

## Ana Stanič

**Nationality:** Australian, British, Slovenian

**Languages:** English, Slovene, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Italian, French, Catalan, Russian (basic), Spanish (basic), Macedonian (basic)



Ana Stanič is a renowned international arbitrator with over 25 years dispute resolution experience specialising in energy law, EU law, and international law, with a particular focus on international arbitration. She has served as an arbitrator for prestigious institutions such as the ICC, LCIA, AAA, and SCC and has acted as counsel for companies and States in numerous investment treaty and commercial arbitrations including concerning gas price reviews. Ana has also provided expert testimony on the interplay between EU energy law and international law before the European Social and Economic Committee and appeared before Court of Justice of the European Union. She has advised on inter-State disputes including maritime boundary disputes concerning straddling gas reserves, environmental disputes and disputes before International Court of Justice.

In addition to her extensive arbitration experience, Ana is a recognised authority in the field of energy law, being listed among the top Energy and Natural Resource lawyers in the UK by **Chambers & Partners** in recent years. Ana has been a member of the PCA Court of Arbitrators since 2019, and was appointed by the European Commission as an arbitrator in respect of bilateral disputes under the EU's trade and investments agreements with third countries in June 2022.

Ana has contributed to academia as a visiting professor at institutions such as Technische Universität Berlin, CEPMLP (Dundee), and UIBE (China). Her expertise spans across multiple countries, including the UK, CEE, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Russia, China, East Mediterranean, Spain, Italy, Nigeria, Australia, and Turkey.

## Sector Expertise

- Energy, Oil & Gas
- Commercial and Contractual Disputes
- Energy, Nuclear
- EU and International Environmental Law
- EU Competition Law
- Banking & Finance
- Inter -State and Investor State agreements concerning energy
- Shareholder and Contract Disputes

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## Energy, Oil & Gas

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Ana has sat as chair and co-arbitrator in energy related disputes concerning inter alia the construction of large hydropower plants, wind turbines and sanctions and force majeure.

She has also been counsel in numerous international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations concerning energy infrastructure projects, including gas price reviews (both in Europe and Asia) and shareholder disputes relating thereto.

She is listed amongst the top 12 energy lawyers in the UK both for power and oil and gas by Chambers given her 25 years-experience in advising on JOAs, concession and host government agreements to construct LNG Terminals and pipelines, gas sale and purchase agreements, M&As and privatisations. Recently Ana has advised on gas price caps and energy sector regulations including hydrogen, decarbonisation and state aid. She regularly also advises on sanctions, force majeure, and other challenges impacting gas supply agreements. Ana has provided legal guidance to states and international institutions on major projects such as Nord Stream, the Southern Gas Corridor, and South Stream and has worked with the World Bank, European Commission, and other financial institutions on gas sector reforms in countries like Ukraine and Albania.

### **EU Energy Law**

Ana is a recognised as a leading expert in EU energy law. She has advised World Bank, states and energy companies on the EU Third Energy Package, including unbundling, pipeline and LNG terminal exemptions from third-party access, and TSO certification, as well as the compliance of UK renewables policy with EU state aid law. She has given expert evidence before the European Economic and Social Committee on the interplay between EU energy law and the Law of the Sea Convention. She advised the European Commission on matters of EU law in the largest ECT claim brought against the EU to date.

### **Energy, Nuclear**

Ana has worked in the nuclear sector for over 15 years advising on inter alia EU and international environmental law concerning the life time extension of nuclear power station, the construction of radioactive waste facility and financing of new nuclear power stations.

## EU and International Environmental Law

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Ana has extensive experience in advising energy companies and states on EU and International Environmental Law inter alia as concerns construction of large energy infrastructure and industry projects as well as inter – State disputes concerning such projects. She has extensive experience in the inter-relationship between EU environmental law and the Industrial Emissions Directive.

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## EU Competition Law

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Ana Stanič has a robust background in EU competition law, particularly as it pertains to the energy sector. In particular, she has advised on claims for abuse of dominant position in the gas market as well as assisted companies and states with regard to state aid notifications.

## Banking & Finance

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Ana has substantial experience in the banking sector, with a background as a prudential bank supervisor and an excellent grasp of accounting, finance, and banking principles having completed a Bachelor of Finance and Banking at the University of New South Wales in Australia and having worked in the Slovenian Central Bank. She has advised states and financial institutions on complex syndicated loan agreements, bond issues and has been involved in the restructuring of energy companies and banks in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). Additionally, Ana has guided energy companies through numerous mergers and acquisitions, including conducting comprehensive legal due diligence.

## Investor-State and Inter-State Disputes

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Ana has advised States and investors in ECT/ICSID/BIT arbitrations concerning energy and real estate investments (including [Van Riet](#) and [Fucks](#)) as well as on numerous inter-state disputes including concerning maritime boundaries (Europe, Middle East and Africa), construction of large energy infrastructure and state succession before the PCA and CJEU. She has been appointed by the EU as an arbitrator and sustainability expert in respect of bilateral disputes under the EU's trade and investments agreements with third countries in June 2022.

## Experience

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### As Arbitrator:

- LCIA arbitration concerning a sanctions related dispute, English law, *chair*
- LCIA arbitration concerning a contractual dispute involving Georgian and Chinese party, English law, *chair*
- ICC arbitration concerning offshore wind project, Irish law, *co-arbitrator*
- ICC arbitration concerning a construction of energy infrastructure dispute involving a state- owned energy company, Macedonian law, *co-arbitrator*
- LCIA arbitration concerning oil brokerage agreement between Ukrainian and Cypriot company in which sanctions against Ukraine and force majeure grounds were invoked, English law, *co- arbitrator*

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- ICDR arbitration concerning breach of employment contract, Maltese law, *sole arbitrator*
- ICDR arbitration concerning breach of IT contract, US law, *sole arbitrator*
- Polish Arbitration Court arbitration concerning breach of service contract involving a Polish and Vietnamese party, Polish law *co-arbitrator*
- SCC arbitration concerning a breach of contract involving a Swedish and Croatian party, Swedish law, *co-arbitrator*

#### As Counsel in Arbitration:

##### ICC

- Arbitration seated in London raising complex questions of English law concerning jurisdiction, conflicts of laws and proof of foreign law and equity
- Arbitration seated in London concerning the construction of a power station in Spain
- Arbitration seated in London concerning a contractual dispute
- Arbitration seated in Vienna concerning an introducer agreement. English as governing law

##### LCIA

- Arbitration concerning an Euro 1.5 billion shareholder dispute raising issues of HK, English and Russian law as well as competition law issues

##### VIAC

- Arbitration in Vienna concerning an employment and contractual dispute. English as governing law

##### LMO

- Arbitration between a Qatari and Ukrainian company concerning a shipping and contract dispute. English as governing law

##### UNCITRAL

- Several gas price review arbitrations in Europe, English and Norwegian governing law

##### ICSID

- Representing an energy company in case concerning breaches of EU environmental law
- Representing an energy company against Bosnia and Serbia concerning investments in energy infrastructure
- Representing Croatia against a Belgium investor concerning real estate investment
- Representing an investor against Georgia concerning an oil concession

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## Academic & Professional Qualifications

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### Academic:

- LLM, Cambridge, specialising in International Dispute Settlement, Private Commercial Litigation, EU Law, and Public International Law, First Class Honours, 1997
- LLB, University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia, Top 6%, 1994
- Bachelor of Banking and Finance, University of New South Wales, Awarded with Merit (top 3%), 1994

### Professional:

- E&A Law Limited, 2007 – onwards: Director
- Skadden Arps (London), 2004 - 2007: Senior Associate
- Vinson & Elkins (London), 2000 – 2004: Senior Associate
- Clifford Chance (London), 1998 - 2000: Solicitor
- Central Bank of Slovenia (Slovenia), 1996: Bank Supervisor
- Slovenian Ministry of Economic Relations, Slovenia (1995): Legal Counsel negotiating BITS and FTA

### Bar Admissions:

- Australia
- England & Wales
- Ireland

## Professional Associations & Recognitions

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### Panels:

Ana is admitted to several Arbitral Institutions including:

- PCA Panel of Arbitrators
- SIAC Panel of Arbitrators
- CIETAC Panel of Arbitrators
- VIAC Panel of Arbitrators
- JCAA Panel of Arbitrators
- BAC Panel of Arbitrators
- ICDR-AAA Panel of Arbitrators
- Croatian Court of Arbitration
- Polish Arbitration Centre

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- Slovenian Arbitration Court
- Georgian International Arbitration Centre
- Tianjin Arbitration Commission (TJAC)

#### Memberships:

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Member of the Court of Arbitrators at the PCA in The Hague
- Member of the Steering Committee of ICC Australia
- Co-Head of Energy Task Force at VIAC
- Member of the Advisory Board of VIAC

#### Academic Experience:

- *CEPMLP*, Dundee University, Visiting professor of international investment treaty and international commercial arbitration (ICA), 2013 – present
- *UIBE Law School*, China, Visiting professor in public international law, 2018 – present
- *Technische Universität*, Germany, Visiting professor in EU energy law, 2015 – present
- *School of African and Oriental Studies*, UK, Visiting lecturer in ICA and investment treaty arbitration, 2007 – 2012
- *Notre Dame University*, UK, Visiting professor of ICA, 2007 – 2013
- *British Institute of International and Comparative Law*, UK, Research fellow – public international law, 2003 – 2004

## Publications, Articles & Thought Leadership

Ana regularly publishes articles on international arbitration, energy, environment and climate change, public international law, EU and Brexit.

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Recent publications include:

- *The outlook for LNG in the context of geopolitical shifts as Trump raises prospects of easing sanctions against Russia and what does this mean for Europe*, Gastech, 2025 [\(link\)](#).
- *Impact of Brexit on UK's Renewable Energy and Climate Change Policies*, a chapter co-authored with Julian Bowden in *Brexit and Energy: Implications and Opportunities*, Routledge, 2023.
- *Energy Disputes and Arbitration: post-Brexit*, a chapter co-authored with Wendy Miles KC in *Brexit and Energy: Implications and Opportunities*, Routledge, 2023.

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- *EU price cap fails to address potential existential threat*, Petroleum Economist, December 2022 ([link](#)).
- *Energija je lahko razlog za vojno. Lahko je tudi razlog za sklenitev miru (Energy can be the Cause of War but it can also be the Basis for Peace)*, Delo newspaper, Slovenia, 4 June 2022 ([pdf](#)).
- *Does the Advocate General's Opinion Provide Clarity on the Validity of Intra-EU ECT Investor-State Arbitral Awards?*, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 11 December 2020 ([link](#)).
- *EU Public Policy, Enforcement of awards and Nord Stream 2*, a chapter co-authored with Clemens Treichl in an article entitled *The Vienna Propositions for Safeguarding Public Interest, Public Policy, Competition and Insolvency in International Arbitration* (Pitkowitz et al.), Austrian Yearbook of International Arbitration 2021 ([pdf](#)).
- *The challenges facing Eastern Mediterranean gas and how international law can help overcome them*, co-authored with Sohbet Karbuz, The Journal of Energy & Natural Resources Law, Taylor&Francis online, 30 October 2020 ([link](#)).
- *The EU's Hydrogen strategy: good start, but only a start*, co-authored with Alex Barnes, Natural Gas World - Gas Transitions Edition, Vol. 1, Issue 7, August 2020 ([link](#)).
- *Enforcement of Awards and Other Implications of Achmea*, a chapter in *The Future of Investment Treaty Arbitration in the EU: Intra-EU BITs, the Energy Charter Treaty, and the Multilateral Investment Court*, co-edited by Crina Baltag and Ana Stanič, WoltersKluwer, July 2020 ([link](#)).
- *The Commercial Challenges Facing Eastern Mediterranean Gas*, co-authored with Sohbet Karbuz, OGEL 3 (2020), in *Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)* ([pdf](#)).

## Directories & Client Quotes

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Listed in top 5 Energy and Natural Resource: Power lawyers in UK by **Chambers & Partners** in 2025.

Listed in top 12 Energy and Natural Resource: Oil and Gas Lawyers in UK by **Chambers & Partners** in 2023.

Listed as a Leading Practitioner in PIL by **Legal 500** in 2025.

Ana "has a deep understanding of energy sector issues.", Chambers 2025

Ana "is very responsive, proactive and is always thinking of commercial angles.", Chambers 2025

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