

## Alisa Protasova

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**Languages spoken**

English | Russian | Italian



### About Alisa

Alisa Protasova is a dual-qualified international arbitration lawyer focusing on public international law, investment arbitration and international commercial disputes across a broad range of industries, including the energy sector (oil and gas, and renewables), infrastructure and transportation.

She represents sovereign states and state-owned entities in complex disputes across multiple jurisdictions under various arbitration rules, including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), Milan Chamber of Arbitration (CAM-Milan) and Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC). She has also advised clients on enforcement and annulment proceedings before French, Swiss, Dutch and Russian courts.

Alisa has also gained experience as a state representative in UNCITRAL Working Group III, and participated in negotiations of interstate trade and investment protection treaties.

She is actively involved in the international arbitration community as a coach, arbitrator and case author for international moot court competitions, and contributes to multiple initiatives of leading arbitration associations.

Prior to joining the firm, Alisa practiced international arbitration in Italy and Russia.

### Experience

- Counsel for a Central Asian state in a multibillion-dollar UNCITRAL arbitration arising out of a consortium of oil majors' alleged failure to develop one of the largest oil fields in the world, recovery of costs in breach of obligations under a production sharing agreement and multiple violations of environmental obligations.
- Counsel for a sovereign state in multiple Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)-administered investment arbitrations exceeding US\$10 billion under the UNCITRAL Rules, arising out of disputes concerning alleged expropriation of business ventures, issues of state succession and the application of a bilateral investment treaty.
- Counsel for a sovereign state in set-aside proceedings before the French courts initiated by an investor, seeking to uphold a €65 million ICC arbitral award.

- Counsel for an international transportation group in SCC and CAM-Milan arbitrations governed by English and Italian law, in connection with two major construction projects.
- Counsel in a VIAC investment arbitration filed against a Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) state under UNCITRAL rules in relation to a coal project, including issues of jurisdiction and admissibility.
- Counsel for a state in an investment dispute exceeding US\$400 million under the UNCITRAL rules, related to an investment made in the electric power system.
- Advising on the enforcement of an investment treaty award in Russia for an oil and gas company, concerning the taking of the claimant's shares in an oil refinery and covering issues of sovereign immunity.

## Credentials

### Education

- Luiss Guido Carli University, LL.M., European Law and Policy, 2022
- Higher School of Economics, Master's Degree, Law of International Trade, Finance and Economic Integration, 2021
- The Hague Academy of International Law, Courses on Public and Private International Law, 2021
- Geneva Center for International Dispute Settlement, International Arbitration Course, 2020
- Foreign Trade Academy of the Ministry of Economic Development, Bachelor of Law, International Law, 2019

### Admissions

- England and Wales, 2025
- Russia, 2024

## Expertise

### Services

- International Dispute Resolution

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