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Benedict is an English- and Ontario-qualified disputes lawyer. His broad practice includes international arbitration, commercial litigation and administrative law matters, as well as a range of business and human rights issues.

Benedict has experience of international law and investor-state disputes, advising and representing clients on matters governed by the rules of UNCITRAL, the ICC, LCIA, and ADRIC as well as ad hoc arbitrations under various Canadian statutes. He also regularly advises clients on conflict-of-laws and jurisdictional issues, and has appeared before a range of courts in Canada and the UK.

Before joining BLG, Benedict worked both as a barrister in chambers in London and at a global law firm. He recently represented his former firm in a consultation by the Canadian Federal Government regarding possible modern slavery legislation.

He is a member of the firm's [Environmental, Social and Governance \(ESG\)](#) initiative.

Experience

- Acted for an investor in an UNCITRAL dispute against a Latin American state.
- Advised an energy company regarding its production sharing and joint operating agreements.

- Acted for the purchaser in an M&A dispute.
- Advised various clients in relation to international development projects and sanctions.
- Advised a garment industry client with respect to the powers and processes of the *Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise*.

Insights & Events

- Bill S-211: A comparative overview of Canada's newest legal tools against forced and child labour, BLG Article, September 2022
- ESG claims Managing risks and liabilities for Canadian businesses, BLG Article, March 2022
- Speaker, "North America: Business & Human Rights Developments," NOVA School of Law, Lisbon, Portugal, February 2022
- Speaker, "Commercial Litigation: The Three (Good Faith) Musketeers," County of Carleton Law Association, Montebello, QC, November 2021
- Speaker, "Forced Labour and Human Rights Responsibility," Canadian Apparel Federation, Ottawa, ON, June 2021
- Guest lecturer, "Human Rights Due Diligence and Customs Controls", International Commercial Law, Nova School of Law, Lisbon, Portugal, April 2021
- Speaker, "Business and Human Rights," University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON, March 2021

Beyond Our Walls

Community Involvement

- Director, Options Bytown Non-Profit Housing Corporation

Bar Admission & Education

- England and Wales, 2009
- Ontario, 2016

- LLM, European University Institute, 2010, Comparative, European & International Law
- PhD in Law, European University Institute, 2015
- MA, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2008, French and English law
- LLB, King's College London, 2008



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