

Mayer Brown Adds King & Spalding Arbitration Pro In Houston

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Law360 (September 27, 2023, 12:27 PM EDT) -- Mayer Brown LLP has expanded its international arbitration bench with a trilingual partner in Houston who joined from King & Spalding LLP.

David H. Weiss boasts deep expertise in investor-state arbitrations, commercial disputes in Latin America and international arbitrations in the energy industry, the firm said in a statement announcing his arrival Tuesday. Weiss worked at King & Spalding for 17 years before making the jump to Mayer Brown, according to his LinkedIn profile. He is fluent in English, Portuguese and Spanish.



David Weiss

Weiss told Law360 Pulse on Wednesday that there is a "combination of synergies between the unique strengths of Mayer Brown and unique aspects of my resume."

Having been involved for years in high-stakes, complex international arbitrations across the globe and particularly Latin America, Weiss said he was drawn to the firm's "established brand for advocacy" and its "strong international arbitration group."

Weiss said he focuses on disputes in the energy industry and "Mayer Brown has a leading energy practice" with a "very strong presence in Latin America, especially Brazil."

Raid Abu-Manneh, global co-head of the firm's international arbitration group, noted that Weiss "is a seasoned international arbitrator and litigator, having played a lead role in several of the largest and most complex international arbitrations in recent years."

"[Weiss] is truly valuable to our team and we are delighted to welcome him to our growing international arbitration practice around the globe," Abu-Manneh said in a statement. "Businesses around the world are navigating a changing international arbitration landscape. David's experience in energy disputes, coupled with his focus on commercial and investment disputes in Latin America will immediately benefit the firm — in addressing immediate client needs in our Houston and Brazil offices."

Weiss' experience includes advocating on behalf of clients before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, the International Chamber of Commerce and the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, the firm said.

Weiss added in a statement that he was attracted to the firm's "global footprint, leading international

arbitration practice and unparalleled brand for advocacy."

"Those attributes combined with Mayer Brown's strength in the energy sector and Latin America, especially Brazil, presented me with the perfect opportunity to take my practice to the next level," Weiss said.

Neil Wasserstrom, Houston office managing partner for Mayer Brown, said in a statement that Weiss "brings additional top-quality experience in high-profile and high-value international arbitrations to our Houston office, and reinforces our global capabilities for energy industry clients."

Weiss earned his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond.

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