

Miller Canfield recruits Brower II

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Charles 'Chip' Brower, the son of prominent American arbitrator Charles N Brower, has joined US firm Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone as of counsel in its international dispute resolution team.

Brower's arrival at the Detroit-based firm was announced on 10 December. He will continue as a professor of law at Wayne State University in Detroit, where he teaches international commercial arbitration, investment treaty arbitration, contracts and the law of armed conflict.

Brower says the decision to join the firm "seemed obvious."

"Miller Canfield is one of the world's oldest law firms, its lawyers have several decades of experience in international arbitration, and it has

a growing footprint in Asia," he says. "We already have the best team in the region, and we aim to build a reputation as the mid-market leader for international dispute settlement worldwide."

There are three partners in the firm's arbitration practice in Detroit, who have appeared in ICC, ICDR, SCC and SIAC arbitrations, as well as in arbitration-related litigation in the US. The practice also has another of counsel, **Troy Harris**, who joined Miller Canfield in 2012 and like Brower combines his work for the firm with a full-time academic post.

Brower has been based at Wayne State since 2012, and was previously affiliated with the University of Mississippi School of Law and the University of Baltimore. He has also been a visiting fellow at Cambridge University's Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law. He took his juris doctor at the University of Virginia in 1995.

His experience in legal practice has included representing Costa Rica in advisory proceedings before the International Court of Justice. From 1996 to 1998 he was an associate with Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis, where he practised both litigation and arbitration.

He is an elected member of the American Law Institute and vice-chair of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration. In 2012 he was awarded the Smit-Lowenfeld Prize for best scholarly article in the field of international arbitration by the International Arbitration Club of New York. The prize was awarded for a 2011 article in the *Buffalo Law Review*, *Arbitration and Antitrust: Navigating the Contours of Mandatory Law*.

Miller Canfield partner **Frederick Acomb**, who chairs the international dispute resolution section, says: “Professor Brower brings a distinguished international reputation in the field, as well as a keen sense of strategy and nuance in presenting international disputes. Our chief aim is excellence, and there is little question that Professor Brower brings excellence to the firm.”

Tai-Heng Cheng, partner at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan in New York, says, “Chip Brower is one of the leading lights of the international arbitration community. Miller Canfield was savvy to bring him on as counsel, which should significantly grow their arbitration practice.”