rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

O'Brien guides clients through complex and high-stakes international arbitrations, litigation, and dispute resolution, in which he serves as lead counsel before all major arbitral institutions and US courts. His work spans a wide variety of sectors, including aviation/aerospace and defense, construction, energy, government, manufacturing, and transportation. He focuses on high-profile, and often politically charged, cross-border matters, including enforcement of arbitration awards, treaty issues, foreign sovereign immunity, government contracts, and defense against fraud or corruption allegations.

Lomas helps his clients from across the globe achieve their strategic goals in complex and challenging transnational disputes before US trial and appellate courts and the major international arbitration institutions. He focuses his practice on commercial and business disputes, intellectual property, False Claims Act and fraud claims, and competition/antitrust issues. His work spans a variety of industries, including technology, health care, manufacturing, finance, transportation, and defense.