

# Margarita Adadurova, LL.M (QMUL)

Associate at Volterra Fietta with 4 years PQE

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## Education

**Queen Mary, University of London, LL.M. (distinction) 2021–2022**

Comparative and International Dispute Resolution

- **Merit-based UK Government Chevening Scholarship** (selected from over 60,000 applicants)
- **Dissertation topic:** Effect of an Armed Conflict on International Investment Law (supervisor: Ms Norah Gallagher, the paper was chosen for publication by American Review of International Arbitration, Columbia Law School)

**Russian School of Private Law, LL.M., Moscow, Russia 2019–2021**

- **Dissertation topic:** Claims for the Vindication of Shares under Russian Law

**Higher School of Economics, LL.B. (1<sup>st</sup> class honours), Moscow, Russia 2015–2019**

- **Thesis topic:** Legal Remedies for the Protection of Foreign Investments in Russia

### Willem C. Vis Moot

- Top 10 team globally out of over 350 teams competed in 2021 (coach), top 34 team globally out of over 300 teams competed in 2019, top 3 team in Dusseldorf, Tbilisi, and Helsinki pre-moot rounds in 2019

### Additional Qualifications

- Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) preparation course (to be qualified in 2024)
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## Work experience

**Volterra Fietta, London**

Tier 1 public international law firm

Associate

**Apr 2023 — now**

Staff Lawyer

**Nov 2022 — Mar 2023**

- representing a claimant in a construction arbitration against a European state under an investment treaty
- representing a state in public international law proceedings
- representing an anti-coup parliamentary committee in a human rights violations case involving various UN bodies, including coordinating the work of 12 interns on the case and reviewing the evidence
- advising clients on various international law matters, including their communications with international organisations and amendments to the legislation
- conducting seminars for the clients on various matters of public international law

**Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Hong Kong**

**Aug – Oct 2022**

Secretariat Intern (remote)

- drafted various procedural documents for the Appointments and Procedural Committees under the HKIAC and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules
- conducted research on various procedural arbitration issues, including sanctions

**Russian Export Centre, Moscow**

**Apr 2021 – Jan 2022**

Agency promoting investments and international trade

Legal Counsel

- was responsible for developing a legal framework for cooperation with two major e-commerce companies
- drafted sale of goods, licence, services, and other commercial contracts in the context of cross-border transactions, as well as a privacy policy and a user agreement for a leading e-commerce platform
- conducted legal research on various civil law issues, including IP rights and data protection

**TA Legal Consulting, Moscow****Aug – Nov 2020**

A leading corporate, finance and litigation firm in Russia

Associate

- drafted a claim and various motions in a large-scale commercial real estate case
- prepared the case for trial and argued it before the Moscow State Commercial Court
- drafted a convertible loan agreement for foreign and Russian investors in a major Russian IT company

**Kulkov, Kolotilov and Partners (Trial lawyers), Moscow****Jul 2020**

Tier 1 international litigation and arbitration law firm

Intern

- assisted a partner in preparation of an expert opinion in the High Court of Justice proceedings relating to a high-stakes cross-border corporate dispute in the oil & gas sector
- conducted legal research on novel issues of Russian tort law, including causation, joint and several liability, and various statute of limitation issues
- prepared an appellate claim and interim applications in the context of complex bankruptcy proceedings

**Petrol Chilikov Law Offices, Moscow****Nov 2019 – Apr 2020**

Tier 1 international litigation and arbitration law firm

Paralegal

- successfully represented three claimants in a major class action in the USA, which led to a favourable settlement for the client
- drafted various procedural documents in the context of multijurisdictional proceedings (Russia and France) concerning requisitioning of title to more than 500 works of art belonging to the client
- completed a major survey of award enforcement and setting aside decisions in Russia (the survey was published in a seminal study on recognition and enforcement of awards in the former USSR countries)
- filing court documents, maintaining hard-copy and electronic case files

**O2 Consulting, Moscow****Jun 2018 – Nov 2019**

M&amp;A and Fintech firm specialising in private equity and venture capital

Paralegal

- drafted sales and purchase agreements, stock option agreements, and board of directors' resolutions
- represented domestic and international clients in Russian and foreign law governed M&A transactions

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**Languages**

English (fluent), Russian (native), French (basic conversational), German (limited working proficiency)

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**Interests**music (trained pianist and singer), theatre, hiking

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