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Personal Summary

John has experience advising both governments and the private sector in relation to Energy and Natural Resources, Fraud and Disputeresolution generally. He has represented a number of governments including Brunei, Tanzania, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Egypt, Sudan and Uganda and State corporations from India and China in both arbitration and litigation.

He acts as a commercial arbitrator and as an expert under expert determination provisions. He has trained government officials from Somalia and Ethiopia in capacity building programmes and worked for the World Bank, making a diagnostic review of Lesothan legal systems.

He ran the Denton Hall offices in Beijing (1989-98) and Cairo (1998-2001) and was a director of the ASX listed gold mining company Artemis Resources between 2006 and 2010. He was Chairman of the ALN law group in Africa between 2006 and 2013. Between 2010 and 2020 he ran the J Miles office in Nairobi and in March 2020 he opened and now runs the J Miles London office.

In the context of arbitration, he has appeared, as a lawyer, before Tribunals of the ICC in London and Paris, Tribunals of LMAA, LCIA, FOSFA and ad hoc in London and Tribunals in Stockholm, Dares Salaam, Zurich and Geneva. He has appeared as a witness of fact before a Tribunal in Oslo and as an expert witness before a Tribunal in Rotterdam and a court in Rome.

Qualifications

CEDR Mediator	1993
Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales	1982
History Master of Arts, University of Cambridge	1976

Experience

- Acting for the Government of Tanzania in the Dar Tadini Tanzania ICC case concerning the nation's gold concession areas
- Acting for the Allseas Group in the Sembawang Shipyards ("the Solitaire") LMMA case concerning ship construction
- Acting for Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation in the period 1998-2006 in a number of contract disputes concerning Petroleum
- Acting for Government of Sudan in relation to investment disputes
- Advising North African government in relation to investment disputes concerning a regional airport
- Acting for African and European Investors in a railway privatization and construction dispute
- Advising UAE interests in relation to hydrocarbon and mineral concessions in the Horn of Africa
- Acting for Dowans Holdings SA in an Independent Power Project dispute in Tanzania
- Advising an East African Government on corporate investigation and asset recovery
- Advising a Chinese corporation in relation to theft of its IP assets in Africa and elsewhere
- Advising Ethiopian ministry of Energy on issues relating to the River Nile and GERD
- Advising East African Corporation on the construction of a thermal power station and disputes arising in relation to it
- Advising Mozambiquan investors on mineral concessions in Guinea Conakry +
- Advising international investors on projects in South Sudan
- Advising Canadian interests in relation to disputes concerning geothermal licences in east Africa
- Advising East African Capital Markets Authority in relation to soft commodities and investigating and reporting on a state-owned corporation in the sugar industry.
- Advising East African investors in relation to multi-jurisdictional disputes 2014 to present day.

Publications

- Gunther J. Horvath and Stephan Wilske. *Guerilla Tactics in International Arbitration* (Walters Kluwer 2014)
- Miles, J., Fagbohunlu, T. and Shah, K. *Arbitration in Africa: A Review of Key Jurisdictions* (Sweet & Maxwell 2016)

Speaking Engagements

John has lectured in China, Sudan (Khartoum), Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Kenya, South Africa and Nigeria principally on energy and natural resources and international dispute resolution.

Positions Held

Court member of the Lagos International Arbitration Centre, Nigeria	2015 to date
Chairman of the Indian National Bar Association, East Africa	2014 to date
Founder and Director J Miles & Co., Nairobi	2012 to date
East African member of the ICC Fraudnet Group	2014 - 2022
Director, Artemis Resources Limited, Perth, Australia	2006 - 2011
Chairman, Africa Legal Network, Mauritius	2006 - 2013
Partner, Hunton and Williams, London	2002 - 2006
Partner, Mayer Brown, London	2001 - 2002
Associate and Partner, Denton Wilde Sapte, London	1985 - 2001
Associate lawyer, Hill Dickinson	1982 - 1985
Trainee lawyer, Hill Dickinson	1979 - 1981
Associate in Shipping division of the Hill Samuel Banking and Insurance Group	1976 - 1978