



Jessica Crow

Nationality: Canadian/American

Languages: English & French (Fluent)

Jessica is an independent arbitrator who specialises in Energy and Natural Resources, Climate Change and the Environment, General Commercial Disputes and Public International Law, based out of London and Washington DC. She has particular expertise in matters relating to the energy transition and the international climate change regime.

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 Arbitrator, Co-Arbitrator and Counsel, and has broad experience resolving high value, complex disputes under most arbitral institutions, numerous governing laws, and arbitral seats. 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 in Paris and 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. She is now focused on resolving disputes as a neutral and advising corporates, investors and States in relation to international and domestic climate policy, transition regulations and conflict risk. She is a PhD candidate at the University of Cambridge focused on the international climate change regime and governance of the energy transition. She also holds a postgraduate degree in Energy, Climate Change and Dispute Resolution from the Energy Institute at Queen Mary University of London and has completed advanced training on the impact of the climate emergency on global business at the University of Oxford.

Jessica is President of the Executive Committee of the Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (YCAP). 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 and sits on the North American regional sub-committee of the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators ADR & Sustainability Specialist Group Steering Committee.

Jessica is fluent in English and French and has good working knowledge of Spanish and Italian.

Sector Expertise

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

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.

Energy, Oil & Gas

Jessica has experience in disputes related to the Energy sector, Oil & Gas, including 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 is knowledgeable in upstream granting instruments, exploration and production, construction, operation and decommissioning, as well as stakeholder issues, including indigenous rights, local content and the environment.

Environment, Renewables & Climate Change

Jessica has a broad understanding of the energy transition, climate change and environmental law. She is 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 complex interactions between international investment and the environment in public international law. She is knowledgeable in renewable energy incentives and support policies including 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 a PhD candidate at the University of Cambridge, Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance (C-EENRG) focused on the international climate change regime and governance of the energy transition and holds a postgraduate degree with distinction in Energy, Climate Change and Dispute Resolution from the Energy Institute at Queen Mary University of London.

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Experience

- Sole Arbitrator in an ICC administered arbitration seated in London concerning a contract for the provision of commissioning services in the transportation sector.
- Co-Arbitrator in a multimillion-dollar dispute seated in London concerning a debt restructuring agreement in the telecommunications sector.
- 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.
- Acting as arbitrator in several arbitrations in the transport & tourism sector under the Arbitration Act 1996 (UK).
- 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.

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- 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:

- 2022 - present: *University of Cambridge, United Kingdom*, PhD, International Climate Law and Governance of the Energy Transition
- 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
- 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)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators ADR & Sustainability Specialist Group Steering Committee

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- 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

Recent Speaking Engagements:

- Co-Author with Wolf von Kumberg "The Development of Investor State Mediation and its Future in supporting Climate Change" (Forthcoming in *Arbitration: The Journal of International Arbitration, Mediation, and Dispute Management*, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators 2022)
- Speaker, Barton Legal Webinar: "Challenges for the Construction Supply Chain as a result of Climate Change and the Energy Transition." (<https://www.bartonlegal.com/site/webinars/may-2022-andrew-singer-qc-and-jessica-crow>)
- Guest Faculty, Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society Gold Standard Course in International Arbitration 2022
- Panelist, London International Dispute Week 2022: "The Next Generation: what young and rising arbitrators need to know - a roundtable focused on topics of interest to the next generation of arbitrators and the counsel appointing them."
- Panelist, Campaign for Greener Arbitrations Webinar: "The Path Towards Carbon Neutrality - how arbitrators, arbitral institutions, arbitration practitioners, and other stakeholders of the arbitration community can reduce and meaningfully offset their carbon emissions."
- Panelist, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Webinar: "Climate Change Disputes: Is Arbitration a Sustainable Option?"
- Panelist, Arbitra International Webinar: "COP26 Dispute Resolution Aftermath: insight, analysis, and advice on how decisions taken at COP26 in Glasgow may affect the arbitration and ADR arena."
- Arbitrator, LCIA, ICC and USCIB/AAA Vis Moots 2015 - Present

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