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Abdallah Salam is Of Counsel in the New York office of Gibson Dunn. He is a member of the Litigation and International Arbitration Practice Groups.

His practice encompasses international commercial and investment arbitration, complex commercial litigation, and cross-border government investigations. He represents corporations, sovereign States, and private individuals in international arbitrations seated in various jurisdictions and governed by various arbitral rules and substantive laws. He also represents clients in proceedings before U.S. courts, as well as before regulators and law enforcement agencies. He has been recognized as a Future Leader in International Arbitration by the Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal).

Alongside his disputes practice, he advises multinational corporations on a range of cross-border regulatory and compliance matters, including economic sanctions, anti-corruption laws, and foreign investment review regimes, as well as related enforcement actions.

He also advises sovereign States on public international law—including the negotiation and drafting of bilateral and multilateral trade and investment treaties—and on regulatory reform, including the design of special economic zones, foreign investment regimes, financial regulation, and tax systems.

Before joining private practice, he served as a Lecturer at Oxford University in the Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) program. He has also worked at the U.N. Office of Legal Counsel, the World Bank, Human Rights Watch, and Google.

He holds a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University (*magna cum laude* and Harvard College Scholar), M.A. in Philosophy from Oxford University (First Class Honors on thesis), Ph.D. in Legal Philosophy from Oxford University (Excellent on Viva Assessment; dissertation on conflicts of rights in writings by International Law thinkers), and a dual J.D./LL.M. respectively from Columbia University and Sciences Po, Paris (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and Parker Award recipient).

Dr. Salam is legally trained in the common law and civil law traditions and fluent in English, French and Arabic. He is licensed to practice in New York and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States Court of International Trade.



Capabilities

International Arbitration
Geopolitical Strategy and International Law
International Trade Advisory and Enforcement
Judgment and Arbitral Award Enforcement
Sanctions and Export Enforcement
Transnational Litigation
White Collar Defense and Investigations

Credentials

Education

Institut d'Études Politiques (Sciences Po) - 2017 Master of Laws (LL.M.)
Columbia University - 2017 Juris Doctor
University of Oxford - 2014 Doctor of Philosophy
University of Oxford - 2011 Master of Arts
Harvard University - 2008 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

New York Bar