



ANIA FARREN

Nationality: British and Polish

Languages: English, French, Polish (Fluent)

Ania Farren is an international arbitrator with over 20 years industry experience.

She specialises in investment treaty and commercial dispute resolution and has sat as arbitrator in jurisdictions across the globe including Asia, Europe, Middle-East, US and Africa regions. Ania is appointed regularly as chair, sole, co-arbitrator and party counsel jointly by parties and institutions including ICSID, LCIA and ICC.

Prior to developing her arbitration career further Ania also worked at a leading dispute resolution funder, assessing investment treaty arbitration claims.

Ania is currently chair of the ICC UK Committee for Arbitration and ADR and is a member of the LCIA. She also teaches pro bono courses on arbitration and mediation to State Advocates together with CIArb.

Sector Expertise

- Energy, Oil & Gas
- Environment, Renewables & Climate Change
- Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Investment Treaty Disputes
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Shareholder Disputes
- Telecommunications companies, privatisation of telecommunications

Energy, Oil & Gas

Ania has been involved in many disputes related to Energy, Oil & Gas, including disputes related to Production Sharing Agreements, expropriation of energy assets, gas transportation agreements/pipeline contracts, EPC Contracts, LNG and LNG shipping agreements; gas price reviews. She also has experience with mining disputes (coal, copper, gold).

Environment, Renewables & Climate Change

Ania has experience with disputes related to renewables including disputes related to Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contracts, shareholder and joint venture agreement disputes, and breach of undertakings related to renewable energy credits and tariffs.

Investment Treaty Disputes

Ania has been involved in over a dozen investment treaty disputes, under ICSID, SCC, ICC and UNCITRAL rules. These have involved mining, oil & gas, expropriation of hotel management contracts, hospitality, concessions, tax assessments, renewables and banking.

Mergers, Acquisitions & Shareholder Disputes

Ania has been involved in many shareholder disputes related to the interests of the both minority and majority shareholders, breaches of shareholder agreements and memorandum of articles, breach of directors' duties, breach of Joint Venture agreements, share valuations and buy-outs as well post M&A disputes.

Technology & Telecommunications

Ania has experience in disputes involving telecommunications companies, privatisation of telecommunications sector; supply agreement for telecommunications equipment; exclusivity and escrow agreements; Technology companies, license termination, patent infringement and valuation, copyright, trademark claims.

Experience

Recent Experience

- She has sat as co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator in five commercial arbitration cases related to shareholder agreements, breach of Sale & Purchase Agreement, breach of contract cases.
- Working on pending OIC proceedings against a Central Asian State

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- Working with a government in pending ICSID proceedings against an Italian investor
- Advising Spain and France in High Court and Court of Appeal Proceedings resisting the enforcement of two arbitral awards
- Worked on Canadian gold mining company advising on potential ICSID proceedings relating to a claim for expropriation
- Counsel to a US aggregate mining company in an ICSID arbitration against the Dominican Republic relating to a claim for expropriation
- Counsel to a European energy company in LCIA arbitration relating to a gas price review
- Worked on a Danish hotel group in an ICSID arbitration, and annulment proceedings against Arab Republic of Egypt
- Counsel to coal mining companies in an ICSID arbitration against a provincial government
- Counsel to an energy company in six LCIA arbitrations regarding contracts relating to oil operations in the Middle East
- Counsel to a real estate company with subsidiary in Eastern Europe - two parallel ICC arbitrations regarding a construction contract for an office block in Moscow
- Counsel to an Asian state-owned energy company in an UNCITRAL arbitration against another Asian state-owned energy company
- Counsel to the Russian Federation in SCC and ECT arbitrations regarding allegations of expropriation pursuant to bilateral investment treaties and the ECT
- Counsel to a US energy company in an ICC arbitration regarding a shareholder dispute in connection with ammonia plants located in the Caribbean

Academic & Professional Qualifications

Academic

- Bar of England and Wales, -, Solicitor, Higher Rights of Audience, 2003
- Cambridge University, Cambridge, MA, 1999
- Nottingham Law School, Nottingham, LPC, 2001

Professional

- Omnia Strategy LLP, London, Partner, Since Nov. 2019
- Vannin Capital, London, Managing Director, Sept. 2018 – Nov. 2019
- Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP, London, Partner, May 2016 – Sept. 2018
- K & L Gates, London, Special Counsel, April 2013 – April 2016
- Baker Botts, London, Solicitor, Feb. 2005 – April 2013
- Shearman & Sterling LLP, Paris, Associate, Feb. 2003 – Feb. 2005
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, London, Trainee, 2001 – 2003

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Professional Associations & Recognitions

- Chair of the ICC UK Committee for Arbitration & ADR
- Chair of Taskforce on use of Third Party Funding in Russia-related arbitrations
- Co-Chair of the International Arbitration Charity Ball Committee
- Member of the ICCA/Queen Mary Taskforce on Third Party Funding

Publications, Articles & Thought Leadership

Ania speaks regularly at international arbitration conferences/events and publishes articles in legal journals.

- "Better Late Than Never: Poland Embraces a New Arbitration Regime," *Les Cahiers de L'Arbitrage*, No. 2007/1
- "Digest of Investment Treaty Decisions and Awards," (Devashish Krishan, co-author), *Yearbook of Commercial Arbitration*, 2006 and 2009 (Albert Jan van den Berg, ed.)
- "How ICSID Can Protect Sovereign Bondholders," *International Financial Law Review*, September 2005 (Peter Griffin, co-author)
- Coordinator, International Arbitration and Mediation "Ius et Lex" Institution Conference, Warsaw, 2006 and 2007
- Coordinator, "Ius et Lex" and Queen Mary School of International Arbitration Advocacy Course, Warsaw, June 2009
- Member of AFSIA (Alumni & Friends of the School of International Arbitration) Polish National Committee"
- Comparison between BIT and ECHR Property Protection Standards," *International Dispute Resolution Involving Russian and CIS Companies*, 24 February 2012
- "What makes a good/bad arbitrator," Joint Scottish Arbitration Centre/Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Event, Edinburgh, 4 December 2012
- David and Goliath - are fair proceedings possible," AIJA Conference, Basel, 8 March 2013
- "Young ICC Workshop on Document Production", Boston, 7 October 2013
- "ICC & SCC: mutual perspectives and what sets us apart", ICC/YAF Seminar, Stockholm, 21 November 2013
- Hosted "What makes a good advocate in international arbitration?", ICC YAF Conference, London, 12 December 2013
- "The winner takes it all? Costs in international arbitration", YAF Forum/ASA Below 40, Geneva, 7 February 2014
- "The Art of Cross-examination in International Arbitration", ICC YAF, Zurich, 5 December 2014
- "Urgent and Preliminary matters", ICC VIS Pre-Moot Conference, Paris, 19 March 2015
- "An interview with John Beechey", ICC UK Annual Forum, London, 2 December 2015

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- Teaching Queen Mary Summer School for Hamline University - Certificate Program in Global Arbitration Law and Practice since 2011
- "An interview with John Beechey", ICC UK Annual Forum, London, December 2015
- Moderating panel on "Witness statements: Are in-person examinations necessary?", ICC Germany, Mannheim, February 2016
- Speaker at the Alumni & Friends of the School of International Arbitration (QMUL) event on Third Party Funding, London, 10 June 2016
- Speaker at the Dublin International Arbitration Day on Third Party Funding, 18 November 2016
- Organised and introduced several ICC YAF conferences in London including on Africa (March 2016), Diversity (September 2016) and Mediation (November 2016)
- Attending and introduced YAF event hosted by Mayer Brown – "The Role and Value ,
- "Clash Between the Common Law and Civil Law Approach in International Arbitration", Cambridge Arbitration Day, March 2017
- "Transparency and accountability in investment arbitration, and the case for the status quo" LCILP Conference, 16 May 2017
- "Bregrets and Bremorses? Potential impacts on the London arbitration market after Brexit and new opportunities for the Paris market", Le Café des Arbitres, 22 May 2017
- Presentation of the ICCA/QMUL Task Force Report on Third Party Funding at Norton Rose, 9 October 2017
- AIPN Europe-Africa Chapter Event: Arbitration Strategy and Funding , 18 October 2017
- "Round table discussion: Illegality and corruption in international arbitration", LCIA YIAG & Ukrainian Arbitration Association, Kiev , 2 November 2017
- 33rd Annual SIA-ICC Symposium of Arbitrators on "Ethics in International Arbitration: Arbitrators, Counsel, Experts, Witnesses, Parties & Funders"- "What are the ethical obligations of party representatives and what is the source of the obligations? What kind of behaviour should be considered inappropriate?", 12 March 2018
- Launch of the ICCA/Queen Mary task force report on Third Party Funding, ICCA Sydney, 13-19 April 2018
- "60 Years of the New York Convention" Warsaw Arbitration Days, Warsaw , 22-24 May 2018
- Moderating a panel on "The International Arbitrator's Perspective", PLI International Arbitration Conference, New York , 4 June 2018
- Baltic Arbitration Days, Riga, Latvia, "Corporate Disputes", 15 June 2018
- ICC/YAF Europe Conference, Lisbon, Keynote interview with Eduardo Silva Romero, 29 June 2018
- Chairs/moderates ICC UK webinars and annual conferences 2019-2021

Directory or Client Quotes

Ania features in all the legal directory rankings including Legal 500, Chambers & Partners and Who's Who Legal.

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She was ranked 5th most highly regarded lawyer under 45 in Europe in the Who's Who Legal Future Leaders in 2017.

She is now recognized as a Thought Leader by Who's Who Legal.

Quotes from WWL "Ania is very hard working, very thorough in her analysis and a great communicator"; "She is equally fantastic and smart!"; "Ania is brilliant and a joy to work with".