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Katrina is a London-based solicitor advocate in Allen & Overy's International Arbitration and Public International Law team. She has acted for a range of State and corporate clients in cross-border investment-treaty and commercial arbitrations under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, LCIA, ICC, CIArb, LMAA and SIAC rules. She has been recognised as a key lawyer for public international law by Legal 500 since 2020 and has advised States and corporates on public international law issues relating to sovereign immunity, attribution and maritime boundaries. She has specialised experience in the telecommunications, extractive industries, intellectual property energy and technology sectors. She has also represented clients in enforcement and challenge proceedings before the UK courts.

Experience:

Katrina's investment-treaty arbitration experience includes advising:

- A multinational company in UNCITRAL proceedings arising out of its business in a South East Asian State
- A Middle Eastern State in ICSID proceedings concerning the application of sanctions against sanctioned entities by local financial institutions
- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in ICSID proceedings brought by Turkish construction company DSG Yapi, arising out of a terminated construction contract on a complex infrastructure project
- The UAE in an ICSID arbitration brought by a Turkish investor concerning a denial of justice claim arising out of a construction project
- A UAE investment and development body on the merits and strategy of its UNCITRAL claim against India
- The Islamic Republic of Pakistan in successfully defending two USD575 million UNCITRAL arbitrations brought by Mr Ali Allawi and the Progas group of companies
- The Islamic Republic of Pakistan in an ICSID investment treaty arbitration brought by the Australian Tethyan Copper Company and arising out of the Reko Diq copper and gold mine in Balochistan
- An oil & gas plc in three investment treaty claims (subsequently consolidated) against Ukraine, including successful emergency arbitrator and interim measures applications
- The Republic of Slovenia in the damages phase of an ICSID arbitration defending claims brought by the Croatian national electricity company and relating to a nuclear power station

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Katrina's commercial arbitration experience includes advising:

- A claimant in an LCIA arbitration concerning an M&A dispute in the pharmaceutical sector
- A respondent in an LMAA arbitration concerning the impact of sanctions on an energy supply agreement
- A claimant in an LCIA arbitration concerning a joint venture for telecoms services in Central Africa
- An Asian government in an arbitration under the CIArb Rules, relating to a contract for the provision of intelligence and asset tracing services
- A Brazilian multinational mining corporation on dispute resolution provisions in its standard form agreements
- A major international dredging company in a SIAC arbitration against a shipbuilding company and in a related ICC arbitration against the shipbuilding company's guarantor

Katrina's institutional / pro bono experience includes:

- Acting as YIAG (the LCIA's Young International Arbitration Group) regional representative since July 2023
- Acting as Young ITA Regional Chair for the UK from June 2021-2023, including arranging young arbitration practitioner networking events, regular panel events and editing and publishing regional updates in the Young ITA Newsletter
- Acting as a facilitator for the Young ITA Mentorship Program in 2018-2019, arranging meetings at the Vis moot in Vienna and a #YoungITATalk: First Aid in Arbitration
- Acting as arbitrator at the Willem C. Vis international commercial arbitration moot in 2019
- Working with UK based NGOs to research accountability for international crimes committed in Syria
- Active member of on A&O Business & Human Rights (BHR) Working Group since April 2015
- Appealing to the Privy Council to challenge a Jamaican Court of Appeal non-capital, criminal sentence

Publications

- *English High Court refuses enforcement of crypto award on public policy grounds*, Allen & Overy, September 2023 (upcoming)
- *The impact of corruption allegations on post-arbitral award proceedings: enforcement and set aside*, TL4 magazine, September 2023
- *Explaining the why and how of IP arbitration*, Managing IP, September 2023

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- *The ICJ and the climate crisis—what an advisory opinion could mean for international law and co-operation*, LexisNexis, April 2023
- *UNCITRAL’s new draft model clauses target technology disputes*, Allen & Overy, March 2023
- *Enforcement of arbitration awards against States – court documents must be served through diplomatic channels*, Allen & Overy, Nov 2021
- *Which law governs an arbitration agreement where the governing law of the main contract and the seat of arbitration do not match?* Allen & Overy, April 2020
- Drafting UK updates, managing UK contributions and editing Young ITA Newsletter, since August 2021
- *Diverging attitudes to international arbitration in East Africa*, African Law & Business, March 2019
- *Cohesion between the international human rights and international investment regimes*, A&O Business & Human Rights Review, Sept 2016
- *A new arbitration law for Myanmar*, Practical Law Arbitration, Mar 2016
- *Who is the most influential arbitrator in the world?* Global Arbitration Review, Jan 2016
- *Increased transparency at the ICC Court of Arbitration*, Allen & Overy, Oct 2015
- *Investment Treaty Arbitration know-how for Rwanda*, Global Arbitration Review, 2015

Speaking engagements

- Speaking at Istanbul Arbitration Week, October 2023 (upcoming)
- Speaking at TL4 International Arbitration and Enforcement Event on buying out and enforcing arbitration awards, October 2023 (upcoming)
- Podcast series on IP arbitration, upcoming, September 2023
- Speaking at Oxford University Lawyers Without Borders’ panel event on Business & Human Rights, June 2023
- Speaking at TL4 Sovereign & States Disputes & Enforcement Event on corruption in sovereign disputes and enforcement, January 2023
- Moderating #YoungITATalks on: technology and arbitration (May 2023); key trends in arbitration for 2023 (January 2023); outer space disputes and arbitration (April 2022); and the psychology of witness evidence and its role in tribunal decision making (October 2021).
- Chairing a #YoungITATalk on First Aid in Arbitration in Amsterdam in October 2019
- Delivering a rolling internal seminar series to address public international law issues (since 2018)

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- Delivering sessions on BHR at the East Africa Law Society Conference in Kenya in December 2018 & Tanzania in 2017
- Delivering bi-annual training on commercial arbitration, investment-treaty arbitration, drafting arbitration clauses and pleadings to client (since 2015)
- training on international commercial arbitration and advocacy at Rojs, Pelikhan Prelesnik in Ljubljana, February 2017
- a parallel session at the 2015 United Nations Forum for Business and Human Rights in Geneva, concerning the role of human rights in international investment disputes

Career history

- Associate, Allen & Overy LLP, London (since September 2014)
- Trainee, Allen & Overy LLP, London and Singapore (Sept 2012 – Sept 2014)
- Adviser for the European Union to the 1st and 6th Committees at the United Nations: Legal Affairs, Disarmament and Terrorism, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, New York (2011)
- Case law reporter, Kluwer Law International (2010 –2011)
- Research fellow, International Council on Security and Development, Paris (2008)

Qualifications

- Admitted as a solicitor, England and Wales, 2014
- M.A. (Hons), University of Cambridge, Clare College, Law, 2010, 1st class
- Licence III, Université Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), French Law, 2009
- Legal Practice Course, The College of Law, London, 2012, Distinction

Languages

- English (Native) | French (Intermediate) | Spanish (Intermediate)