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Indeed, Mark has advised and trained government officials worldwide on managing investment treaty commitments and navigating international arbitration. He also contributes to the global discourse on reforming investor-state arbitration through his membership in the ISDS Academic Forum.

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