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About Naomi

Naomi Briercliffe is a partner and solicitor advocate in the International Dispute Resolution Practice Group based in London.

Naomi is ranked by *Chambers* (UK and Global) and *Legal 500 UK* in international arbitration and public international law and recommended in the Lexology Arbitration Index. She has been described in the directories as a "brilliant advocate" (*Legal 500*), a "shrewd lawyer", who is a "superstar", "does amazing work" and is "responsive", "clever, personable and can foster a team of talents in an impressive way" (*Chambers* 2025).

Naomi represents states, corporates and high net worth individuals across multiple jurisdictions in commercial and treaty arbitrations and before international courts and tribunals. She has experience across a broad range of industries and sectors, including energy (oil and gas, renewables, nuclear and hydroelectricity), mining, infrastructure, aviation, TMT and private equity.

As well as advising clients on disputes, she supports clients in avoiding disputes and mitigating risk at the front-end of transactions, including by assisting with contractual negotiations. Naomi also has experience of enforcement matters before national courts and sits as arbitrator.

Naomi is a member of the Users' Council of the LCIA and sits on the LCIA's EDI Steering Group. She is an Honorary Fellow of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law and sits on the peer review board of the ICSID Review. She is also a faculty member of the GAR Academy on Investor-State Dispute Settlement.

Naomi has represented clients in arbitrations under most major institutional rules, including the ICC, LCIA, AAA, UNCITRAL and ICSID rules. She has also advised clients on matters before the International Court of Justice, Iran-US Claims Tribunal, European Court of Human Rights and African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights.

Experience

Investment Treaty Arbitration

- Acting for Georgia in an ICSID arbitration brought by a Swiss individual and a Georgian company concerning a real estate development project (ongoing; successfully defended a provisional measure application) (ICSID Case No. ARB/23/23).
- Acting for the UAE in an ICSID arbitration brought by a British individual concerning a real estate development project (ICSID Case No. ARB/19/10).
- Acting for the UAE in an ICSID arbitration brought by a Turkish company concerning a dredging and construction project (ICSID Case No. ARB/17/20).
- Acting for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in an ICSID arbitration brought by a Turkish company concerning a construction project (ICSID Case No. ARB/19/32).
- Acting for the Islamic Republic of Iran in an UNCITRAL arbitration brought by a Turkish company concerning a GSM telecommunications license.
- Acting for investors from the UK and Luxembourg in an ICSID arbitration under the ECT against the Kingdom of Spain concerning concentrated solar power energy investments (ICSID Case No. ARB/13/36).
- Acting for investors from Luxembourg and the Netherlands in an ICSID arbitration under the ECT against the Kingdom of Spain concerning concentrated solar power energy investments (ICSID Case No. ARB/13/31).
- Acting for investors from the UK and Luxembourg in an ICSID arbitration under the ECT against the Kingdom of Spain concerning wind and solar investments (ICSID Case No. ARB/13/30).
- Acting for a UAE-state-owned entity in an ICSID arbitration under the ECT against the Kingdom of Spain concerning concentrated solar power energy investments (ICSID Case No. ARB/14/1 – including in defending subsequent annulment proceedings).
- Acting investors from Luxembourg and the Netherlands in an ICSID arbitration under the ECT against the Kingdom of Spain concerning solar PV energy investments (ICSID Case No. ARB/16/18).
- Acting for British and Dutch investors in an UNCITRAL arbitration concerning consolidated claims under the ECT and two investment treaties relating to an oil and gas investment.
- Acting for Lithuanian investors in ICSID case against Serbia concerning a fertilizer plant (ICSID Case No. ARB/09/21).
- Advising various private equity and litigation fund investors on the potential purchase of awards and claims (including full merits assessments and advice on enforcement).

Commercial Arbitration

- Counsel to a BVI company in an LCIA arbitration concerning a shareholders' dispute relating to a tech investment company.
- Counsel to a South American state client in expert determination proceedings under a petroleum agreement.
- Counsel to a Central Asian state in an UNCITRAL arbitration under a production sharing agreement.
- Counsel to a Middle Eastern company in an ICC arbitration under a defence contract.
- Counsel to a European state-owned energy company in a SCC arbitration against European buyer under a long-term gas supply agreement.

- Counsel to a Dutch company in a dispute with a Taiwanese company concerning the supply of wind farm equipment.
- Counsel to a Caymen company in a dispute with a Slovenian company under a private equity incentives agreement.
- Counsel to a group of companies and Israeli individuals in London-seated consolidated arbitration proceedings relating to the break-up of a multibillion-dollar joint venture involving turnkey projects in Africa.
- Counsel to a Dutch company in an AAA arbitration relating to the supply of aircraft equipment.
- Counsel to a French company in an ICC arbitration concerning an aircraft outfitting agreement.
- Counsel to a state-owned Emirati oil and gas company in a dispute under a royalty agreement.
- Counsel to a European energy company in a London-seated ICC arbitration arising out of a nuclear fuel supply contract.
- Counsel to international energy company in a post-M&A dispute relating to a Danish power plant.
- Counsel to an Angolan company in a dispute under a financing agreement relating to a mining asset under the LCIA rules.
- Counsel to an international energy company in a dispute under a farm-in agreement relating to an oil and gas project.
- Counsel to an Indonesian mining company in a post-M&A dispute under the LCIA rules.
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration under a hotel management agreement.
- Counsel to a Middle Eastern state-owned company in an ICC arbitration against a Turkish telecommunications company.
- Counsel to a state-owned electricity company in an ICC arbitration with an international organization under an O&M agreement relating to a hydroelectric power plant.

Other International Courts and Tribunals

- Counsel to Cambodia in Request for Interpretation of the Judgment of 15 June 1962 in the Case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear (Cambodia v Thailand) before the International Court of Justice.
- Counsel to the Islamic Republic of Iran in three cases (A15, B61 and B1) against the US before the Iran-US Claims Tribunal.
- Counsel to an NGO on its statement to the International Court of Justice in international advisory opinion proceedings on the *Obligations of States in Respect of Climate Change*.
- Advising the complainants in Minority Rights Group International & Environnement Ressources Naturelles et Developpement (on Behalf of the Batwa of Parc National de Kahuzi-Biega) v. Democratic Republic of Congo before the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.
- Assisting with submissions in relation to *Territorial and Maritime Dispute (Nicaragua v Colombia)* before the International Court of Justice and other state-to-state cases between 2010 and 2013.

Public International Law Advisory Work

- Advising states, international organisations and companies on matters of public international law. For example:
    - Advising a state on a potential forum prorogatum application to the International Court of Justice and procedure before the Court.
    - Advising a state on international law issues related to the laying and management of transboundary cables.
    - Advising on questions of international space law in connection with proposed satellite photography.
    - Various pieces of advice concerning A1P1 of the European Convention of Human Rights.
    - Advising a state on the international law of treaties and the potential reform of its network of international investment treaties.
    - Advising a state on a potential claim of territorial sovereignty in Antarctica.
    - Advising on the international legal regime applicable to non-self-governing territories and consequent considerations of investors.
    - Advising the operator of a transboundary pipeline on law of the sea issues relevant to pipelines.
    - Advising the authority of a regional government with respect to the management of natural resources.
    - Advising on the risks of undertaking drilling and production from oil deposits straddling disputed boundaries.
    - Advising state entities and companies on questions related to sovereign immunities.
    - Advising an international organization on amending its constitutive documents.

Enforcement and Arbitration-related Litigation

- Advising a state-owned entity on the enforcement of a US$5 billion UNCITRAL award against Russia in England.
- Advising a Saudi company on the enforcement of CRCICA award in England.
- Advising on the enforcement of an ICC award in England and Zanzibar.
- Advising on s 67 proceedings before the English courts in relation to an arbitration award.
- Advising on the enforcement of a Russian arbitral award in Scotland and England.

International Litigation Support

- Providing international strategic counsel in relation to proceedings before the Indian courts concerning online payment services.
- Providing international strategic counsel in relation to proceedings before the Norwegian courts concerning an oil and gas pipeline project.

Credentials

Education

- College of Law, London, LL.B., *first class honours*
- College of Law, London, Legal Practice Course, *distinction*
- University of Cambridge, King's College, M.A. (Cantab)
- University of Cambridge, King's College, BA (Hons)

Admissions

- England and Wales, 2011
- High Rights of Audience, 2015
- Registered Foreign Attorney, New York, 2018

Recognitions

- Ranked in *Chambers Global* 2026 for International Arbitration
- Ranked Band 3 for Public International Law and Band 4 for International Arbitration in *Chambers UK* 2027
- Ranked in *Chambers UK* 2018-2026 – for Public International Law and Band 5 for International Arbitration
- Ranked in *Legal 500 UK* 2018-2026 – Next Generation Partner for Public International Law and International Arbitration
- Recommended in Lexology Index: Arbitration (formerly *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration*) 2022-2026
- Recognised in the 2026 *Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Litigators* guide
- Recommended in *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration Future Leaders* 2018-2021 (recognized as the second most-highly-regarded future leader EMEA in 2021)
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch International Arbitration* 2023-2026
- *Lawyer Monthly*, Women in Law Awards 2021 – Dispute Resolution Advisor of the Year
- Featured in *Legal Business* as a Next Generation arbitration lawyer, 2021-2022
- *Legal 500* London Arbitration Powerlist 2022

Expertise

Services

- Corporate
- International Dispute Resolution

Industries

- Aviation
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Mining

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Publications

- Co-author, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow? The ECT and its Modernization", *ICSID Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal, 2025*.
- Co-author, "*Infrastructure Services Luxembourg S.à.r.l and Energia Termosolar B.V. v Kingdom of Spain; and Border Timbers Limited and Hangani Development Co. (Private) Limited v Republic of Zimbabwe [2024] EWCA Civ 1257*", England and Wales Court Judgments on Arbitration: Shaping English Arbitration Law and Practice (ed. Duggal, Gambarini et all), forthcoming edition.
- Author, "Legitimate Expectations", *Elgar Encyclopedia of International Economic Law* (eds. Cottier and Nadakavukaren), forthcoming edition.
- Co-author, "Dispute resolution in the European energy sector", *Routledge Handbook of Energy Law* (eds. Hunter, Herrera, Crossley, Alvarez), 2020.
- Co-author, "Article 52(1)(e)", *The ICSID Convention, Regulations and Rules; A Practical Commentary* (Fouret, Gerbay and Alvarez ed.), 2019.
- Co-author, "Human-rights-based Claims by States and "New-Generation" International Investment Agreements", *Kluwer Arbitration*, 2018.
- Co-editor, "African Border Disputes: A Users Guide", *African Union*, 2016.

Speaking Engagements and Lectures

- Speaker, English Law Day, Tashkent, September 2025.
- Chair, GAR Academy Advocacy Skills Workshop, London, June 2025.
- Moderator, "Challenging sovereignty: arbitrations against States and State-owned entities", London International Disputes Week, London, June 2025.
- Speaker, "Ladies-in-Law", Tashkent Law Spring, Tashkent, May 2025.
- Lecture, "International Oil and Gas Disputes", Mozambique Bar Association, online, May 2025.
- Lecture, "International Oil and Gas Disputes", University of the West Indies, online, April 2025.
- Steering Committee and moderator, Sovereign and State Disputes and Enforcement Summit, London, January 2025.
- "International arbitration in energy: key issues and trends", GAR Live Women, December 2024.

- Speaker, Ghana Public Sector Lawyers Conference on "Arbitration as a catalyst for enhancing public service efficiency and equity", Accra, November 2024.
- "State Immunity in the Enforcement of Arbitration Awards", Nigerian Bar Association Section on Business Law, online, November 2024.
- "Arbitrations involving santioned parties", Vilnius Arbitration Day, Vilnius, September 2024.
- "Exploring the New Dynamics of Arbitration: Perspectives and Insights from the LCIA", London Global Disputes Summit, London, July 2024.
- "The Settlement of International Energy Disputes in the Middle East", ADGM/ICSID, Abu Dhabi, April 2024.
- "Change of circumstances and the contract in civil law: flexiblity or uncertainty?", Civil Law Conference, Abu Dhabi, April 2024.
- "Georgia's Historic Strategic Litigations in International Courts and Their Impact on Subsequent Practice", Fordham University School of Law, online, March 2024.
- "Arbitration in The Mining Sector: Latest Trends and Challenges", GAR Live Women, Paris, December 2023.
- "States Rather Than Tribunals Are Responsible For The Failure to Give Sufficient Weight to Environmental Concerns" (Oxford-style debate), BIICL Young ITF, London, November 2023.
- "Going Green & Protecting Public Interest: Sustainable Solutions to Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) Disputes", 7th CIArb Kenya Branch International Conference, Diani Beach, June 2023.
- Disputes Involving States Arising Out of War", London International Disputes Week, London, May 2023.
- "Ukraine, Russia and Issues of Territory", GAR Live BITs, London, May 2023.
- "Energy Arbitration in Times of Crisis", Cambridge Arbitration Day, Cambridge, April 2023.
- "Arbitration in Times of Conflict", Tel Aviv Arbitration Week, Tel Aviv, March 2023.
- "Special Issues Relating to Intra-EU awards", Boies Schiller Flexner and Farrer & Co Roundtable on Judgment and Enforcement Trends, London, February 2023.
- "Contractual Excuse Doctrines", ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference on International Energy Arbitration, Houston, January 2023.
- "Investment Arbitration and Domestic Criminal Proceedings", BIICL Investment Treaty Forum, London, October 2022.
- "Young Practitioners and Our Future", ICCA Congress, Edinburgh, September 2022.
- "Specialised Dispute Resolution for Commercial Space Disputes – A Practitioners Perspective", International Astronautical Space Congress, Paris, September 2022.
- "After Achmea, PL Holdings and Komstroy, the EU is still an attractive destination for investment" (Oxford-style debate for the Young EFILA launch), Young EFILA, Amsterdam, June 2022.
- "Arbitration and FDI", SKOCH India Forum and LITFest, April 2022.
- Who's Who Legal Future Leaders: Arbitration Conference, London, April 2022.
- "Regionalism v Globalisation", Tel Aviv Arbitration Day, Tel Aviv, March 2022.

- "Can an Investor Waive Its Right to Investment Treaty Arbitration?" virtual event, Milan Arbitration Week, February 2022.
- "Legitimate Expectations", virtual event, American Society of International Law (ASIL), January 2022.
- "Difficult Discussions: Mastering Tricky Conversations in your Arbitration Career", virtual event, London VYAP, January 2022.
- Co-presenter, "An Overview of ICSID and UNCITRAL Reform Initiatives" (co-presented with ICSID), Africa Arbitration Academy, Africa and ISDS, October 2021.
- "Stronger Together: A Look Back at Remote Community Building and Ahead to the Future for International Arbitration", virtual event, Arbitral Women (LIDW), May 2021.
- "Investor Obligations in Investment Treaty Arbitration", virtual event, Mute Off Thursdays, March 2021.
- "Failure to Perform Due to Pandemics and Arbitration", virtual event, V Oxford Arbitration Day, November 2020.
- "CEA-40, The Enforcement of Intra-EU awards: Will the US Come to the Rescue?" virtual event, November 2020.
- "RPC, 20 Essex and CIArb, Being Indispensable in (Virtual) Arbitration: How Junior Members of the Team Can Impress", virtual event, October 2020.
- GAR Live Women, London, December 2019.
- CIArb YMG Annual Conference, Edinburgh, November 2019.
- 2nd Annual Who's Who Legal Future Leaders: Arbitration Conference, London, June 2019.
- "Debunking Myths in Investor-State Arbitration", LSE, London, March 2019.
- ·AILA arbitration training course for African arbitration practitioners, London, September 2017 and 2016.
- "A Paradigm Shift in International Investment Law", ·AILA, Cairo, April 2017.
- UNCTAD and Islamic Development Bank training course for States on negotiating international investment treaties, Casablanca, January 2015, January 2016, January 2017.
- "Developments in Investment Treaty Arbitration", Nairobi Arbitration Centre Inaugural Conference, Nairobi, December 2016.
- "India: Changes and Challenges", Indian Council of Arbitration Event, Delhi, July 2016.
- "1996 and All That: A Memorable History of the 1996 Arbitration Act", ·Essex Court Chambers and Allen & Overy LLP, London, June 2016.
- "Cases under the ECT against the Kingdom of Spain", International Energy Arbitration Congress, Santa Cruz, May 2016.
- "Arbitrating in the European Union", Arbitral Women and Queen Mary University Event, London, April 2016.
- "International Energy Investment and the ECT", ICC YAF, Milan, April 2016.

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