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Firm Vail Dispute Resolution

Position Principal

Area of Specialisation / Arbitration Experience

Commercial Arbitration, Investment Dispute, Joint Ventures / Consortia / Shareholder Agreements, Metals and Mining, Oil and Gas, Telecommunications

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English, French, Russian

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United Kingdom, USA

Bar Admission

- England and Wales (Solicitor)
- United States (Attorney and Counsellor at Law, New York)

Education

- American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC USA, Juris Doctor, 2009
- Université Paris X Nanterre, Paris, France, Masters studies in International Commercial Arbitration and Private International Law
- Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 2005

Publications

- "Article 26 Expert appointed by arbitral tribunal" (with Karim Mariey) in Commentary on the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration (ed. Ilias Bantekas), Cambridge University Press, 2020
- "The Brčko Arbitration: A Process for Lasting Peace between Non-State Actors" in Non-State Actors and International Obligations: Creation, Evolution and Enforcement (ed. James Summers), Nijhoff, 2017 (forthcoming)
- "Mitigating investment risk treaty planning and damages claims against state entities" (with Dipen Sabharwal), Financier Worldwide, 2018
- "The English courts' discretion on foreign policy issues post-Brexit", Commercial Dispute Resolution (with Ed Attenborough), 2017
- "Would World Duty Free v Kenya be decided differently today?", Global Arbitration Review, 2016
- "Ethics and the Arbitral Secretary", The Institute for Transnational Arbitration, News & Notes, 2016
- "Arbitrator's award of third party funding costs upheld by High Court", White & Case Alert, 2016 (with Robert Wheal and Luiz Aboim)
- "Advice to Young Arbitrators: Interviews with Leading Practitioners", The Institute for Transnational Arbitration, News & Notes, 2016
- "Retention And Advancement Of Women In The Law Firm Environment", The Institute for Transnational Arbitration, News & Notes, 2016
- "Award" (Chapter 9, with Professor Martin Hunter) in Redfern and Hunter on International Arbitration (Sixth Edition), Nigel Blackaby, Constantine Partasides, et al., Oxford University Press, 2015
- "Does The "Culture" Of International Arbitration Serve Its Users?", Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 2015

Professional Associations

- Appointed as legal specialist in investment treaty arbitration to the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative
- Advisory Board member of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA) and 2017-2019 UK Regional Chair for the Young ITA
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- Member of the 2017-2019 Y-ADR Steering Committee of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR)
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Russian and CIS Arbitration Network (RCAN)
- Member of the LCIA (YIAG), ICC (YAF), ICDR (Y&I), Young ICCA, Young ICSID and IBA
- Member of Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), the Russian and CIS Arbitration Network (RCAN), British Russian Law Association (BRLA), Anglo-Russian Law Association (ARLA), Russophone Lawyers in International Commercial

Arbitration (RYUMKA)

• Judge in UK national rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (2011-2019)

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