

Mitchell Hutchinson

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OVERVIEW

Mitchell Hutchinson is an associate and member of the International Arbitration and Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice groups. Mitchell advises clients on a broad range of contentious construction, infrastructure, energy and commercial disputes across the Middle East, Europe, Africa and Asia-Pacific and has more than six years of post-qualification experience acting for owners, contractors, energy companies, aerospace corporations, professional service firms and multinational corporations in arbitration, litigation, and regulatory proceedings.

Mitchell represents clients throughout the dispute lifecycle, from early-stage risk assessment and dispute avoidance through to arbitration, litigation, and settlement and has acted in disputes arising from major construction, infrastructure and energy projects under the ICC, UNCITRAL, ACICA, SCCA and ICSID rules. He has also acted for clients in significant and complex commercial disputes before the courts of Australia, England and Wales and Saudi Arabia, including professional negligence claims, insolvency-related proceedings, regulatory investigations, aviation disputes, and other high-value contractual claims.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Mitchell practised at an international law firm in Riyadh, an international law firm in Sydney and a full-service Australian firm in Perth. Mitchell is admitted to practise in the Supreme Court of Western Australia, the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member of Law Society of New South Wales

EDUCATION

- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law, Australia, 2019
- B.Com., Curtin University, 2018
- LL.B., Curtin University, 2018

ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of New South Wales
- Supreme Court of Western Australia

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 18 November 2026, Dubai Court of Cassation Upholds Civil Liability Despite Prior Partial Annulment of an Arbitral Award
- 9 November 2026, Kuwait Issues New Arbitration Law

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "The dawn of a new era for arbitration in Saudi Arabia: The draft arbitration law and its key reforms", *Lexology*, 20 October 2025

AREAS OF FOCUS

- International Arbitration
- Commercial Disputes
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Construction and Infrastructure Dispute Resolution
- Energy Disputes

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Power Generation and Transmission
- Transportation and Logistics
- Transportation Infrastructure

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Construction, Infrastructure and Energy Disputes

- Acted for a European geotechnical specialist contractor in a Riyadh-seated SCCA arbitration concerning payment, retention and variation claims arising on one of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's most ambitious and internationally recognised urban development projects with an estimated value of approximately US$500 billion.
- Acted for a leading international construction and engineering contractor in a Riyadh-seated SCCA arbitration arising from measurement and payment claims under two subcontracts on a Saudi giga-project valued at more than SAR200 billion (US$53 billion).
- Acted for subsidiaries of an international oilfield construction services company in a Perth-seated UNCITRAL arbitration concerning a US$1.9 billion dispute arising from the construction of an LNG loading jetty for one of the world's largest LNG projects.
- Acted for a leading Australian construction contractor in a Sydney-seated ACICA arbitration involving more than 30 claims and counterclaims arising from the design and construction of a depot facility for a major transport infrastructure project.
- Acted for a global construction and infrastructure company in a repudiation, termination and adjudication dispute arising from six subcontracts on a major Australian renewable energy project.
- Advised a leading Saudi construction contractor on potential relief for fuel price increases across more than 15 government and private-sector contracts governed by Saudi law.
- Advised a major European oil and gas construction company on approximately US$1.2 billion in potential claims under four EPC contracts valued at US$3.2 billion relating to two major gas fields in the Arabian Gulf.
- Advised a European geotechnical specialist contractor on extension of time, prolongation and variation claims under an amended FIDIC Red Book contract for a major Saudi development project.
- Advised a Chinese contractor in relation to a dispute brought by a leading Saudi employer for over US$340 million in respect of alleged defects in the construction of a residential development.
- Advised a Spanish contractor in connection with disputes relating to defect and payment claims arising on a desalination infrastructure project in the Red Sea, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Advised an international development fund on extension of time and prolongation claims arising from the construction of a high-profile healthcare project in Saudi Arabia under an amended FIDIC Yellow Book contract.

Commercial Disputes

- Acted for Airbus in its high-profile English High Court proceedings concerning an aircraft manufacture agreement and surface degradation issues on the A350 aircraft fleet valued at more than US$2 billion.
- Acted for various aircraft lessors in English High Court insurance proceedings seeking recovery for more than 100 aircraft with a collective asset value of US$7.5 billion detained in Russia following the imposition of international sanctions.

- Acted for Herbert Smith Freehills in its successful defence of professional negligence crossclaims arising from the AU$2.8 billion collapse of Arrium Limited, one of the largest administrations in Australian corporate history.
- Acted for a global professional services firm in AU$225 million proceedings alleging audit negligence and misleading or deceptive conduct concerning a major mortgage investment fund.

Commercial Disputes and Class Actions

- Acted for Deloitte in its defence of an investor class action concerning alleged audit negligence and misleading or deceptive conduct arising from the collapse of a multinational engineering services group with debts exceeding AU$1 billion.

International Arbitration and Investment Treaty Disputes

- Acted for mining investors in an investment treaty dispute with an African state concerning a lithium and tantalum project, including advising on alleged treaty breaches and preparing for ICSID arbitration.

Regulatory Investigations

- Acted for a corporate client in the financial services sector in connection with compulsory regulatory examinations concerning product disclosure, revenue guidance and continuous disclosure obligations.
- Acted for a corporate client in the defence sector in connection with compulsory regulatory examinations concerning product disclosure, revenue guidance and continuous disclosure obligations.
- Acted for a corporate client in the insurance sector in connection with compulsory regulatory examinations concerning product disclosure, revenue guidance and continuous disclosure obligations.