

## Karolina Latasz

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**Languages spoken**

English | German | Polish



### About Karolina

Karolina Latasz is a senior associate in the International Dispute Resolution Practice Group, based in our London office. Karolina has extensive experience representing clients in international commercial arbitrations, with a focus on shareholder, joint venture and energy disputes. She also acts as counsel in investor-state disputes and cross-border litigation proceedings. Karolina has a keen interest in renewable energy disputes.

Karolina is active in the international arbitration community. She has established two international arbitration fora – London Very Young Arbitration Practitioners (London VYAP) and the Young Investment Treaty Forum (Young ITF) (under the patronage of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL)) – which were nominated for Global Arbitration Review Awards 2021 and 2023, respectively. Karolina speaks and publishes on arbitration topics and has served as editor of the Jus Mundi blog.

### Experience

#### Commercial

- Counsel to a group of companies and Israeli individuals in London-seated consolidated arbitration proceedings under the LCIA Rules relating to the break-up of a multibillion dollar joint venture involved in turnkey projects in Africa (English law).
- Counsel to a private equity fund in London-seated consolidated arbitration proceedings under the LCIA Rules relating to a shareholder dispute in the financial services sector (English law).
- Counsel to a private equity fund in connection with an arbitration under the LCIA Rules relating to a post-merger and acquisition (M&A) dispute concerning a motorway project (English law).
- Counsel to an international organisation in London-seated arbitration proceedings under the LCIA Rules relating to its exit from an insurance joint venture in the Middle East (English law).
- Counsel to high net worth individuals in court proceedings relating to the break-up of a multibillion dollar metallurgical consortium (English law).
- Counsel to a Middle Eastern company in London-seated arbitration proceedings under the LCIA Rules relating to a termination of a fuel oil offtake agreement (English law).

- Counsel to a European company in Paris-seated arbitration proceedings under the ICC Rules relating to breaches of a gas supply agreement (German law).
- Counsel to a European energy company in a London-seated ICC arbitration arising out of a nuclear fuel supply contract (English law).
- Counsel to a CIS country in Geneva-seated arbitration proceedings under the UNCITRAL Rules relating to a dispute under a production sharing agreement.
- Counsel to an energy major in London-seated arbitration proceedings under the UNCITRAL Rules relating to a dispute under a production sharing contract (Indian law).
- Counsel to a hospitality company in proceedings for the enforcement of an ICC arbitration award against a Tanzanian hotel management company (proceedings in England and Tanzania).

#### **Investment Treaty**

- Counsel to European investors in ICSID arbitration against the Kingdom of Spain under the Energy Charter Treaty arising out of investments in wind farms.
- Counsel to European investors in ICSID arbitration against the Kingdom of Spain under the Energy Charter Treaty arising out of investments in photovoltaic plants.
- Counsel to European investors in ICSID arbitration against the Kingdom of Spain under the Energy Charter Treaty arising out of investments in concentrated solar power plants.
- Counsel to an Iberian investor in connection with its claims against an Eastern European country under the Energy Charter Treaty arising out of investments in wind farms.
- Counsel to an Eastern European country in an UNCITRAL arbitration against a Russian investor arising out of an investment in the food industry.

## **Credentials**

#### **Education**

- Geneva Graduate Institute, LL.M., International Dispute Settlement (MIDS), valedictorian, 2022
- BPP University Law School, L.P.C., distinction, 2015
- University of Nottingham, B.A., Law with German, first class, 2014

#### **Admissions**

- England and Wales, 2017

#### **Memberships & Affiliations**

- Executive Committee member, ARBinBRIEF, March 2023-present
- Steering Committee member, Young ITF, March 2022-present
- Founder and Executive Committee member, London VYAP, August 2020-August 2022

## **Recognitions**

- Recognised as an Arbitration Future Leader by *Lexology Index* 2025 & 2026.
- Listed in *Legal 500* 2024 with clients describing her as "very intelligent, committed, hard-working and creative in her thinking - a definite star for the future".

## **Expertise**

#### **Services**

## Publications & Speaking Engagements

- International Dispute Resolution

### Publications

- Co-author, "The English High Court Greenlights Enforcement of an ICSID Arbitration Award Issued in Intra-EU Investment Treaty Proceedings", IISD, Investment Treaty News, September 2023.
- Co-author, "Counsel ethics in international arbitration: overcoming the uncertainty in no-man's land", International Arbitration in England: Perspectives in Times of Change (eds. Fullelove, Hamzi, Harrison), 2022
- Co-author, "The Impact of Brexit on Dispute Resolution: EU and UK Perspectives", IBA Dispute Resolution International, 27 October 2021.
- Author, "Security for Claims (Wiki Note)", Jus Mundi, 1 March 2021.
- Co-author, "Non-identical Twins: Judicial Assistance for Obtaining Evidence under Sections 43 and 44 of the English Arbitration Act", ASA Bulletin, 1 March 2021.
- Co-author, "Increased enforcement risk in intra-EU investment treaty arbitration", Legal & Regulatory Risk Note, Allen & Overy, 1 March 2018.
- Co-author, "Holding investors to account for human rights violations through counterclaims in investment treaty arbitration", Practical Law Arbitration Blog, 31 January 2017.

### Speaking Engagements

- "Anglo-French Approaches to Arbitration: Corruption in Arbitration and the Review by National Courts", King's College London, October 2024.
- "Investor-State Mediation. The Future is Now?", Young ITF, Maxwell Chambers and Singapore Very Young Arbitration Practitioners, virtual event, June 2024.
- "The Intersection of Geopolitics and Investment Treaty Arbitration", Young European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration, Frankfurt, April 2024.
- "Early determination in arbitration: dashing to dismissal", ARBinBRIEF & Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre, virtual event, April 2024.
- "Energy Arbitrations in a Time of Crisis and Transition", ICC YAAF, London, December 2023.
- "Emergency arbitrator – 'need to have' or 'good to have'?", ICC YAAF, London International Disputes Week, London, May 2023.
- "Amicus briefs and ISDS legitimacy crisis", Young ITF, London, May 2022.
- "Greener Arbitrations in Action: junior practitioners' role in implementing the Green Protocols", Campaign for Greener Arbitrations and London VYAP, virtual event, April 2022.
- "Getting it Right: Arbitrating in the Post-Covid Virtual Arena", YIAP-NY, New York Arbitration Week, virtual event, November 2021.
- "The power of the written word: publishing as a junior arbitration lawyer", Jus Mundi and London VYAP, virtual event, February 2021.
- "Resilience in Times of Crisis", YIAP-NY, New York Arbitration Week, virtual event, November 2020.
- "Surviving and succeeding as a junior arbitration lawyer", ICC YAF & London VYAP, virtual event, November 2020.
- "Security for Claim Applications in International Arbitration", Young Mute-Off Thursdays virtual event, October 2020.

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