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Practice Summary

Natasha specialises in international arbitration, alternative dispute resolution and commercial litigation. In addition to her practice as a barrister, she is also a qualified French avocat and her practice spans England and France. She regularly handles cases with a cross-border or conflicts of law element.

Natasha accepts instructions as counsel and arbitrator in arbitration proceedings involving a wide variety of rules, seats and industry sectors. Her recent experience includes disputes relating to joint ventures, construction, energy, telecommunications and sale of goods. She also conducts applications for interim relief and the enforcement of awards before the English courts, as well alternative dispute resolution by negotiation and mediation. She regularly advises on questions of commercial, company and contract law.

Natasha has lectured on litigation, international arbitration and international business law at several French universities and regularly accepts speaking engagements and publishes articles.

Education

- Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent), Inns of Court School of Law, London, 2001 (Lincoln's Inn Sir Thomas More Bursary and Hardwicke Scholarship)
 - Postgraduate Diploma in Law (Distinction), College of Law, London, 2000
 - B.A. Hons. English (First Class), Trinity College, Cambridge, 1999 (Trinity College Tripos Prize)
 - B.A. English and Classics (Distinction), University of Cape Town, South Africa, 1996 (Roderick Noble Scholarship, for the top graduate in the University of Cape Town Arts Faculty)
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Publications

- Annual update: Panorama of English case law with R. Reece and J. Casey; *Cahiers d'Arbitrage*, 2014 - present
 - “Escalation Clauses - Where Do They Leave the Counterclaimant?”, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 21 July 2017
 - “Enforcing Adjudication Decisions” with R. Reece, *International Business Law Journal*, issue 5/2013
 - “Extending Arbitration Clauses after the Decisions of the English Supreme Court in VTB and Prest” with B. Ainsley Gill, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 3 September 2013
 - “Arbitrating Commodities Disputes”, *Global Arbitration Review*, 22 January 2013
 - “Is There a Different Yardstick for Arbitrator Bias in Investment Treaty Arbitrations?” with C. Lemarié, *Transnational Dispute Management*, vol. 5, issue 4, July 2008
 - “Confronting the Matrix: Do the IBA Rules Require Amendment to Deal with the Challenges Posed by Electronically Stored Information?” with N. Tse, *Arbitration*, vol. 74, no. 1, 28 - 37, February 2008
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Memberships

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
 - LCIA
 - Arbitral Women
 - ICC Institute of World Business Law
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Languages

- English
 - French
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Recent cases

- Counsel to a Polish developer in an arbitration (ICC Paris) concerning the construction and sale of an office building in Warsaw.
 - Counsel to a French sugar manufacturer in a pre-contentious dispute arising out of the construction of a cogeneration unit in Indonesia.
 - Obtained worldwide freezing orders from the English High Court on behalf of an African national oil company owed money for the sale of its interest in an oil block, as well as (in a different case) on behalf of a Turkish investor in a waste-to-energy joint venture.
 - Advised the executors of an English will in an inheritance dispute concerning issues of conflict of French and English law.
 - Arbitrator in a dispute between a software supplier and its client in a dispute concerning the development of e-commerce software (eJust Paris).
 - Arbitrator in several disputes between English consumers and suppliers of package holidays (ABTA, London).
 - Represented a major Italian energy group in two separate arbitrations (ICC Paris and Geneva) regarding the construction of oil and gas plants in North Africa.
 - Counsel to a Chinese manufacturer of solar panels, in an arbitration (ICC Paris) brought against it by an Italian construction group.
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- Secretary to the Tribunal in an arbitration (ICC Paris) between a group of companies in the telecommunications sector in Brazil and an Italian telecommunications company.
- Counsel to a publishing house in relation to an application for annulment before an ICSID *ad hoc* committee and resubmission arbitration, in a claim for unfair and inequitable treatment and discrimination.
- Represented a major telecommunications provider in an arbitration (ICC Paris) against a satellite operator concerning the operator's right to use frequencies at a certain orbital position. The arbitration also led to an application for annulment of an award on jurisdiction before the Paris Court of Appeal.
- Counsel to a major French energy company in a pre-contentious dispute arising out of the construction of a solar plant in India.
- Represented a Saudi Arabian consultancy firm in an arbitration (ICC London) claiming the payment of commission payments in respect of the placement of contracts for oil rigs in Saudi Arabia, and a separate arbitration (LCIA London) claiming the payment of a consultancy fee from a Korean construction and engineering firm.
- Counsel to a Middle Eastern broadcasting company in an arbitration (ICC Paris) concerning a distribution agreement in the telecommunication sector.
- Acted on behalf of a major French energy company in an arbitration (ICC Geneva) arising out of the termination by breach of a shareholders' agreement concerning a joint venture company in the energy sector.
- Counsel to a Taiwanese electronics manufacturer in an arbitration (ICC Zurich) arising out of an intellectual property dispute concerning a manufacture and supply agreement.
- Counsel to a French agricultural co-operative in an arbitration (ICC Geneva) concerning the exercise of a put option agreement for the purchase of shares in a food production company.
- Counsel to a French governmental body in a pre-contentious dispute, concerning the renegotiation of a contract for the supply of aircraft and associated maintenance works.
- Represented a Tunisian-owned company in an arbitration (ICC Paris) concerning an oil and gas joint venture in North Africa. The dispute arose when the Claimant attempted to set aside a sale to our client of shares of the joint venture company.
- Counsel to China in a trading rights dispute concerning publications and audiovisual products, before the World Trade Organisation.

Speaking Engagements

- Visiting lecturer, *Université de Cergy-Pontoise*, LL.M./Masters in French and European law taught in English, "*Litigation and Arbitration*", and "*International Business Law*", 2013 - present
 - Visiting lecturer, *Sciences Po*, LLM in Transnational Arbitration & Dispute Settlement, "*Pre- and Post-Arbitral Litigation*", 2017 - present
 - Arbitrator for William C. Vis Pre-Moot and Moot, 2010 – present
 - European Network Disputes Academy, "*Cross-border enforcement of arbitration awards*", 16 October 2018 and "*Good Faith in Commercial Contracts: An update on English law*", 6 October 2017
 - ICC YAF conference, "*Jurisdiction over Human Rights Claims in Commercial Arbitration*", 15 March 2018
 - Conference on the occasion of the Riga Vis Pre-moot, "*Risk Sharing and Incentivisation clauses*", March 2017
 - Visiting lecturer, ESCP Europe, "*Droit & Pratique de l'Arbitrage International*", 2013 – 2015
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