

GRAHAM COOP



Graham Coop joined the Energy Charter Secretariat as General Counsel in 2004. Prior to this, he was Head of the Energy and Natural Resources Group at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Paris, where he was based from 1992 until 2002, followed by two years as a partner with Denton Wilde Sapte's Energy and Infrastructure Department in London. He was a member of the legal team representing Bahrain in its territorial sovereignty and maritime delimitation dispute with Qatar in the International Court of Justice and received the Order of Bahrain as a result of his work on that dispute. In 1998 and 1999 he was seconded to lead the 5-lawyer International Transport and Supply Contracts Division of the Legal Service of Gaz de France, the French gas utility. He has written and spoken extensively on international legal questions, including legal issues for international energy companies investing in Iraq. He has advised governments and international corporations on disputed sovereignty and maritime delimitation issues throughout the Middle East. His extensive experience in oil, gas, electricity, water, renewable energy and infrastructure covers major projects, joint ventures, supply agreements, transport agreements, competition and regulatory issues, and contentious matters. He is regularly published and cited in the UK, French and Arabic press and speaks regularly at conferences in the UK, Continental Europe and Africa.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

2004 - present	General Counsel, Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels
2002 - 2004	Partner, Denton Wilde Sapte (Energy and Infrastructure Department, London and Paris)
1992 - 2002	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Paris) Head of Energy & Natural Resources Group, Paris (since 2000)
1998 - 1999	Gaz de France (on secondment from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer) Supervisor of the International Transport and Supply Contracts Division (consisting of 5 lawyers) of the Legal Service
1989 - 1992	Brandon Brookfield (Auckland, New Zealand)

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

1993	Admitted to practise as a solicitor in England and Wales
1989	Admitted to practise as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand

EDUCATION

1993 - 1995	DEA (post-masterate diploma) (with honours) in private international law and international commerce, University of Paris II – Panthéon-Assas
1986 - 1991	LLB (Hons), University of Auckland Annual Prize in Commercial Law in 1987
1983 - 1985	BSc, University of Auckland Senior Prize in Computer Science in 1985
1981 and 1982	University Junior Scholarship
1981	First Prize, Australian Mathematics Competition First Prize, New Zealand Mathematics Competition

ACTIVITIES, PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Member of Editorial Committee, International Energy Law & Taxation Review and Journal of Energy & Natural Resources Law; member of Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN)