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Global areas of practice

International arbitration,
international law, commercial
law

Areas of expertise

Investment and commercial
arbitration, commercial
litigation

Languages

Polish (Native)

English (Fluent)

French (Intermediate)

Practice focus

I specialize in arbitration proceedings, particularly in the field of investment arbitration. I advise and represent international and Polish companies in arbitration and commercial litigation proceedings connected to a variety of issues related to their businesses, including consumer disputes. In my work I cooperate with lawyers from different jurisdictions (including UK, Netherlands, Kazakhstan, France and Switzerland). I gained experience working in international law firms, in dispute resolution departments. I am a member of the Polish Bar of Advocates and the New York Bar. I hold master of laws degrees from Jagiellonian University in Poland and Harvard Law School.

Representative matters

- Acting as counsel for an investor in ICSID investment arbitration proceedings
- Acting as counsel for a Middle Eastern company in DIFC-LCIA arbitration proceedings
- Acting as counsel for an Italian company in a post-M&A dispute pertaining to the transfer of shares against a Polish former shareholder in arbitration proceedings under the ICC Arbitration Rules
- Acting as counsel for a Polish energy distribution company in a breach of contract dispute with a Polish mining company in proceedings under the ICC Arbitration Rules
- Acting as counsel for an investor in ad hoc investment arbitration proceedings under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules administered by the PCA
- Acting as counsel for Polish entrepreneurs in a dispute with a Finnish company pertaining to a contractual penalty for termination of negotiations of a share purchase agreement in arbitration proceedings held under the Arbitration Rules of the PCC
- Acting as counsel for an Austrian company in a post-M&A dispute with a Polish company pertaining to the price adjustment in arbitration proceedings held under the Arbitration Rules of the PCC
- Acting as counsel for a Polish shareholder in a dispute with other shareholders in expert proceedings held under the PCC Arbitration Rules
- Acting as counsel for a Polish videogaming company in a dispute with an American advisor in arbitration proceedings under the JAMS Arbitration Rules;

- Acting as counsel for a Polish entrepreneur in expert proceedings held under the ICC Rules for the Administration of Expert Proceedings
- Acting as counsel for clients in proceedings for enforcement of arbitral awards in Poland
- Acting as counsel in multiple commercial and civil proceedings in Polish courts of all instances, including the Polish Supreme Court.

Pro bono and community involvement

- Speaker at the UNCITRAL-UM Joint Conference 2018, Macao SAR of the People's Republic of China
- Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot *Memorial Judge, Arbitrator at the Vis Moot Finals(2019-2021, 2023)* *Arbitrator at the Warsaw Pre-moot (2016-2021)*
- Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot *Arbitrator at the Global Finals (2017-2022)* *Coach of the Jagiellonian University Team (2016-2021)*
- Lecturer at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow (2016 - 2018), - *"International Investment Arbitration - FDI Moot Court - Workshop"*
- Contributor to Baker McKenzie's "International Arbitration Yearbook" and "Global Arbitration News"

Awards and rankings

- Lewiatan Arbitration Moot 2017 (competition for pupils of the Polish advocates' and legal advisors' bars)
3rd place in the Best Speaker Award Classification
Semi-finalist in the Team Classification
- Lewiatan Arbitration Moot 2016 (competition for pupils of the Polish advocates' and legal advisors' bars)
Winner of the Best Speaker Award
Quarterfinalist in the Team Classification
- 22nd Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot 2014/2015
Honourable Mention for Best Memorandum for Respondent
- Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot 2014
Overall Team Classification (Skadden Trophy) - 3rd place
Highest Ranked Teams Classification - 8th place
Top 50 Advocates Classification - 27th place
- 21st Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot 2013/2014
Honourable Mention for Best Memorandum for Respondent
Overall team classification - 9th place

Workshops and trainings

- 'Young ICCA Skills Training Workshop on Cross-examination in International Arbitration', organized by Young ICCA in Zurich, Switzerland (May 2019) and Athens, Greece (June 2018)
- 'Singapore International Arbitration Academy', organized by the Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore, November 2016
- 'The Advocacy Academy', organized by the Institute of Advanced Legal Skills in cooperation with the Warsaw University and Iain Morley QC, September 2016
- 'The ICC Arbitration and ADR Training Programme', organized by the ICC in cooperation with ICC Poland and the Jagiellonian University, October 2014 - May 2015