



Jessica Crow

Nationality: Canadian/American

Languages: English & French (Fluent) Spanish & Italian (Working knowledge)

Jessica is an independent arbitrator who specialises in Energy (Oil & Gas, Renewables, Natural Resources and Climate Change), Construction & Engineering, General Commercial Disputes and Public International Law, based out of London and Washington DC.

Jessica has more than ten years of experience in international commercial and investment arbitration in both civil and common law jurisdictions. She has served as Sole and Co-Arbitrator and has broad experience resolving high value, complex disputes across the UK, US, Canada and Europe under most of the major institutional rules, including the ICC and the LCIA. She is admitted to practice in New York and as a Solicitor in England and Wales and is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Prior to joining Arbitra, Jessica worked at leading international arbitration firms, Shearman & Sterling in Paris and Vinson & Elkins in London. Jessica also has experience as in-house counsel to a prominent Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) company in Milan and in the public sector as the Special Legislative Assistant to the Government House Leader in the Parliament of Ontario, Canada.

Jessica is President of the Executive Committee of the Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (YCAP) and has been appointed to the international panel of the Vancouver International Arbitration Centre (VaniAC).

She is a Fellow of the Scotia Group, a network of experts dedicated to developing proposals related to climate action and the rule of law for the upcoming Glasgow COP26 and sits on the North American regional sub-committee of the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations.

Sector Expertise

- Energy, Oil & Gas
- Environment, Renewables & Climate Change
- Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure
- Commercial Dispute Resolution

Energy, Oil & Gas

Jessica has experience in disputes related to the Energy sector, Oil & Gas, including PSA/PSCs, EPC Contracts, midstream transportation and pipeline agreements. As in-house counsel to a prominent EPC company in Milan, she focused on projects and disputes in the midstream sector both on and offshore. She also has experience with disputes over natural resources and is knowledgeable in renewable energy regulation, including incentives and support policies such as Green Credits (GCs) and feed-in-tariffs (FITs).

Environment, Renewables & Climate Change

Jessica has a broad understanding of the energy transition, climate change and environmental law. She is extremely familiar with the workings of the international climate change regime, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Paris Agreement and the nexus between international investment and the environment in public international law. She is knowledgeable in renewable energy incentives and support policies such as Green Credits (GCs) and feed-in-tariffs (FITs); market mechanisms, such as emissions trading schemes (ETS), and the commercial and investment implications of decarbonization policies. She is pursuing a postgraduate degree in Energy, Climate Change and Dispute Resolution from the Energy Institute at Queen Mary University of London and is a Fellow of the Scotia Group, a network of experts dedicated to developing proposals related to climate action and the rule of law for the upcoming Glasgow UNFCCC COP26.

Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure

Jessica has experience as counsel and arbitrator in construction and engineering disputes involving nuclear energy facilities, offshore pipelay, pipelaying vessels, urban rail and complex industrial facilities. She has experience dealing with issues of delay, disruption, prolongation, liquidated damages, misrepresentation and negligence.

Commercial Dispute Resolution

Jessica has considerable experience in commercial disputes across a range of industry sectors, including energy, construction, joint ventures, industrial chemicals, financial services, telecommunications, intellectual property and commercial agency.

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Experience

- Co-Arbitrator in an ICC administered arbitration seated in Calgary in relation to a multi-million dollar claim between Canadian and U.S. parties concerning a construction contract.
- Co-Arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration seated in London, in relation to the supply of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Sole Arbitrator in an ICC administered arbitration between parties in relation to alleged breaches of a commercial agency agreement.
- Sole Arbitrator in two separate commercial disputes, under the LCIA rules, between parties in relation to alleged breaches of a consumer credit agreement.
- Counsel to a leading European EPC contractor in ICC arbitration in relation to a cancelled pipeline project. English law governed and the language of the arbitration was English. Over EUR 1 billion was at stake.
- Acted on behalf of an oil and gas major in a dispute with a contractor arising out of political and social unrest in West Africa.
- Counsel to a French-German consortium in ICC arbitration in Stockholm against a Finnish utility company in relation to a dispute arising from an agreement for the construction of a nuclear power plant in Finland. Finnish law governed and the language of the proceedings was English. Over EUR 6.1 billion was at stake.
- Acted on behalf of a prominent contractor in the Oil & Gas industry in an LCIA arbitration regarding variations and prolongation in relation to the supply of two vessels in the Kashagan Field.
- Counsel to a multinational infrastructure firm in ICC arbitration in relation to one of the world's largest urban rail projects. The seat was in London and over US 900 million was at stake.
- Counsel to 13 financial investment companies and two individuals as claimants in ICC arbitration proceedings arising out of the revision and breach of a settlement agreement in relation to a substantial telecommunications operation in Brazil. The seat of the arbitration was Paris, Brazilian law applied and language of the arbitration was English. Over EUR 15 billion was at stake.
- Acted on behalf of three European chemical companies as respondents in ICC arbitration in Geneva against the European subsidiaries of a large North American chemical concern. Swiss law applied.

Academic & Professional Qualifications

Education:

- 2020 to 2021: *Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom*, Master of Laws, LLM Dispute Resolution, Energy and Climate Change
- 2007 to 2010: *University College London, United Kingdom*, Bachelor of Laws, LLB Hons, Editorial Board of the Law Review, The UCL Jurisprudence Review
- 2005 to 2006: *University of Paris, Sorbonne, Paris, France*, French Language and History, Certificate
- 2001 to 2005: *McGill University, Montréal, Québec, Canada*, Philosophy and Political Science, BA Hons

Career History:

- 2020 to Present: Crow Arbitration, Independent Arbitrator, London
- 2015 to 2020: Vinson & Elkins, Senior Associate, International Dispute Resolution, London
- 2017: Saipem S.p.A, International Legal Department, Legal Counsel (secondment), Milan
- 2014-2015: Betto Seraglini, Senior Associate, International Dispute Resolution, Paris
- 2011-2014: Shearman & Sterling, Associate, International Arbitration Group, Paris

Professional Associations & Recognitions

- President of the Executive Committee, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (YCAP)
- International Panel of the Vancouver International Arbitration Centre (VanIAC)
- Member of ICC Canada Arbitration Committee
- Member of North American Regional Subcommittee, Campaign for Greener Arbitrations
- Member of the Rising Arbitrators' Initiative
- Fellow of the Scotia Group
- Member of LCIA Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG)

Publications, Articles & Thought Leadership

- Speaking engagements: ICC Canada Conference 2020; YCAP Fall Symposium (Banff, Alberta) 2019.
- Willem C. Vis Moot, Arbitrator for the London and Paris Pre-Moots, 2015 - present.