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Over his 20-year career, Thomas G. Allen has litigated and arbitrated a wide variety of high-profile matters for clients located across the globe. Tom is a partner and member of the firm's Energy, Construction and Infrastructure, and Complex Commercial Litigation Teams. He is based in Washington D.C. and serves as the firm's Global Lead for International Disputes.

Prior to joining Kilpatrick Townsend, Tom was an international arbitration and dispute resolution partner in the Washington, D.C. offices of two Global 100 law firms. Tom is a frequent lecturer on international legal topics and is a former adjunct professor at American University, Washington College of Law. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Committee of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association and is a member of the roster of arbitrators for the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association. Tom is also a member of the board of directors for the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs.

Experience

Representative Matters:

*Represented the largest electric utility in Japan and the 4th largest electric utility in the world in the defense of \$700 million in claims in Tokyo-seated ICC arbitration against a Canadian mining conglomerate. Client defeated 94% of the alleged damages.

*Represented a Japanese multinational engineering, electrical equipment and electronics company and its subsidiaries in a \$7 billion ICC Arbitration involving claims for the alleged failure of certain critical components at a Southern California power plant. Clients were found to be the "prevailing party," and were awarded fees and costs in excess of \$58 million.

*Defended against \$400 million in claims of breach of contract and intellectual property infringement in an ICC arbitration seated in Zurich, Switzerland. The client, a heavy equipment designer and manufacturer, recovered in excess of \$12 million in counter-claims.

*Represented a Japan-based aircraft component manufacturer in National Transportation Safety Board proceedings and ICC arbitration seated in Paris related to two highly publicized safety events on a newly designed long-haul aircraft fleet.

*Defended iconic U.S. guitar manufacturer in a high-profile Department of Justice and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service criminal investigation alleging Lacey Act violations regarding exotic hardwood importation.

Energy Representations:

*Represented Japanese electric utility in ICC proceedings seated in Tokyo related to fuel supply agreements.

*Advised private companies and sovereigns regarding dispute resolution structure for pipeline and exploration projects.

*Acted for a component manufacturer in claims related to the Deep Water Horizon accident.

*Conducted a foreign government-commissioned study of applicable U.S. and California law related to liability and procedure for nuclear accident claims.

*Represented U.S. nuclear utility in multi-jurisdictional matters related to the storage and disposal of spent nuclear fuel. Representation included breach-of-contract claims as between plant owner-operators and former minority owners in ad hoc arbitration proceedings chaired by a former U.S. Attorney General and Chief Judge of the Southern District of New York.

*Represented solar energy developer in Japan Commercial Arbitration Association proceedings in dispute surrounding a solar power plant.

*Represented U.S. based nuclear technology and consulting company in arbitration with investment banking firm.

Aviation Representations:

*Represented aircraft manufacturer in U.S. Department of Labor whistleblower litigation under the AIR21 Act.

*Represented Japanese airline parts manufacturer for all U.S.-based contract and tort claims related to the alleged falsification of safety paperwork required for regulatory approval of their products.

*Represented airport owner and operator in dispute with the Federal Emergency Management Agency over the



provision of disaster relief funds.

*Experience gained by attorney prior to joining Kilpatrick Townsend

Education

The Catholic University of America B.A. (1997)

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law J.D. (2002) *magna cum laude*

Admissions

District of Columbia (2003)

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Professional & Community Activities

American University's Washington College of Law, International Commercial Arbitration Summer Program, Adjunct Professor (2017)

Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, Board Member (2017-Present)

Inter-Pacific Bar Association, Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Committee, Vice Chair

Legal Aid Society of Washington, D.C., Fundraising Campaign Co-Chair (2002-2014)

International Bar Association, Member

International Dispute News, Editor-at-Large

Insights

[Events](#)

Supply Chain Challenges in a Dynamic Economic and Regulatory Environment: Disputes, Compliance Pitfalls, and Contractual Relief Mechanisms

March 7, 2023

[Alert](#)

U.S. Department of Commerce Imposes Sweeping Country-Wide Import Duties on Certain Solar Cells and Models

December 5, 2022



Events

Disputes: Strategies for Maximizing the Advantages of the Arbitral Forum

November 2, 2022

Alert

DOE Solicits Concept Papers for the \$7 billion Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs (H2Hubs) Program

October 25, 2022

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\$10.5 Billion in Grant Funding for the Department of Energy Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships Program

October 3, 2022