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Professor Pierre Mayer has practised with the firms Coudert Brothers, Clifford Chance and, lastly, Dechert, where he was a partner for the past ten years. He now has his own practice and acts mainly as an arbitrator, in both commercial and investment arbitration procedures.

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Professor Pierre Mayer regularly speaks at arbitration conferences. He is the author of the reference textbook on French international private law (*Droit international privé*, Paris, Montchrestien, 1st edition 1977; 11th edition 2013, with the collaboration of Mr Vincent Heuzé) and of a general course at the Hague Academy of International Law (*Le phénomène de la coordination des ordres juridiques étatiques en droit privé*, 2007). He has published dozens of articles on subjects of arbitration law and practice, and on private international law. He is often quoted for his extensive academic work on the hierarchy of norms and the application of mandatory rules of law by arbitral tribunals.

He is also, *inter alia*, a former president of the International Academy for Arbitration Law, a former president of the *Comité français de droit international privé*, a member of the Council of the ICC Institute of World Business Law, a member of the Board of the *Comité français de l'arbitrage*, a member of the *Institut de droit international*, and a former president of the Committee on International Commercial Arbitration of the International Law Association.

Professor Pierre Mayer is recognised as one of the top thirty arbitrators worldwide by the *Global Arbitration Review* and was described by *Legal 500 EMEA 2015* as « one of the most famous arbitrators in the world. »

A French national, Professor Pierre Mayer is fluent in English.