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Kseniya is an experienced disputes resolutions attorney, representing a wide-range of clients in complex international commercial and investment arbitrations, as well as English and off-shore litigation, having received her first individual Legal 500 ranking in as a “key advisor” for Winston & Strawn in 2018. Her practice focuses on complex cross-border financial and shareholding structures, disputes on joint ventures and foreign investments, as well as large infrastructure projects, including oil and gas pipelines.

Kseniya has over 15 years’ experience covering a broad range of contentious matters, as well as general commercial matters.

She has significant experience advising major banking and financial institutions, manufacturing and supply clients, as well as private individuals in high-value complex commercial international litigation and arbitration, as well as in bilateral investment treaty cases. She has been involved in a broad range of matters, in particular involving allegations of gross breaches of commercial contracts, misuse of funds, misappropriation of assets and shareholder disputes in general.

Kseniya's fluency in four languages (English, Russian, Spanish, and French), has proven many times to be an invaluable and difficult-to-find asset for an international practice. Kseniya has represented clients from multiple jurisdictions such as the United Kingdom, Russia, India, Dubai, Switzerland, the United States, China, Nigeria, the Netherlands, Haiti, and the Bahamas. In addition to her experience with English high court litigation and international arbitration administered under ICC, LCIA, HKCIA, SCC, and ICSID rules, she has also represented clients in pleadings in the Cayman Islands, BVI, and The Bahamas.

Kseniya has also represented clients in injunctive proceedings, in particular relating to freezing injunctions, and has a particular interest in issues relating to fraud and money laundering, as well as the UK Bribery Act.

Key Matters

- Representing Dominion Minerals Corp., a listed U.S. junior mining company, in an ICSID bilingual English-Spanish arbitration concerning Dominion's claims arising under the treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Panama concerning the treatment and protection of investments arising out of Dominion's investment in a copper and gold concession in western Panama.
- Representing two scions of a very well-known private bank in Geneva, Switzerland, in an arbitration proceeding ad hoc in Switzerland in a bilingual French and English arbitration against the former partners of the private bank for having concealed and misappropriated the claimants' rights to participate as partners in the bank, capital that had been set aside for their entry into the partnership, and their family's good will dating back to Napoleonic times.
- Representing a major oil and gas company and its holding company in two arbitrations arising out of alleged breaches of a Shareholders Agreement and Sale and Purchase Agreement between a major English oil and gas company and its joint venture partner, which formed one of the largest oil and gas production companies in the world.
- Representing a private equity company in an HKIAC dispute with its Chinese joint venture partners over a mixed-use property development.
- Representing an oil and gas consortium in a multi-billion-dollar SCC arbitration (Stockholm seat, English governing law) arising out of an alleged breach of a shareholders agreement with a global energy major
- Acting for a large Nigerian financial services institution in a US\$50M ICC arbitration against a private equity investor.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Kseniya received her B.A. in Law from the University of Cambridge (Gonville & Caius College) in 2004, followed by the M.A. in Law in 2008. She received her Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice (with Distinction) from the Oxford Institute of Legal Practice in 2005

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