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## Professional Experience

2021–Present | **Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes** (Paris), Senior associate

2013–2021 | **Shearman and Sterling** (Paris), Associate in the International Arbitration practice

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## Arbitration Experience

Pierre Viguier has advised and represented States and companies in international *ad hoc* arbitrations, including under UNCITRAL Rules, and institutional arbitrations under the Rules of the ICC and ICSID, particularly in investment and general commercial disputes. His experience also includes sports-related disputes.

Pierre is or was part of the team advising and/or representing:

- The People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria in an investment treaty arbitration under UNCITRAL Rules brought by a car manufacturer. The claims are brought under a bilateral investment treaty and concern losses allegedly suffered due to measures adopted by the Algerian Government.
- The People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, Respondent in a UNCITRAL arbitration brought by Egyptian companies Qalaa Holdings S.A.E. and ASEC Cement S.A.E on the basis of the bilateral investment protection treaty between Algeria and Egypt. The dispute concerns alleged violations of the State’s obligations under the treaty in relation to two cement production projects in Algeria.
- A leading European energy company and its Asian subsidiary, Claimants in an ICC arbitration in Singapore against three Asian State-owned nuclear power companies. The arbitration concerned a shareholders’ dispute arising from the unilateral adoption by the Asian companies of accounting rules for the joint venture which would have had the effect of preventing our client from receiving its share of profits generated by the nuclear power plant throughout the assets’ technical life. The law of the Respondents’ State applied. The Tribunal found that that the accounting rules adopted by the Respondents were in

breach of the shareholders' agreement, issued relief to protect our clients' share of future profits, and ordered the Respondents to pay 75% of our clients' legal fees.

- The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Respondent in an ICSID arbitration initiated by Société des Parcs d'Alger and Emirates International Investment Company LLC (ICSID Case No. ARB/18/11). The dispute arose from a contract for the development of a USD 5 billion urban park project.
- The majority shareholders in the former Yukos Oil Company in proceedings initiated in France to seek the recognition and enforcement of the USD 50 billion awards rendered in the arbitrations brought by the shareholders against the Russian Federation concerning the expropriation of their investments in Yukos.
- The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Respondent in an ICSID arbitration initiated by Orascom TMT Investments S.à.r.l. (ICSID Case No. ARB/12/35). The dispute related to alleged breaches of the State's obligations under the bilateral investment treaty between Algeria and the Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union in relation to the operation of a mobile telephone company in Algeria. The USD 4 billion claim brought against our client was dismissed in its entirety.
- Five North African shareholders, Respondents in an ICC arbitration in Paris initiated by Middle Eastern investors. The dispute arose from a shareholders agreement. The law of the Respondents' State applied.
- The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Respondent in a UNCITRAL arbitration initiated by Global Telecom Holding SAE (formerly known as Orascom Telecom Holding) under the Algeria-Egypt bilateral investment treaty. The dispute concerned alleged breaches of the State's obligations under the treaty in relation to the operation of a mobile telephone company in Algeria. Over USD 16 billion was at stake.

#### **Pro bono**

- Representation of a young non-professional rugby player in disciplinary proceedings before the Appeal Committee of the French Rugby Federation (*Fédération Française de Rugby*).

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#### Education Background

- UEFA Academy, Football Law Programme, Certificate of Advanced Studies in football law (with distinction)
- Université Paris-Est Créteil (Paris XII), Diplôme d'Université in Sports law (with distinction)
- University of Geneva and Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Master of Advanced Studies (LL.M.) in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS)
- Université Paris-Sud (Paris XI), Master 2 Contract law
- Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Master 1 Private law

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#### Expertise

Investment and general commercial disputes

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#### Practice Location/ Jurisdiction

France, Paris

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#### Working Languages

- French (native)
- English (fluent)
- Italian (good working knowledge)

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#### Other Relevant Experience

- Ambassador, Sports Arbitration Moot (SAM)
- Member, International Law Association (ILA)
- Member, Comité Français de l'Arbitrage (CFA)
- Member, Association Suisse de Droit du Sport (ASDS)
- Member, Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage Below 40 (ASAb40)
- Member, Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Young ICCA)
- Research Assistant, New York Convention Guide Project ([www.newyorkconvention1958.org](http://www.newyorkconvention1958.org))
- Listed, pro bono counsel in the UEFA's disciplinary proceedings (2022–present), appointed by the UEFA administration