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Nadia is a Senior Associate with International Arbitration and Construction Disputes Group. She is a Solicitor Advocate - Higher Courts (Civil Proceedings) and admitted to practice in Russia.

She specialises in complex, cross-border commercial dispute resolution, with a particular focus on international arbitration. She regularly acts in international commercial arbitrations administered under the rules of the major international arbitral institutions such as the LCIA, ICC, HKIAC, as well as in *ad hoc* arbitration proceedings under the UNCITRAL Rules, involving the application of the laws of England & Wales, the Netherlands, Italy, Cyprus, Malta, Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine and the British Virgin Islands.

Nadia has advised clients from sectors as diverse as private equity, on-line retail, energy, telecommunications, international trade, construction and engineering, private equity and financial services.

Nadia is also experienced in litigation before in the Commercial Court in London, including on matters involving enforcement of arbitral awards, anti-suit injunctions and contempt of court.

Nadia has been ranked as a 'Rising Star' by Legal 500 in International Arbitration the UK for 2021 and 2022 and by Best Lawyers: 'Ones to Watch' in International Arbitration in the UK for 2022.

Prior to joining the firm, Nadia worked as Counsel at the Secretariat of the LCIA in London with a particular focus on matters involving parties from Russia and the CIS region.

In this capacity, she oversaw hundreds of international arbitrations, including under the UNCITRAL Rules, adjudications and mediations in a wide range of industry sectors including commodities, retail, finance, mining & energy, IT & telecoms, and construction & engineering.

Before that, she was in private practice with a magic circle firm, where she concentrated on the resolution of competition related disputes, having started her career as an in-house lawyer with a major Russian company.

Track Record

Nadia is representing, or has recently represented:

- A Kazakh company in proceedings before the Commercial Court brought by a major litigation funder, regarding the parties' respective entitlements under an investment agreement governed by English law, to the proceeds of a US\$300m judgment obtained by the Kazakh company in the Commercial Court;
- Represented in an LCIA arbitration a pool of investors in cryptocurrency the launch of which was prohibited by the US Securities and Exchange Commission. An English law governed agreement for purchase of cryptocurrency;
- Acted as a tribunal secretary in an LCIA arbitration in respect of a commodity trading contract governed by English law involving Swiss and Tunisian parties;

- Represented a private equity fund in a high-profile fraud dispute arising out of an M&A transaction in international arbitration proceedings under the LCIA Rules, in ancillary proceedings before the Commercial Court, including anti-suit injunctive and contempt proceedings (*Evison Holdings Ltd v International Company Finvision Holdings LLC and others* [2020] EWHC 239 (Comm)). Coordinated a number of parallel proceedings in state courts of Cyprus, Italy, the US and Russia. Successfully obtained s.1782 order in support of foreign court proceedings;
- A fintech company in a dispute involving arising out of alleged breaches of IP rights involving proceedings in a number of jurisdictions (legal proceedings in the courts of the Netherlands, Cyprus and Italy). Successful settlement achieved;
- a South Korean company in an ICC arbitration concerning a construction project in Saudi Arabia;
- A minority shareholder in an arbitration under the LCIA Rules arising out of a breach of a shareholders agreement and acts of unfair prejudice, coordinating parallel interim measures and enforcement proceedings in various jurisdictions, including British Virgin Islands, Cyprus and Malta, successfully defending a challenge to an arbitral award under s.68 of Arbitration Act in the High Court and recovering costs on indemnity basis: *Koshigi Limited, Svoboda Corporation v Donna Union Foundation, Ulmart Holdings Limited* [2019] EWHC 122 (Comm);
- Acted for a bank in a set of LCIA arbitration proceedings arising out of a breach of a guarantee issued to secure obligations of a shipping company under facility agreements and obtaining a US\$250 million award in the client's favour. Subsequent successful enforcement proceedings in England under s.66 of the Arbitration Act and in Malta;
- Acted for a US oil & gas company in an ICC arbitration (London seat, English law) concerning a project in Angola in the successful defence of a claim brought by a US multinational arising out of a service agreement;
- Regularly advising on drafting of arbitration clauses and dispute resolution provisions; and
- Regularly advising on the effect of sanctions on international arbitration and dispute resolution provisions.

Education:

SCC / SAA Diploma course on international arbitration for foreign arbitrators - June 2022

Queen Mary University of London, September 2014 – November 2015

Post-Graduate Diploma in International and Investment Arbitration

The University of Law, 2008 - 2009

Legal Practice Course

The Nottingham Law School, 2003 - 2004

Graduate Diploma in English Law

University of Manchester / Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, 2000 - 2001

Master of Laws in International Law

State Law University, Moscow, 1993 - 1998

LLB (Hons), Degree in Jurisprudence

Languages

English and Russian.

Publications:

International Law Recourse for Potential Expropriation of Foreign Assets by Russia, Lexology, May 2022

Beware of a Russian torpedo: the impact on arbitration agreements of sanctions-related amendments to Russian procedural law, PLC Arbitration Blog, April 2021;

The emergency arbitrator is officially a teenager, PLC Arbitration Blog, April 2020;

Rasstavit tocki nad i: the lessons learnt from recent judgments of the Russian courts on the enforcement of arbitration agreements and awards, PLC Arbitration Blog, October 2018;

Validity of notices and requests for arbitration: when context and rules are key factors, PLC Arbitration Blog, February 2018;

Arbitration institutions: an insider's perspective, RAA Newsletter, Issue 7, 2017;

Third party funding and pitfalls of privilege, PLC Arbitration Blog, June 2017;

The curious case of state immunity: how to avoid a Pyrrhic victory, PLC Arbitration Blog, August 2016; and

The Resolution of Disputes at the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA): Practical Aspects - Russian Law Journal, Vol. II (2014), Issue 2.