

## James P. Duffy IV

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J.P. Duffy is a globally recognized arbitration practitioner who has been acknowledged as one of the 10 “Most Highly Regarded” international arbitration partners in the Americas by Global Arbitration Review’s WWL.

J.P. manages all aspects of the international arbitration process, from strategic clause drafting, to lead merits and hearing counsel, through award enforcement and recovery, and represents clients across a range of industries in international arbitrations conducted under all major arbitral rules, including those of the ICC, AAA/ICDR, LCIA, HKIAC, SIAC, DIAC, JAMS, ICSID and UNCITRAL in the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

He has extensive emerging market dispute resolution experience and, prior to joining Bracewell, practiced as a foreign legal consultant in the Dubai office of an international law firm. His international arbitration practice has a strong geographic focus on the MENA region, the Indian sub-continent, Sub-Saharan Africa and East Asia, with a focus on the life sciences, defense, energy, technology, and franchising sectors. In addition to his counsel work, J.P. is regularly appointed as an arbitrator in commercial disputes, and is listed on the arbitrator rosters of prominent arbitral institutions around the globe, including specialized panels such as the AAA-ICDR Life Sciences Arbitrator panel. J.P. also handles arbitration-related litigation around the globe, such as judicial interim relief applications, and multijurisdictional award enforcement and recovery proceedings, and is qualified in New York, England & Wales and the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts.

Before entering private practice, J.P. served as a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas C. Platt in the Eastern District of New York.

### Industries

[Energy](#)

[Finance](#)

[Healthcare](#)

[Infrastructure](#)

[Technology](#)

### Practices

[International Arbitration](#)

[Litigation](#)

## Experience

### Austrian manufacturing company

- Represented an Austrian manufacturing company as claimant in an ICSID arbitration against Bosnia and Herzegovina\*

### US mining company

- Represented a US mining company as claimant in an ICSID arbitration against the Dominican Republic under the DR-CAFTA\*

### US power company

- Represented a US power company as claimant in an ICSID arbitration against Argentina\*

### US life sciences company

- Represented US life sciences company as claimant in an ICC arbitration (emergency and merits) seated in Paris against a French respondent\*

### Belgian life sciences company

- Represented a Belgian life sciences company as respondent in an ICDR arbitration seated in New York brought by a Canadian claimant\*

*\*Work completed prior to Bracewell*

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## Credentials

### Education

- St. John's University School of Law, J.D., 2001, *cum laude*
- Colgate University, B.A., 1998

### Bar Admissions

- New York
- Dubai International Financial Centre Courts (Part II Practitioner)
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

### Affiliations

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Fellow (FCIArb)
- ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, US Delegate, 2013 – 2018
- Co-Chair, ICC U.S. Life Sciences Task Force
- ICC Institute of World Business Law, Member

- New York International Arbitration Center, Board Member, 2013 – 2016
- Institute for Transnational Arbitration, Advisory Board Member, 2014 – 2016
- International Arbitration Club of New York, Member, 2012
- New York State Bar Association, International Section
- American Bar Association, International Law & Practice Section
- Casting for Recovery, Board Chair, 2011 – 2027

## Languages

- French
- Spanish

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## Recognition

### ***Chambers USA***

- Nationwide: International Arbitration: Counsel, 2025

### **BL Rankings**

- *Best Lawyers*, International Arbitration – Commercial, 2021 – 2025
- *Best Lawyers*, International Arbitration – Governmental, 2021 – 2025

### **Global Arbitration Review and Lexology Index**

- *Who's Who Legal*, Arbitration, Global Leader, 2023 – 2025
- *Who's Who Legal*, Arbitration, Future Leader, 2018 – 2022 ("Most Highly Regarded – The Americas," 2021)

### ***Latin Lawyer 250***

- Highly Recommended, Arbitration, 2022-25

### **The Burton Awards**

- The Burton Award for Excellence in Legal Writing, 2012, 2024

### **US District Court for the Eastern District of New York**

- Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Thomas C. Platt

### **St. John's University School of Law**

- *ABI Law Review*

## Publications & Speeches

- “The Case of the Disappearing Arbitral Forum: The Baker/Dynamic Decision and What It Means for Parties That Have Designated the DIFC-LCIA as the Arbitral Administrator,” *Dispute Resolution Journal*, American Arbitration Association, Vol. 78, No. 5, January-February 2025.
- “Expert Determinations Under New York Law — an Underutilized Tool,” *New York Law Journal*, August 5, 2024.
- “Privilege and Common Sense in International Arbitration,” *New York Law Journal*, November 20, 2023.
- “The Rise of Emergency Arbitration in Life Sciences Disputes,” *Dispute Resolution Journal*, American Arbitration Association, Vol. 76, No. 2, September 26, 2022.
- “The Benefits of Cost Shifting and the English Rule in International Arbitration,” *New York Law Journal*, August 5, 2022.
- “Disclosure in International Arbitration: A Rational Approach,” *New York Law Journal*, March 18, 2022.