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ANIA FARREN

Nationality: British & Polish

Languages: English, Polish (Fluent) French

(Proficient)



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

She specialises in investment treaty and commercial dispute resolution and has sat in arbitrations 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 LCIA, ICC, SCC and ICSID.

Ania's expertise lies in high value complex commercial matters involving shareholder agreements, joint venture agreements, supply agreements and mergers and acquisitions. In addition to this, Ania has also handled matters in the energy oil & gas, environmental, technology and telecommunications sectors.

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.

She is fluent in English and Polish and is proficient in French.

Sector Expertise

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

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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.

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Experience

Recent Experience

- Sole Arbitrator, ICC Matter, London Seat, English law relating to a contractual dispute and the impact of sanctions involving parties in Ireland and Belarus.
- Presiding Arbitrator, ICC Matter, London Seat, English governing law relating to a contractual dispute involving parties in Bulgaria and the Russian Federation.
- Presiding Arbitrator, SCC Matter, Stockholm Seat, English governing law related to a shareholder dispute. Award issued on the impact of sanctions on tribunal's jurisdiction.
- Co-Arbitrator, LCIA Matter, London Seat, English governing law related to breach of contracts
- Sole Arbitrator, LCIA Matter, London Seat, English governing law related to breach of sale and purchase agreement
- Sole Arbitrator, LCIA Matter, London Seat, English Governing Law related to shareholder agreement
- Counsel in OIC proceedings against a Central Asian State regarding the steel industry.
- Representing a governmentin pending ICSID proceedings against an Italian investor in a multi-million EUR claim over the withdrawal of a land concession
- Advising Spain and France in High Court and Court of Appeal Proceedings resisting the enforcement of two arbitral awards
- Advising Canadian gold mining company 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
- Counsel to 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

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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

- Fieldfisher LLP, London, Partner, since January 2023
- Omnia Strategy LLP, London, Partner, Nov. 2019 Oct. 2022
- 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

Professional Associations & Recognitions

- Chair of the ICC UK Committee for Arbitration & ADR
- Chair of Taskforce on the 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
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- Member, LCIA
- Panel of Arbitrators Hong Kong (HKIAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators Vienna (VIAC)
- Pane of Arbitrators Shanghai (SHIAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators Abu Dhabi (ADGM)

Publications, Articles & Thought Leadership

Ania regularly contributes to publications and speaks at international conferences.

To request a full copy of Ania's list of engagements, please contact info@arbitra.co.uk

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Directory or Client Quotes

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

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".

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