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Peter Sherwin is a partner in the Litigation Department, head of the International Arbitration Group, head of the Commercial Real Estate Litigation Group, and a member of the Latin America Practice.

Peter counsels clients in complex cross-border commercial disputes, often involving a joint venture, a licensing or distribution relationship, or an acquisition, most of which are resolved in international arbitration and the rest in federal and state courts in the United States. He has significant experience in the pharmaceutical, lodging, real estate, and sports industries and, when necessary, regularly takes cases through evidentiary hearings.

Peter also regularly serves as an arbitrator in proceedings before the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) and is the U.S. member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and the Chair of the ICC U.S.A. Arbitration Committee.

Chambers USA and *Chambers Global* rank Peter as one of the top International Arbitration lawyers nationwide, reporting that he "is an elegant and unflappable advocate in challenging situations—he is poised, composed and very articulate" and that he "is a strategist and has the ability to keep an eye on and control the ultimate outcome" and "is amazing at formulating cohesive and well-thought-out arguments."

Recent and notable matters include representation of:

- Bed Bath & Beyond in its claims for specific performance of 1-800-Flowers' obligation to purchase a business line for \$252 million notwithstanding the impact of Covid-19, successfully obtaining a closing at \$245 million.
- DXC Technology, the global information technology provider, in a proceeding to vacate the impermissible award of over \$80 million in consequential damages to its former client, Kemper.
- Nieuwburgh UK Limited, part of a multi-national manufacturing company, in an HKIAC arbitration in Hong Kong against the purchaser of three subsidiaries, for a declaration of damages regarding the treatment of intercompany obligations.
- The controlling member of Gansevoort Hotels in a AAA arbitration with the minority member regarding management and financial issues, obtaining a final award after evidentiary hearings accepting controlling member's position in full and granting all requested relief.
- Fairmont Hotels, part of the world's leading hotel operator AccorHotels, in an ICDR arbitration concerning an owner's ouster of Fairmont from the operation of two hotels in Acapulco, Mexico, obtaining a full victory finding the termination wrongful and unjustified and awarding all compensatory damages and costs sought.
- Salini Costruttori, the Italian infrastructure construction company, in long-running proceedings to enforce an ICC final award against the Kingdom of Morocco, with the D.C. district court granting Salini's petition in full and rejecting Morocco's argument that its own courts' refusal to enforce part of the award precluded enforcement in the U.S. under the New York Convention, 233 F. Supp. 3d 190.
- TTF Panama, an investment company, in an ICDR arbitration with its joint venture partner, Digicel, concerning the management and conduct of their mobile telecommunications business in Panama

- ABI Bank Ltd, a Caribbean bank, in an ICC arbitration in Miami brought by Andrade Gutierrez, one of the largest Brazilian construction companies, seeking over \$35 million in connection with an airport rehabilitation and long-term bond financing, taking the case through evidentiary hearings and obtaining a complete victory
- Zilip Pharma, a European biotech company, in an ICDR arbitration against Bayer HealthCare concerning its development of Zilip's technology for a longer-acting hemophilia treatment, taking the case through extensive evidentiary hearings
- Colgate-Palmolive in a series of ICC arbitrations in Geneva with its Tunisian distributor and local manufacturer arising out of the termination of their business relationship, taking the cases through evidentiary hearings and obtaining complete victories in all proceedings
- sanofi-aventis in a Swiss Rules arbitration in Zurich under Swiss law with U.S. pharmaceutical company Watson concerning the expiration of distribution and supply rights to a major drug that generates hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue annually, taking the case through evidentiary hearings and prevailing on nine out of ten claims
- Alexander Ovechkin, the hockey superstar, in the attempt of his prior team, Moscow Dynamo, to bar him from playing for the Washington Capitals, obtaining a complete victory, 412 F.Supp.2d 24
- Norex Petroleum, a Cypriot-Canadian company, in its RICO suit against TNK-BP and others concerning the ownership of Yugraneft, obtaining reversal of the dismissal for *forum non conveniens*, 416 F.2d 146
- Jeffrey Loria, the principal owner of the Montreal Expos, in an ICDR arbitration and companion RICO suit brought by his Canadian limited partners, concerning his management of the partnership, the lack of a new stadium in Montreal, and his sale of the Expos and purchase of the Florida Marlins, obtaining a complete victory after lengthy evidentiary hearings
- J.P. Morgan, as institutional trustee, in litigation brought by Brazilian beneficiaries of a trust, favorably developing applicable New York law, 199 F.Supp.2d 189

Recent and representative matters as arbitrator include the following:

- Co-arbitrator in an UNCITRAL arbitration regarding the provision of transportation services in Africa
- Co-arbitrator in an ICC arbitration in New York under New York law regarding the termination of a hotel management agreement for a luxury hotel in Central America
- Co-arbitrator in an international arbitration in New York under Connecticut law regarding the termination of a partner in an international investment bank
- Sole arbitrator in an international arbitration in Washington D.C. between a U.S. distributor and U.S. and Hong Kong importers and manufacturers regarding claims for wrongful termination of an exclusive distribution agreement and counterclaims for breach of contract
- Chair of the arbitral tribunal in an international arbitration in London under English law between an English mining company and a Greek mine owner regarding claims for failure to deliver metal concentrates
- Sole arbitrator in an international arbitration in Toronto under British Columbia law between a Canadian attorney and his Italian and Egyptian former clients regarding claims for failure to pay a contingency fee
- Sole arbitrator in an international arbitration in Brussels under Zambian law between a Zambian mine services provider and a Zambian mine operator and owner regarding claims for wrongful repudiation of contract, failure to pay, and tortious conduct
- Chair of the arbitral tribunal in an international arbitration in New York under New York law between an Irish parts manufacturer and a Taiwanese contractor regarding claims for failure to pay and misappropriation of intellectual property
- Sole arbitrator in an international arbitration in Paris under Portuguese law between an English publisher and a Portuguese business regarding claims for failure to pay for advertising

Practices

International Arbitration, Real Estate Litigation, Trial Strategies, Latin America, Real Estate, Ownership and Operational Issues

Industries

Hospitality, Gaming & Leisure, Asset Management , Private Equity, Real Estate, Private Equity Real Estate

Education

Columbia Law School, J.D., 1992

Articles Editor, *Journal of Transnational Law*

Washington & Lee University, B.S. and B.A., 1989

magna cum laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions & Qualifications

New York

Clerkships

U.S. District Court, Ohio, Northern District - Hon. Ann Aldrich

Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court, New York, Southern District

U.S. District Court, New York, Eastern District

U.S. District Court, New York, Northern District

Memberships

International Chamber of Commerce (Chair, ICC U.S.A. Arbitration Committee; member, Commission on Arbitration and ADR)

United States Council for International Business (Board of Directors; Chair, Arbitration Committee)

New York International Arbitration Center (Vice-Chair)

International Arbitration Club of New York (founding member)

London Court of International Arbitration

International Council for Commercial Arbitration

International Bar Association (Business Section, International Arbitration)

Citizens Union in the City of New York (former Chair, Board of Directors)

New York City Bar (former member, Executive Committee)

New York State Bar (former member, Executive Committee)

[Awards & Recognition](#)

Citizens Union: Excelsior Award

Chambers USA: Nationwide: International Arbitration 2009-2021

Chambers USA: Nationwide: International Arbitration: Enforcement: Spotlight Table 2021

Chambers USA: Nationwide: International Arbitration: Counsel 2021

Chambers Global: USA: International Arbitration 2012-2021

New York Super Lawyers 2007-2020

The Legal 500 Paris: International Arbitration 2008-2021

Best Lawyers in America 2019-2022

Best Lawyers in France 2020-2022

[Government Service](#)

Mayor Bloomberg's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary

[Languages](#)

English, French