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Tatiana Minaeva is an international arbitration lawyer with over 20 years of experience as counsel and arbitrator. Tatiana has represented clients in both commercial and investor–state arbitrations across a wide range of sectors, including financial services, natural resources, energy, construction, technology, commodities, international trade, and manufacturing.

Tatiana has sat as arbitrator since 2014 in more than thirty (30) international commercial arbitrations administered under the rules of the LCIA, ICC, SCC, SIAC, HKIAC, DIAC, ICAC (MKAS), LMAA and UNCITRAL, governed by English, Russian and Chinese law. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London Branch). Appointments have been made both by arbitral institutions and by the parties, and include service as sole arbitrator, chairman and co-arbitrator. She has also sat as a sole arbitrator in expedited procedure and issued awards in English and Russian languages. Before setting up her own independent practice, she practiced cross-border disputes at major international law firms (White & Case, Stephenson Harwood, Jones Day, RPC) from 2004 to 2025.

Her experience as arbitrator spans across the following sectors:

Aviation and Transport

Disputes arising out of aircraft leasing arrangements, supply contracts, transport and logistics agreements, and related financing and security arrangements governed by English law.

Construction and Infrastructure

Disputes arising out of large-scale construction and infrastructure projects, including construction for the stadium, involving delay and disruption claims, and performance security instruments.

Energy, Natural Resources and Industrial Sectors

Disputes arising in the oil and gas, automotive, mining and broader natural resources sectors, including a large-scale gas supply dispute, commodities disputes relating to crude oil and refined petroleum products trading, and disputes in the automotive industry concerning supply arrangements and exclusivity rights in vehicle distribution and sales. These matters

have involved issues of contractual performance, pricing and delivery obligations, exclusivity arrangements, termination and damages.

Maritime and Shipping

Disputes arising under charterparty and shipping arrangements, including bareboat, time and voyage charters, involving claims for hire and freight, off-hire, demurrage, performance and delay issues, contractual termination, damages claims and jurisdictional objections.

Corporate, Shareholder and Joint Venture Disputes

Disputes relating to shareholders' agreements, share purchase agreements, joint venture arrangements and corporate restructuring transactions, including option arrangements, exit mechanisms, minority shareholder rights, valuation disputes and related corporate governance issues.

Finance and Banking Disputes

Disputes arising out of loan and financing facilities, guarantees and security arrangements, including issues of enforcement, repayment obligations, events of default, restructuring and related contractual rights.

Commodities and International Trade

Disputes arising out of international sale of goods, supply and cross-border commercial arrangements in the oil and gas, automotive and natural resources sectors, including supply chain and distribution disputes, exclusive supply arrangements, pricing and delivery obligations, and industrial production relationships.

Real Estate and Commercial Leases

Disputes arising out of long-term lease arrangements, property development projects and commercial real estate transactions.

Reputational and Breach of Confidentiality Disputes

Disputes involving allegations of breach of confidentiality obligations, misuse of confidential information and reputational harm, including claims relating to defamation and damage to business reputation.

General expertise in the commercial and investor-state arbitration

Before setting up her independent practice in 2025, Tatiana acted as counsel in international commercial and investor–state arbitration proceedings administered under leading institutional and *ad hoc* rules. She has represented clients across a wide range of sectors,

including energy, natural resources, construction, infrastructure, finance, aviation, commodities, manufacturing and technology, in disputes governed by multiple legal systems. Representative experience includes:

- Represented US oil company in multiple LCIA arbitrations concerning the winding down of operations at two offshore oil blocks in the Nigerian delta.
- Represented an Italian bank in LCIA arbitration regarding the sale of participation in a loan facility agreement.
- Represented a Russian investment bank in LCIA dispute concerning investments in financial products.
- Represented a European insurer in ICC arbitration concerning coverage under a marine cargo insurance policy following damage to goods during carriage.
- Represented a Cayman Islands investment fund in ICC arbitration over losses resulting from alleged misrepresentations by the investment manager.
- Represented a Greek shipowner in LCIA arbitration concerning a long-term charterparty dispute under English law.
- Represented a major Korean shipyard in SIAC arbitration regarding alleged defects and delay in delivery under a shipbuilding contract.
- Represented a major shareholder in the management company of the largest airport in a former USSR country in LCIA arbitration over the wrongful termination of a concession agreement.
- Represented a Pakistani license owner in LCIA dispute concerning oil fields in Pakistan.
- Represented a Turkish intermediary in ICC arbitration concerning the alleged breach of a services agreement for the supply of armaments to the government of an African nation.
- Represented a Georgian car dealer in ICC dispute involving the wrongful termination of a partnership agreement.
- Represented a Russian software company in an SCC dispute with a software provider over faulty product installation.
- Represented the government of a former USSR country in an ICC arbitration regarding the installation of software.

As Counsel in investor-state arbitration cases

- Represented the Kyrgyz Republic in investor-state arbitration regarding valuable real estate asset.
- Advised a UK company in its dispute with Kosovo concerning the claimant's rights from an acquisition agreement for a marble mine.
- Represented a Dutch investor in ICSID arbitration against Kazakhstan regarding management rights over the largest bank in the country.
- Represented an investor in UNCITRAL arbitration against Kazakhstan over the wrongful termination of the claimant's mining licenses in 1997.

- Represented an investor in UNCITRAL arbitration against Kazakhstan, successfully claiming damages for the expropriation of the claimant's uranium mining license rights.
- Represented Uzbekistan in its ever first investor-state arbitration under the VIAC Rules. The case was successfully settled before the hearing.

Recognitions

Tatiana is ranked as “Highly Recommended” in Lexology Index, Arbitration 2026, 2025. Before that as a Global Leader in *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* (Counsel, England & Wales) in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024; before that featured as a *future leader* in *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* for a number of years.

Qualifications, Memberships and Thought Leadership

Tatiana graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), one of Russia’s leading universities, where she completed a five-year degree in international law at the Law Faculty, obtaining a full legal qualification equivalent to a Master of Laws. She subsequently completed postgraduate studies at the University of Cologne (Germany), focusing on civil and commercial law.

Following her academic training, from 2004 Tatiana gained practical experience in international law firms and, in 2012, successfully passed the Russian bar examinations, becoming a member of the Moscow Chamber of Advocates. Tatiana is admitted as an advocate in Russia and, since 2013, has been authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority in England and Wales.

She later became a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and was admitted as a Fellow (FCI Arb) on the basis of her arbitration experience. Tatiana has been actively engaged in the international arbitration community and is a member of leading professional organisations, including the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and the International Bar Association (IBA), as well as other arbitration-related professional networks.

Tatiana is actively involved in professional education and thought leadership within the international arbitration community. She served as a trainer at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, contributed to the organisation of international arbitration conferences and participated in mentorship initiatives, including the London VYAP and Young ITA mentorship programmes. She regularly speaks at international conferences on topics of arbitration.

Books, publications and speaking engagements (2021 - 2025)

Tatiana co-authored two books on international arbitration. She is a frequent contributor to LexisNexis, where she provides expert legal analysis and commentary on international arbitration and commercial disputes.

Books:

- Co-authored the book *ICSID Rules and Regulations 2022 – Article-by-Article Commentary* (edited by Happ, Wilske).
- Authored chapter *English Law and Key Features of English Contract Law - Civil Law*, Issue 50, Articles Commentaries Practice, Caspian University, Almaty, Kazakhstan, Mar 1, 2017.

Most recent publications:

- Limits of the court's assistance under sections 43-44 Arbitration Act 1996 (*VXJ v FY, RH & XL*), LexisNexis, September 2025.
- Arbitration Representation and section 45 of the Arbitration Act 1996 (*Republic of India v CC/Devas*), LexisNexis, July 2025.
- English court declares Arbitral Tribunal has no jurisdiction to hear dispute (*Barclays Bank plc v VEB*), LexisNexis, December 2024.
- Court of Appeal: ICSID Convention and waiver of immunity (*Infrastructure Services Luxembourg v Spain; Border Timbers Ltd v Zimbabwe*), LexisNexis, November 2024.
- No objection: When is a party barred from challenging jurisdiction where it continues in the arbitration?, LexisNexis, July 2024.
- Not the last word: High Court holds that ICSID Convention does not effect automatic waiver of immunity, LexisNexis, February 2024.
- Delay at your peril: High Court holds that two-week delay causes party to lose right to object to irregularity in arbitration, LexisNexis, August 2023.
- Arbitration jurisdictional challenge no bar to English court ordering compliance with a tribunal peremptory order, LexisNexis, February 2023.
- Obvious arithmetical error in damages calculation is sufficient for arbitral award to be set aside for procedural irregularity, finds High Court, LexisNexis, May 2022.
- Gleeson Privies: Can non-parties to an arbitration be estopped by it?, LexisNexis, May 2022.
- Clear and unconditional communication determines whether an arbitrator's appointment was valid, LexisNexis, September 2022.
- When is an error a serious irregularity? Court demonstrates approach to correcting arbitration awards, LexisNexis, January 2021.

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