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AREAS OF PRACTICE

International Commercial Arbitration  
Investment Arbitration  
Sport Arbitration  
International Litigation

Patrick Byrne is a partner in the litigation and arbitration group of B. Cremades & Asociados.

He focuses his practice on international investment treaty and commercial arbitration, as well as international litigation. His experience covers a variety of industries, including oil and gas, renewable energy, major infrastructure projects, real estate, banking, construction and mining, under various arbitral institutions and rules. In 2022 Patrick helped to obtain a \$15 billion award against Malaysia on behalf of the heirs to the Sultan of Sulu, the largest unconsolidated award in arbitral history.

Patrick regularly represents clients in cross-border disputes in U.S. courts, including litigation against foreign states, enforcement proceedings for foreign arbitral awards and Section 1782 discovery proceedings. He also handles international sport disputes before the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Before joining B. Cremades & Asociados, Patrick spent his early years as a U.S. litigator in his native California, where his practice spanned the breadth of U.S. dispute resolution, including mediation, arbitration, government investigations and hearings, jury trials and appeals.

In addition to his practice, Patrick serves as Adjunct Professor at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, where he teaches common law principles to students in the International Advocacy LL.M. program. He is also a Founding Member of California Arbitration (CalArb).

Patrick is a dual citizen of the United States and the Republic of Ireland.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Patrick has worked on several investor-state and international commercial matters, including:

Obtained a \$15 billion award in an *ad hoc* arbitration against Malaysia concerning a contractual dispute

Multibillion-dollar *ad hoc* investment treaty dispute between a European national and an Eastern European state

ICSID annulment proceeding concerning a mining project in West Africa

Dispute concerning the transfer of footballer Neymar Jr. from Santos Futebol Clube to FC Barcelona

ICC arbitration concerning gas pricing revision in contract between Western European company and Middle Eastern state

ICC arbitration concerning the construction of a North American nuclear power plant

ICC arbitrations concerning a major Central American infrastructure project

ICC commercial arbitration between Spanish individuals and a U.S. law firm

ICC commercial arbitration concerning corporate governance of a publicly listed Spanish company

SCC arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty concerning investments in natural gas in a Western European state.

ICSID arbitration concerning licenses to explore, develop and exploit oil fields in a Central Asian state

ICSID arbitration concerning the building and maintenance of infrastructure in a South American state

ICSID arbitration concerning the building of solar plants in a Western European state

ICSID arbitration concerning investments in resorts in a Central Asian state

ICSID arbitration concerning banking investments in an Eastern European state

PCA arbitration concerning a construction dispute in Eastern Europe

ICC arbitration concerning a cement processing plant in North Africa

ICSID arbitration concerning real estate investments in an Eastern European state

ICSID arbitration concerning various investments, including several real estate projects, in an Eastern European state

ICSID arbitration concerning investments in the insurance sector in an Eastern European state

ICSID arbitration concerning investments in North African mining projects

ICC arbitration concerning the construction of a hydroelectric plant in Southern Africa

ICC arbitration concerning an aluminum smelter in Western Europe

DIAC arbitration concerning hotel and resort construction in the Middle East

SCC emergency arbitration proceeding concerning attachment of assets in an Eastern European state

Investment-treaty dispute concerning resort development in North America

Dispute concerning infrastructure project in Northern Europe

Several disputes before a Dispute Adjudication Board concerning a major African hydropower project

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

2011 California

#### EDUCATION

Queen Mary University of London, School of International Arbitration (LL.M., with merit, 2016)

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings) (J.D., 2011)

Leiden University (EU Law, 2010)

University of California, San Diego (B.A., cum laude, 2007)

#### LANGUAGES

English

#### NATIONALITIES

United States

Republic of Ireland

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court Bar  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California  
International Bar Association  
California Lawyers Association  
California Arbitration (CalArb)  
Spanish Arbitration Club

## TEACHING

Mr. Byrne currently serves as an adjunct professor at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, where he teaches common law principles to students in the International Advocacy LL.M. program.