

# MICHAËL SCHLESINGER

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### **PRACTICE AREAS**

- | Sovereign debt
- Cross-border litigation
- Enforcement
- Asset tracing & recovery
- Evidentiary proceedings
- Provisional & protective measures

# PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Association des Avocats praticiens des Procédures d'Exécution (AAPPE)
- | International Bar Association
- L' Comité français de l'arbitrage



## Michaël Schlesingerfocuses on complex cross-border disputes.

Michaël has been a member of the Paris bar since 2012.

His practice focuses on complex cross-border disputes and enforcement of foreign judgments, in particular involving Sovereigns, parallel proceedings and civil fraud.

He has extensive experience in civil procedure, international law (public and private) and recovery procedures.

He works in French, English and Spanish.

He previously clerked at the Versailles Court of Appeal. He also trained with an international firm and a third-party funder.

He graduated in Private International Law and International Business Law (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) and Private Law (University Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas). He also studied at the University of Birmingham (United Kingdom).

### RECENT EXPERIENCE

- ¬ Attachment (aircraft, tax claims, real estate, commercial leases...) belonging to Sovereigns (Africa, Middle-East, South-America...)
- ¬ Restitution of funds placed with a Lebanese bank
- ¬ Challenging against a trust set up for fraudulent purposes
- ¬ Annulment proceedings against arbitral awards
- ¬ Investigative measure by the receiver of a Middle-East bankrupted bank in order to identify assets diverted by former shareholders
- Resisting recognition of sanctions ordered by a North American administrative authority supervising financial market
- ¬ Advising an African State for the recovery of ill-gotten assets
- ¬ Challenge against dissipations of assets made by a debtor in fraud of creditor's rights
- ¬ Litigation regarding payment of sovereign bonds issued and guaranteed by an East European State
- ¬ Resisting recognition of a foreign judgement declaring an African company bankrupted



## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Enforcement of foreign judgments France chapter (International comparative legal Guide, 2024)
- ¬ Asset tracing and Recovery (University of Luxembourg, 2024)
- ¬ Enforcing against Sovereigns has not become a highway to hell (Arb-40 Lisbon Symposium, 2023)
- ¬ Tactics and strategies used by Sovereigns to delay or evade enforcement (TL4 Disputes, London, 2023)
- ¬ Enforcement against sovereign States (Hot topics, CFA-40, 2020)
- ¬ L'exécution des sentences arbitrales (Etats généraux de l'Arbitrage CNB, 2019)
- ¬ La suspension de l'exécution provisoire (AAPPE, 2016)

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