



Elijah Putilin, FCI Arb is an independent arbitrator and counsel at Putilin Dispute Management (PDM), clients and peers describe him as being “highly able, keen and very efficient”, “a star in the making”.

They praise Mr Putilin for his “extensive specialist knowledge of oil and gas as well as investment treaty disputes” and ability “to present even the most complex concepts in a simple and understandable manner, which tribunals appreciate”.

Mr Putilin regularly sits as a Sole-Arbitrator, Presiding Arbitrator, or co-arbitrator in cases administered by DIFC-LCIA, TRAC, RAC, ICAC (Kyrgyzstan) and ICAC (Uzbekistan)

involving the application of civil, common, and international law.

Mr Putilin has also represented and advised clients in over a hundred disputes before SCAI, SCC, LCIA, ICC, ICDR and ICAC (Russia) tribunals, foreign and domestic courts of all levels, international trade tribunals and sporting bodies. His expertise spans over variety of industries, including oil & gas, banking & finance, construction, and agriculture.

In addition to arbitrator and counsel work, Mr. Putilin lectures on international commercial and investment arbitration at the Tashkent State University of Law and is an Adjunct Professor of international dispute resolution and business law at leading universities in Central and South-East Asia

Mr Putilin is a member of the SCC Arbitrators’ Council, a member of the Supervisory Board of the IAC (Kyrgyzstan) and immediate-past member of the TIAC’s Court of Arbitration. Mr Putilin has been ranked as Future Leader in WWL Arbitration in 2022 and 2023.

General Commercial

- Development of the case strategy and pursuing a claim for a Chinese SOE-Contractor in an arbitration under the FIDIC-based contract pursuant to the SCC Rules. The matter involved a complex delay and quantum analysis and a comprehensive comparative study of Russian, Chinese and Swedish law. The amount in dispute exceeded USD100 mln.;
- Advising one of the largest Russian manufacturers of steel pipes on substantive and procedural issues arising in an arbitration pursuant to the ICAC (Russia) Rules against Uzbek oil & gas producers; developing an enforcement strategy. The amount in dispute is circa USD75 mln.;
- Advising Uzbek contractor on a potential arbitration pursuant to the Swiss Rules against a Chinese manufacturer of heavy machinery equipment;
- Representing a consortium of Central Asian vineyards in an arbitration under the CISG-governed contract pursuant to the Swiss Rules;
- Advising Uzbek commodity-trader on potential court proceedings against Turkmen SOE;

- Advising one of the largest Uzbek agroholdings on dispute resolution mechanisms under the investment agreement with a Chinese investor;
- Successful enforcement of the ICDR award in favour of the US chemicals manufacturer, overcoming non-notification and ultra vires defences raised;
- Advising a leading Swiss pharmaceutical company on potential arbitration against its Russian distributor in an arbitration under the ICAC (Russia) Rules;

Intellectual property

- Successful defence of a Chinese cell phone manufacturer in the first ever SEP (standard essential patent) infringement and patent annulment proceedings in Russia, resulting in the stay of the proceedings pending determination of a RAND rate by the US court; alignment of the case strategy with the ICC arbitration in relation to the same issues;
- Successful challenge of the Russian Union of Rightholders (RUR) decision to impose arbitrarily inflated copyright levy on Panasonic: the then the only claim against the RUR granted a leave to be appealed to the RF Supreme Court;

Competition

- Securing an unprecedented decrease of an anti-dumping duty imposed by the Eurasian Economic Commission on a Chinese steel manufacturer in one of the first anti-dumping cases heard by the Court of the Eurasian Economic Community;
- Achieving an amicable settlement and a 10-times decrease of a fine imposed by the Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS) on a leading shipping company in relation to the alleged concerted actions taken;
- Coordinating in-house medical and legal teams and defending interests of an Israeli pharmaceutical company in a dispute against the FAS and judicial review proceedings in relation to the determination on the interchangeability of drugs manufactured;

Compliance

- Advising a Russian pharmaceutical company in an FCPA investigation triggered by allegations of bribes committed by its CEO, a former MP;
- Advising MasterCard on compliance with the US sanctions imposed on certain Russian banks;
- Leading an internal investigation into the operations of a Russian subsidiary of one of the largest UK banks triggered by allegations of fraud;
- Leading an internal investigation into the operations of a Russian subsidiary of the Swiss heavy equipment manufacturer triggered by allegations of mismanagement, misappropriation of companies' funds and violation of AML and anti-bribery legislation;
- Leading an internal investigation into the operations of a Russian subsidiary of one of the largest

German insurance companies triggered by allegations of corruption, mismanagement and misappropriation of companies' funds, reporting directly to the board of the parent company and implementing the compliance policies.

Acting as an expert consultant

Mr Putilin often acts as a consultant on matters pertaining to public international law, ADR, construction, and securities regulations. His experience includes:

- being the sole contributor on Uzbekistan to the UNCITRAL and Shearman & Sterling's Guide to the New York Convention 1958;
- invited expert on the law of obligations responsible for the revision of Uzbekistan Civil Code;
- drafting amendments to the Malaysian Arbitration Act 2005, Mediation Act 2012, Sports Development Act 1997 and Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012;
- advice to the Government of Malaysia on the ratification of the Singapore Mediation Convention, amendments to the ICSID Arbitration Rules and the application of International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1992;
- advice to Uzbek Chamber of Commerce on the revision of the arbitration act;
- member of the Sounding Board, the Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration (BHR arbitration);
- advice to a leading Russian telecom group on securities and IP law in relation to proceedings before the Isle of Man courts;
- advice to a consortium of German investors on secondary liability regime under the RF insolvency law in relation to an arbitration under the MCCI Rules and;
- advice to one of the largest UK banks on subordinate loans regulations in relation to the LCIA arbitration.

Arbitral appointments

Mr. Putilin regularly sists as the Sole Arbitrator, Presiding Arbitrator or co-arbitrator in ad hoc and institutional arbitral proceedings conducted according to civil, common, or international law. His recent appointments include:

- Co-Arbitrator in an arbitration conducted according to DIFC-LCIA Rules between two African financial institutions arising out of the facility agreement. Seat: DIFC, Applicable law(s): the law of England and Wales. Amount in dispute: >EUR120 mln;
- Presiding Arbitration in an arbitration conducted according to ICAC (Uzbekistan) Rules between a Kyrgyz seller and an Uzbek buyer of LPG. Sea: Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Applicable law: TBD. Amount in dispute: circa USD1 mln;

- Sole Arbitrator in an arbitration conducted according to TRAC Rules between an Iranian company and Indian company arising out of the sale and purchase agreement in relation to rubber. Seat: Tehran, Iran. Applicable law(s): the laws of Iran and India. Amount in dispute: circa EUR300k;
- Co-Arbitrator in an arbitration conducted according to ICAC (Kyrgyzstan) Rules between a Kyrgyz bank with foreign investments, Kyrgyz company and individuals arising out of the facility agreement, mortgage and guarantee agreements. Seat: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Applicable law(s): Kyrgyz law. Amount in dispute: >USD1 mln;
- Sole Arbitrator in arbitration conducted according to ICAC (Uzbekistan) Rules between Uzbek and Russian companies. Seat: Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Amount in dispute: circa EUR132k;
- Co-Arbitrator in an arbitration conducted according to ICAC (Uzbekistan) Rules between Bulgarian and Uzbek companies. Seat: Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Applicable law(s): TDB. Amount in dispute: circa USD330k;
- Sole Arbitrator in arbitration conducted according to RAC Rules between a Russian seller and an Italian buyer arising out of the supply agreement in relation to construction materials. Seat: Moscow, Russia;
- Presiding Arbitrator in an arbitration conducted according to ICAC (Uzbekistan) Rules between an Uzbek buyer and a German seller of crops. Seat: Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Amount in dispute: circa USD77k;
- Sole Arbitrator in arbitration conducted according to ICAC (Uzbekistan) Rules between a Hungarian seller and an Uzbek buyer of livestock. Seat: Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Applicable law: CISG. Amount in dispute: EUR110k.
- Co-Arbitrator in an arbitration conducted according to ICAC (Uzbekistan) Rules between an Uzbek transportation company and a Singaporean contractor. Seat: Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Applicable law(s): Uzbek law.
- Sole Arbitrator in an arbitration conducted according to ICAC (Uzbekistan) Rules between an Indian company and an Uzbek company arising out of the sale and purchase agreement in relation to pharmaceutical products and medical equipment. Seat: Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Applicable law(s): Indian law. Amount in dispute: circa USD45k;
- Co-Arbitrator in an arbitration conducted according to IAC (Kyrgyzstan) Rules arising out of a joint venture agreement in relation to the construction project between two Kyrgyz companies. Seat: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Applicable law(s): Kyrgyz Law;
- Co-Arbitrator in an arbitration conducted according to ICAC (Kyrgyzstan) Rules between Kyrgyz and Kazakh companies arising out of the sale and purchase agreement in relation to heavy machinery equipment. Seat: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Applicable law(s): Kyrgyz law.

Academic

Mr Putilin received his LLB and LLM (*cum laude*) from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO). Mr Putilin also studied Graduate Diploma in Law at the City, University of London Law School and is currently pursuing PhD at the Tashkent State University of Law.

Mr Putilin was one of the youngest practitioners worldwide to be admitted as a full member (fellow) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and to complete the Oxford Diploma Course. Mr Putilin divides his time between his practice, lecturing and publishing. He is a frequent speaker at international conferences across the globe. The highlights of Mr Putilin's academic profile include:

Faculty appointments and visiting lectureships

- lecturer, Conflict of Laws, International Commercial Law, International Commercial Arbitration and International Investment Law, Tashkent State University of Law;
- Adjunct Professor, Introduction to Business and Corporate Law, British Management University in Tashkent;
- visiting lecturer, '*How "International" and "Commercial" International Commercial Arbitration Truly Is*', Tashkent State University of Law;
- visiting faculty, '*Law, Practice and Procedure of International Commercial Arbitration*', American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan;
- visiting faculty, '*The Essentials of International Investment Law & Arbitration*', KAZGUU University, Kazakhstan;
- visiting lecturer, '*International Commercial Arbitration: Modern Trends*', Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT), Uzbekistan;
- visiting lecturer, '*International Commercial Arbitration: The Flavours of Asia*', University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan;
- visiting lecturer, '*Arbitration in Asia: Practical Considerations*'; '*Introduction to International Investment Law: Vietnamese International Investment Regime*', '*Provisional Measures in Investment Arbitration*', Foreign Trade University, Vietnam;
- visiting lecturer, '*Introduction to Mediation*', Taylor's University, Malaysia;
- visiting lecturer, '*The Art of Resolving Construction Disputes*', SEGi University, Malaysia.

Publications: Books & Book Chapters

- co-editor with C. Baltag, K. Gore and K. Duggal, '*International Investment Law & Investment Dispute Settlement in Central Asia: Emerging Issues*', (Kluwer Law International, 2023);
- author, '*Private International Law in Uzbekistan*', (Hart, forthcoming 2024);
- author, '*AIAC Arbitration Rules: A Commentary*', (Kluwer Law International, forthcoming, 2023);

- author, ‘A Guide to Malaysian Investment Treaties’, (Sweet & Maxwell Asia) (forthcoming, 2023);
- author, ‘2119: An Arbitral Odyssey or Proliferation of International Arbitration of Space-Related Disputes’ in ‘A Brand New World: The Evolution and Future of Arbitration’, CIARB, (2020);
- contributor, S. Rajoo, WSW Davidson, ‘The Arbitration Act 2005: the UNCITRAL Model Law as applied in Malaysia’, (Sweet & Maxwell Asia) (2018);
- co-author, Chapter on Russia in ‘International Agency and Distribution Law’, 2nd ed, D. Campbell, (2013).

Publications: Selected Articles and Blog Posts

- author, ‘Arbitration in Uzbekistan’, Legal500, (2022);
- author, ‘International Commercial Arbitration in Uzbekistan’, GTDT, (2022-2023);
- author, ‘Investment Treaty Arbitration: Uzbekistan’, GTDT, (2022-2023);
- author, ‘A Golden Age of International Commercial Arbitration in Central Asia: Quo Vadis Kyrgyzstan?’, ICAC Kyrgyzstan, (2021);
- author, ‘Resolving Potential Disputes Between Belorussian and Central-Asian Companies Through Arbitration’, Chamber of Arbitrators, (2021);
- co-author, ‘Immunities and Privileges in Practice: A Tale of How to (Not) Apply Them in Practice’, Czech Yearbook of International Law, (2020);
- co-author, ‘Bishkek Arbitration Days: Dispute Resolution in Times of Pandemic’, Arbitration.ru, No. 6(20), (2020);
- author, ‘Security of Payment Legislation: An Answer to Resolving Construction Disputes in Times of Pandemic?’, Arbitration.ru, No. 4(19), (2020);
- author, ‘Book Review: Arbitration in Malaysia by Thaya Baskaran’, Malaysian Arbitration Forum, (2020);
- author, ‘Construction Industry Payment & Adjudication Act: A Call for Amendments?’, Malaysian Arbitration Forum, (2020);
- author, ‘Third Party Funding in Malaysia’, Malaysian Arbitration Forum, (2020);
- author, ‘AIAC Arbitration Rules: A Commentary – Parts I & II’, Malaysian Arbitration Forum, (2020);
- author, ‘Strike the Iron While Its Hot: SG HC Refused to Extend the Set Aside Period in Case of Fraud’, Malaysian Arbitration Forum, (2020);
- author, ‘1MDB Saga Continues before English Courts’, Malaysian Arbitration Forum, (2019);
- author, ‘The Great Equaliser or Reflections on the Use of Mediation in Investor-State Dispute Settlement’, Asian Pacific Mediation Journal, Vol. 1, No. 2 (2019);
- co-author, ‘CPTPP and the Tale of Two Tigers: How May the Ratification of the CPTPP Affect Malaysia’s International Investment Regime?’, Transnational Dispute Management, Special Issue on the CPTPP (2019);

- author, *'On the Notion of Economic Regionalism in International Law'*, Moscow Journal of International Law, No. 4 (2015);
- author, *'Dispute Resolution in Russia'*, Faces of Dispute Resolution 2012, Financier Worldwide, (2012).

Professional affiliations

- TIAC, Immediate Past Member of the Arbitration Court;
- R.E.A.L., Ambassador;
- CIARb, Fellow;
- AIAC, Empanelled Arbitrator and Accredited Tutor;
- GIAC, Empanelled Arbitrator;
- WIPO, Empanelled Arbitrator;
- Lewiatan Court of Arbitration, Empanelled Arbitrator;
- Arbitration Court under the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic, Empanelled Arbitrator;
- TRAC, Empanelled Arbitrator;
- BAIAC, Empanelled Arbitrator;
- Chamber of Arbitrators (Belorussia); Empanelled Arbitrator;
- IAC (Kyrgyzstan), Empanelled Arbitrator and Member of the Supervisory Board;
- THAC, Panel Member and Director of THAC Academy.

Languages

- English (Full / Bi-Lingual Proficiency);
- Russian (Native);
- German (Reading).

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