



Jessica Crow

Nationality: Canadian/American

Languages: English & French (Fluent)



Jessica Crow is an independent arbitrator and an academic at the University of Cambridge. She specialises in energy and natural resources, climate change and the environment, international dispute resolution, and public international law.

Jessica has served as Arbitrator and Counsel in complex, high-value disputes across numerous industries including energy, construction, infrastructure, insurance (including political risk insurance), telecommunications, fintech, transportation, joint ventures, and commercial matters. With fifteen years of experience in international commercial and investment arbitration, she has been engaged under most major arbitral institutions and across multiple governing laws and seats.

Jessica is widely recognised for her expertise in the law and governance of the energy transition, climate change, and environmental matters. Her work is underpinned by deep knowledge of international climate policy frameworks, emissions trading regimes, and renewable energy regulation. Her practice includes advising corporates, investors, and governments on international and domestic climate policy, ESG frameworks, and political and climate-related dispute risk. She writes and speaks extensively on these topics.

As a Fellow at the World Economic Forum, Jessica engages with global business leaders, policymakers, and international organizations on the climate governance agenda. She contributes to high-level stakeholder consultations on corporate climate ambition, transition risk and achieving net zero.

At the University of Cambridge, Jessica teaches international dispute resolution, climate law, and environmental policy and is a researcher in climate litigation at the Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy, and Natural Resource Governance (CEENRG). She holds appointments as the Hoffmann Fellow in Global Climate Governance at the Centre for Climate Engagement, Hughes Hall and as a researcher at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law.

Before becoming a full-time arbitrator and academic, Jessica worked in private practice at leading global firms in London and Paris, acting as counsel for corporates, states, and state-owned entities in international commercial and investment arbitration. Additionally, she has in-house experience with an Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) company in the energy sector and served as a Special Legislative Assistant to the government house leader in the Parliament of Ontario, Canada.

She speaks fluent English and French, and is admitted to practice in New York and as a solicitor in England and Wales.

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Sector Expertise

- Energy, Oil & Gas
- Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure
- Environment, Renewables & Climate Change
- Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Crypto and Fintech
- Insurance, Reinsurance & Political Risk
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Shareholder Disputes
- Technology and Telecoms

Energy, Oil & Gas

Jessica has experience in disputes in 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, social licencing, local content and the environment.

Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure

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

Environment, Renewables & Climate Change

Jessica has deep expertise in the law and governance of the energy transition, climate change and environmental law. She has experience advising governments, corporates, and other key stakeholders on climate litigation risk and ESG matters. 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 teaches international law, climate change and environmental law at the University of Cambridge where she is a doctoral researcher.

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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, digital assets, telecommunications, intellectual property and commercial agency.

Experience

- Sole Arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration seated in London and subject to English law between a European energy company and a UK project developer concerning a services agreement for renewable energy projects.
- Sole Arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration seated in London under the law of England & Wales concerning a retail joint venture dispute.
- Co-Arbitrator under the LCIA rules in an arbitration seated in the Bahamas under Bahamian law arising out of a Subscription Agreement for the issuance of digital assets.
- Co-Arbitrator under the LCIA Rules in a dispute seated in Doha under the laws of Qatar relating to the construction of a sustainable urban regeneration project.
- Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration seated in London under the law of England & Wales concerning a contract for commissioning services in the transportation sector between a sustainable rail construction and engineering company and a legacy train manufacturer.
- Co-Arbitrator in a multi-million-dollar LCIA arbitration seated in London concerning a debt restructuring agreement in the telecommunications sector between a state-owned telecoms company and a government-owned mobile telecoms operator in West Africa.
- Co-Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration seated in Calgary under Alberta law in relation to a multi-million-dollar claim between Canadian and U.S. parties concerning the construction of a large chemical industrial facility.
- Co-Arbitrator in an LCIA arbitration seated in London under the law of England & Wales, in relation to a contract for the supply of personal protective equipment between U.K. and U.S. parties during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration under the law of England & Wales concerning a commercial agency agreement.
- Sole Arbitrator in two separate commercial disputes, under the LCIA rules and the law of England & Wales, concerning a consumer credit agreement.
- Acting as arbitrator in several arbitrations in the transport & tourism sector under the Arbitration Act 1996 (UK).
- Tribunal Secretary in a SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore and subject to Singapore law between an Asian industrial company and a European engineering group concerning the design, supply and commissioning of a large-scale processing facility.
- Tribunal Secretary in an UNCITRAL dispute seated in Ontario and subject to the laws of Ontario concerning a political risk insurance policy over Libyan oil assets.
- Tribunal Secretary in an LCIA dispute seated in London and subject to the law of England & Wales between an Asian development bank and an English insurance syndicate in relation to a trade credit insurance policy.

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- Tribunal Secretary in a SIAC dispute seated in Singapore and subject to Singaporean and Japanese law relating to a project to invest in and build a hotel in Timor Leste.
- Tribunal Secretary in an UNCITRAL dispute seated in London and subject to the law England & Wales concerning the construction of a major IT and communications complex in Saudi Arabia.
- Counsel to a leading European EPC contractor in an ICC arbitration under English law in relation to a cancelled pipeline project; over EUR 1 billion was at stake.
- Counsel to an oil and gas major in a dispute with a contractor arising out of political and social unrest in West Africa that triggered force majeure provisions.
- Counsel to a French-German consortium in an ICC arbitration in Stockholm under Finnish law against a Finnish utility company in a dispute arising from an agreement for the construction of a nuclear power plant; over EUR 6.1 billion was at stake.
- Counsel to a Middle Eastern industrial company in an LCIA arbitration against a UAE-based oilfield service provider concerning an oil development program in Kuwait.
- Counsel to a Chinese entity in a shareholder dispute concerning breaches of tax warranties.
- Counsel to a prominent oil & gas contractor in an LCIA arbitration regarding variations and prolongation claims relating to the supply of two vessels in the Kashagan Field.
- Counsel to a multinational infrastructure firm in an ICC arbitration concerning one of the world's largest urban rail projects; the seat was London and over USD 900 million was at stake.
- Counsel to 13 financial investment companies and two individuals as claimants in an ICC arbitration arising out of the revision and breach of a settlement agreement relating to a substantial telecommunications operation in Brazil; the seat was Paris, Brazilian law applied and the language was English. Over EUR 15 billion was at stake.
- Counsel to the Arab Republic of Egypt in an arbitration initiated by Hussain Sajwani, Damac Park Avenue for Real Estate Development S.A.E., and Damac Gamsha Bay for Development S.A.E. (ICSID Case No. ARB/11/16). The dispute arose from a criminal conviction for corruption in relation to the purchase and development of land for tourism purposes.
- Counsel to three European chemical companies as respondents in an ICC arbitration in Geneva under Swiss law against the European subsidiaries of a large North American chemical concern.

Academic & Professional Qualifications

Education:

- 2022 - present: University of Cambridge, PhD, Climate Law
- 2022: University of Oxford, Climate Emergency Leadership Programme, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment
- 2020 to 2021: Queen Mary University of London, LLM, Dispute Resolution, Energy and Climate Change
- 2007 to 2010: University College London, LLB Hons
- 2001 to 2005: McGill University, BA Hons, Philosophy

Career History:

- 2020 to Present: Crow Arbitration, Independent Arbitrator
- 2023 to Present: Affiliated Lecturer, University of Cambridge
- 2024 to Present: Hoffman Fellow in Global Climate Governance, World Economic Forum

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

Professional Associations & Recognitions

- Immediate Past President of the Executive Committee and Advisory Board Member, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (YCAP)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators ADR & Sustainability Specialist Group Steering Committee
- Member of ICC Canada Arbitration Committee
- Co-Chair North American Regional Subcommittee, Campaign for Greener Arbitrations
- Member of LCIA Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG)

Publications, Articles & Thought Leadership

Recent Speaking Engagements:

- **Panelist**, *Emissions Trading: An Emerging Tension at the Nexus of Investment Protection and Climate Governance*, 14th Annual Cambridge International Law Journal Conference
- **Presenter**, *Mute Off Thursdays – Trump, Shell Shock, and a Bad COP: Understanding Setbacks and Strategic Paths Forward for Climate Action in 2025*
- **Co-Chair**, 2024 ICC Canada Arbitration Committee Annual Conference in Vancouver
- **Panelist**, Jus Mundi Agora Series Seminar – *The Urgency of Reform: Arbitration at the Intersection of International Investment Law and Climate Law*
- **Panelist**, 7th Annual Conference on Energy Arbitration and Dispute Resolution in the Middle East and Africa, *The Impact of the Energy Transition on Dispute Resolution in Africa*
- **Panelist**, Paris Arbitration Week 2024, PAW Sustainability Event
- **Panelist**, COP28 Dubai, Climate Law, Governance & Sustainability Transitions – *I’LL Bill You for Repairs*
- **Co-Moderator**, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators "Let's Discuss Energy Disputes"
- **Panelist**, ICC Canada Arbitration Conference 2023 – *Climate Jeopardy*
- **Panelist**, 20th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law – *Harnessing the “Duty of Care” to Operationalise the Paris Agreement*
- **Panelist**, QMUL Institute of Energy and Climate Change Law – *How Climate Change is Changing the Law and Commercial Practice*
- **Panelist**, ICCA-VanIAC Joint Conference on Energy Infrastructure Disputes and Arbitration: Today and Tomorrow – *Predicting the Future of International Energy Arbitration*
- **Panelist**, Young ICCA/YCAP Conference – *Is Arbitration the Best Dispute Resolution Procedure for Climate Change Disputes?*
- **Panelist**, 7th ELG Energy Event Paris – *Investment Arbitration and the Energy Transition*

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- **Panelist**, ABA International Law Section Annual Conference – *Strategic Litigation to Enforce the Paris Agreement: Global Perspectives*
- **Panelist**, SCC Arbitration Institute Energy Transition Forum – *Energy Transition and Climate Disputes*
- **Panelist**, RESOLVE 2023 ADGM, Abu Dhabi – *Anticipating and Mitigating ESG-Related Disputes*
- **Panelist**, ICC UK Conference on Arbitration and ADR 2022 – *Climate Change Meets Arbitration: A Look Ahead to 2030*
- **Panelist**, ICC Canada Conference 2022 – *Debate on the Impact of Sanctions on Institutional and Arbitrator Neutrality*
- **Speaker**, Barton Legal Webinar – *Challenges for the Construction Supply Chain from Climate Change and the Energy Transition* (May 2022)
- **Guest Faculty**, Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society Gold Standard Course in International Arbitration (2022)
- **Panelist**, London International Dispute Week 2022 – *The Next Generation of Arbitrators*
- **Panelist**, Campaign for Greener Arbitrations Webinar – *The Path Towards Carbon Neutrality*
- **Panelist**, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Webinar – *Climate Change Disputes: Is Arbitration a Sustainable Option?*
- **Panelist**, Arbitra International Webinar – *COP26 Dispute Resolution Aftermath*
- **Arbitrator**, LCIA, ICC, and USCIB/AAA Vis Moots (2015–Present)

Publications & Media:

- **Co-Author** (with Harro van Asselt), ‘European Union’ in Doug Kysar and Ernest Lim (eds), *The Oxford Handbook of Climate Change and Private Law* (OUP forthcoming)
- **Co-Author** (with Tejas Rao), ‘Contested Histories, Positionality and the Judiciary in the UK, Canada and the USA’ in *Adjudicating Climate Change* in Melanie Murcott and Myriam Gicquello (eds), (Bloomsbury forthcoming)
- **Author**, *No NAFTA Protection for US Company’s Acquisition of Carbon Credits Under the Scrapped Ontario Cap and Trade Program* in *ADR Perspectives*, (ADR Institute of Canada 2024)
- **Guest**, *ICC Australia Conversations – Judicial Notice of Climate Change* (May 2024)
- **Podcast Guest**, *Al Tamimi COP28 Podcast – Resolving Environmental and Climate Change Disputes through Arbitration* (October 2023)
- **Podcast Guest**, *39 Essex OUTLOOK Podcast – Building for the Future: Climate Change and Arbitration* (March 2023)
- **Author**, Lexis PSL Case Note on *Tennant v Canada* ([Link](#))
- **Co-Author** (with Wolf von Kumberg), *The Development of Investor State Mediation and its Future in Supporting Climate Change* in *The Journal of International Arbitration, Mediation, and Dispute Management*, (CIArb 2022)

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