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About Eveli

Dr. Eveli Lume is a partner in our International Dispute Resolution Practice. She is an international arbitration specialist with a practice exclusively focused on complex international disputes.

Eveli is instructed in high-stakes international arbitrations, including both investor-state and commercial international arbitrations under the auspices of leading arbitration institutions.

An Estonian national, educated and admitted to practice in Estonia and Germany, and regularly working in English, German, Estonian and Russian, her practice is uniquely international. She acts for clients with a broad geographic scope, including Eastern European, Central Asian and African states and state-owned entities, as well as private sector companies throughout Europe and beyond. Clients direct Eveli to act for them in arbitrations across a broad range of sectors, including in the energy, water, construction, mining, telecommunications, food and ceramic sectors. She is experienced in litigating cases under the rules of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and the rules of the German Institution of Arbitration (DIS).

In December 2023, the Republic of Estonia appointed Eveli to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators.

Before changing her practice to focus entirely on international arbitration, Eveli gathered extensive experience in international cross-border merger and acquisition transactions, financings, and commercial contract matters under German law. Her experience in these areas includes international clients from various sectors, including IT, chemicals, biotechnology, energy, media and entertainment, financial institutions and private equity investors.

In addition to her practice, Eveli is involved in the International Dispute Resolution LL.M. programme at the Humboldt University as a guest lecturer on public international law, and mentor, and she also teaches international arbitration and international investment law at the Tartu University in Estonia.

Experience

- Acting for the Republic of Latvia in an investment arbitration filed by RSE Holding AG (Switzerland) under the Energy Charter Treaty and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules in connection with the sale of electricity by cogeneration plants.

- Acting for the State of Libya in an investment arbitration relating to a construction project filed by the company Nurol Insaat ve Ticaret (Turkey) before the ICC under the Turkey-Libya BIT.
- Acting for the State of Libya in an investment arbitration related to a construction project filed by the company Ustay Yappi Taahhut ve Ticaret (Turkey) before the ICC under the Turkey-Libya BIT.
- Acting for Estonia in an ICSID arbitration arising under the Netherlands-Estonia BIT in connection with regulation of water tariffs in the Estonian capital Tallinn (ICSID Case No. ARB/14/24).
- Acting for the State of Libya in an investment arbitration relating to a construction project filed by the company Guris Insaat ve Muhendislik before the ICC under the Turkey-Libya BIT.
- Acting for ČEZ, a.s. (Czech Republic), the largest public utility company in the CEE region, in an ICC arbitration against Gazprom Export LLC (Russia) arising out of a gas supply contract.
- Acting for a European pipeline gas buyer in an arbitration against Gazprom Export LLC (Russia) in connection with disputes regarding Russian gas underdeliveries.
- Acting for a Central Asian state-owned company in a construction arbitration under the SCC rules against a Belarussian state-owned entity.
- Acting for a major automotive safety supplier in a SCC arbitration against a German entity in a dispute arising from a defective delivery.
- Acting for an international chemicals producer in a DIS arbitration against a German entity in a dispute arising from a distributorship agreement.
- Acting for an Estonian energy company against a German entity in a post-M&A arbitration under the DIS rules.
- Acting for an international retailer in a commercial arbitration against a German sports team under the ICC rules.
- Acting for a Finnish multinational sanitary ware producer in a post-M&A arbitration under DIS rules in relation to the antitrust infringements.
- Acting for international distributor in an ICC arbitration against a German entity in relation to compensation claims under a distributorship agreement.
- Acting for a leading chemicals and biotechnology company on the settlement with its suppliers.
- Acting for an international manufacturer of highly technical materials on the commercial contracts with its business customers.
- Acting for a leading global automotive supplier in relation to the sale of its business segment in Germany.
- Acting for a US-based international financial services provider in relation to the acquisition of a German-based ATM operator.
- Acting for a German/Danish ferry company in relation to the sale of its freight route-based network, including respective vessels, to a Swedish shipping group.
- Acting for an international bioenergy company in relation to the acquisition and conversion of a coal-fired power plant.
- Acting for a municipal utility in relation to the acquisition of a cogeneration power plant.
- Acting for a multinational entertainment company in relation to partnership contracts for public events in Germany and Austria.

- Acting for an international thread and structural component manufacturer in relation to the sale of its European business to a German buyer.
- Acting for a municipal utility in relation to the acquisition of a cogeneration power plant.
- Acting for a Japanese electronics company in relation to the acquisition of a German printing business.
- Acting for Polish venture capital (VC) investors in relation to investment in a German online auction business.

Credentials

Education

- University of Bielefeld, Ph.D., *magna cum laude*, 2015
- University of Tartu, M.A., Law, *summa cum laude*, 2011
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, LL.M., *summa cum laude*, 2008
- University of Tartu, B.A., Law, 2006
- University of Tartu, B.A., Government & Politics, 2006

Admissions

- Germany, 2021
- Estonia, 2018

Memberships & Affiliations

- Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit e.V. (DIS)
- Founding member, Member of the board, Estonian Arbitration Association (EAA)
- Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe (ArbCEE)
- VIAC (Vienna International Arbitral Centre) Ambassador for Estonia (VIAC Community Ambassador Network)
- Lecturer, "International Arbitration", "International Law of Foreign Investment" and "Introduction to EU competition and International Investment Law", International Business Law class, University of Tartu, Estonia, 2019 to present
- Guest lecturer, "Introduction to Public International Law", supervisor of master theses, and mentor, International Dispute Resolution LL.M. programme, Humboldt University of Berlin, 2021 to present

Recognitions

- Recognised as an Arbitration Future Leader by *Lexology Index* 2026.

Expertise

Services

- International Dispute Resolution

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "The Role of Pre-Arbitration Negotiation in Energy Dispute Resolution", 8th Athens Conference on EU Energy Law and Policy, 12 December 2024.
- Speaker, "Arbitrators in the Spotlight: Emerging Trends in Conflicts and Disclosure Requirements", ICC YAAF, Bucharest, 17 October 2024.
- Panel Moderator, "Uncharted Justice: Public international law tools in uncertain times", Tallinn Arbitration Day, 3 October 2024.
- Panel Moderator, "Current Trends in Post-M&A Disputes", DIS event in Tallinn, 2 October 2024.
- Panel Moderator, "CAS, challenges to the Olympic Games and Lex Olympica", Workshop "Through Challenges and Disruptions: Evolution of the Lex Olympica", Lillehammer, 20 September 2024.
- Speaker, "Arbitration in the Baltics: Distinctiveness vs. Global Conformity", Vilnius, 12 September 2024.
- Speaker, "Legal Workshop on IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration", curated by the EEA Group of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA), Vilnius, 12 September 2024.
- Speaker, "ICC and DIS Perspectives On New Claims, Consolidation And Mandatory Rules", Belgrade Arbitration Conference, 11 March 2024.
- Speaker at the Humboldt Advocacy Workshops and Panel Discussions, 1 March 2024.
- Speaker, "Sanctions & arbitration – a practical toolkit", Vilnius Arbitration Day, ICC Young Arbitration Forum, Vilnius, 8 November 2023.
- Speaker, "Sanctions and Force Majeure Defenses of State-owned Companies in the Current Landscape of International Arbitration," Prague Arbitration Day 2023, Prague, 11 May 2023.
- Speaker, Estonian Bar Association Roundtable, Tallinn, 29 November 2023.
- Speaker, ICC Young Arbitrators Forum Networking Breakfast, Riga, 12 June 2022.
- Speaker, "Post-Brexit Investment Protection in Europe," Baltic Arbitration Days 2021, 13 August 2021.
- Panel Moderator, "Investment Arbitration Update", Baltic Arbitration Days 2019, 14 June 2019.
- Speaker, "Investment Arbitration After the Achmea Judgment of the CJEU", Baltic Arbitration Days 2019, 15 June 2018.

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