



Tina Cicchetti is a leading arbitration practitioner based in Vancouver, Canada and Frisco, USA. As of 1 September 2017, Tina has practiced as an independent Neutral at Vancouver Arbitration Chambers (VAC). Since November 2018, she has been a Member Arbitrator at Arbitration Place in Toronto. She has served as sole arbitrator and tribunal chair in *ad hoc* and institutional arbitrations. Tina also has extensive experience as counsel in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations.

Tina is active in the arbitration community. She is the past Chair of the International Arbitration Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (ICC Canada) (2018-2020), a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, a board member of the Western Canada Commercial Arbitration Society (WCCAS), a former President and a current Advisory Board member of the Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners (YCAP), a member of the ICDR Canadian Advisory Committee, and a member of the Executive Committee of the California International Arbitration Council (CIAC). In 2016, Tina was appointed by the Canadian government as a member of the NAFTA 2022 Committee and invited by the Attorney General for British Columbia to join an Arbitration Advisory Group on legislative reform and promotion of Vancouver as a seat for international arbitration. She is a member of the ITA Board of Reporters (Canada).

Tina is also listed on the roster of a number of arbitration institutions including VanIAC (formerly the BCICAC, since 2016), CIRA (since 2016), ICDR (since 2013) and the CPR Institute (since 2020). In February 2018, Tina was appointed to the NAFTA Chapter 19 (Trade Remedies) Roster for a term of ten years (now the CUSMA).

Tina has been ranked by clients and peers in Chambers Global and Chambers Canada for Arbitration. She is listed by Who's Who Legal's WWL Thought Leaders: Arbitration 2021. Tina was named the *Best Lawyers*® 2018 Vancouver International Arbitration "Lawyer of the Year" and selected by her peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*® in Canada for her work in International Arbitration. She has also been recognized by Who's Who Legal – Arbitration, Who's Who Legal Arbitration – Future Leaders and Who's Who Legal Canada – Arbitration. In 2017, Tina was also named as a "Litigation Star" for Arbitration in British Columbia by Benchmark Canada. Since 2014, Tina has been consistently recognized by *Lexpert*®, including in the *Lexpert*® *Guides Leading US-Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers* for International Commercial Arbitration. Since 2018, she has been listed in the *Lexpert*® / American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada for Commercial Arbitration.

Tina is fluent in English and has reading knowledge of French, Spanish and Italian. She is a national of Canada and Italy.



## **CAREER AND EDUCATION SUMMARY**

Tina received her Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) with a minor in French from Simon Fraser University in 1996. While studying at SFU, she also received a Certificate in Liberal Arts and a Certificate of French Language Proficiency. Tina received her law degree from the University of British Columbia Law School in 2000 and then clerked at the British Columbia Court of Appeal. She completed her articles at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP (Fasken) and was called to the bar of British Columbia in 2002.

In 2018, Tina completed 42 hours of mediation training (Mediating the Litigated Case) at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution (Pepperdine University).

Before joining VAC, Tina was a partner of Fasken, a Global Arbitration Review top 100 firm (GAR 100) in 2016 and 2017. Tina has more than 15 years of experience in the resolution of complex commercial disputes. From the beginning of her career, her focus has been on arbitration as a means of dispute resolution. As an associate, she acted as tribunal secretary for Henri Alvarez, Q.C. on many high-value international arbitration cases. From 2003 to 2011, Tina taught international commercial disputes as an Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law. She regularly speaks on the topics of arbitration and alternate dispute resolution at conferences, mentors a number of young practitioners and has authored several articles on the subjects. From 2012 to 2018, Tina was a member of the Editorial Board of the Commercial Litigation and Arbitration Review. She is currently a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Canadian Journal of Commercial Arbitration (since 2018).

Tina has advised Canadian and international clients on dispute resolution provisions for their commercial contracts and acted as counsel in numerous domestic (Canadian) and international arbitration proceedings. She represented clients in mining, energy, forestry, transportation (rail, aviation), telecommunications, manufacturing (automotive), real estate development, information technology, construction and infrastructure (ports, hydro facilities), among others. Tina has resolved numerous types of commercial disputes, including post-merger and acquisition claims, joint venture and shareholder disputes, breach of contract (including fraud allegations), construction contracts and investment disputes for claims of direct and indirect expropriation and breach of fair and equitable treatment standards.

She has advised on matters under various arbitration rules including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), American Arbitration Association (AAA), International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA), Swiss Rules, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the British Columbia International Commercial Arbitration Centre (BCICAC).

## SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- Sole arbitrator in an ICDR/AAA arbitration between US and Swedish parties seated in Baltimore and subject to Maryland law regarding an international agency/distribution agreement.
- Sole arbitrator in a Vancouver-seated *ad hoc* arbitration between Canadian parties regarding rates under a long-term services agreement
- Sole arbitrator in a California-seated ICC arbitration between US and Turkish parties relating to a medical products distribution agreement
- Sole arbitrator in a Vancouver-seated *ad hoc* international arbitration relating to a manufacturing licensing agreement
- Sole arbitrator in a Vancouver-seated international franchise dispute
- Sole arbitrator in a domestic commercial arbitration related to the performance of services by a contractor on a large infrastructure project
- Sole arbitrator in an ICDR Canada arbitration between law firms relating to a dispute under a co-counsel agreement
- Sole arbitrator in an UDRP domain name dispute administered by the CIIDRC
- Sole arbitrator in a CIRA complaint administered by the BCICAC
- Chair of a California-seated ICC arbitration between US parties relating to the construction of a power plant
- Counsel to a Canadian party in an ICC arbitration seated in Calgary related to automotive distribution agreements
- Counsel to a Canadian party in an ICC arbitration regarding a construction dispute arising out of a Latin American infrastructure project
- Counsel to a carrier in a rate and service dispute final offer arbitration under the Canada Transportation Act
- Counsel to a successful applicant for a community gTLD in arbitration proceedings related to ICANN process under the ICDR Rules
- Counsel in a domestic shareholder dispute relating to forestry assets under the BCICAC Domestic Commercial Arbitration Rules
- Counsel to a commercial tenant in a lease dispute under the BCICAC Domestic Commercial Arbitration Rules
- Counsel to US investors in an investment arbitration against Costa Rica under the US-DR-CAFTA regarding the expropriation of property (ICSID Case No. UNCT/13/2)

- Counsel to a Chinese party in an ICC arbitration with a Middle Eastern party relating to a supply agreement
- Counsel to a Canadian mining company in a ICC and an ICSID case of international arbitrations against the Democratic Republic of Congo | *International Quantum Resources Limited, Frontier SPRL and Compagnie Minière de Sakania SPRL v. Democratic Republic of the Congo (ICSID Case No. ARB/10/21)*
- Counsel in a domestic arbitration with related proceedings in Texas, which were stayed in favour of an arbitration in British Columbia
- Tribunal Secretary in an ICC arbitration regarding the FRAND licensing fees for standard essential patents
- Tribunal Secretary in a Swiss rules arbitration between a former Soviet Republic state-owned entity in the mining sector and its commercial partner
- Tribunal Secretary in an ICC arbitration, which determined a multi-million dollar dispute between US and European parties arising out of the acquisition of a large UK based leasing company
- Tribunal Secretary in multiple, related ICC arbitrations, which related to a complex joint venture arrangement between European and South American parties related to the telecommunication sector.