

Irina Tymczyszyn

Irina Tymczyszyn FCIArb is the principal at Tymczyszyn Arbitration which was set up in February 2019 following Irina's decision to retire from partnership at Norton Rose Fulbright after 20 years of private practice to focus on her career as full-time international arbitrator in a conflict-free environment. Over the last two decades, Irina has acted as counsel and arbitrator in multiple international commercial arbitration proceedings conducted on an ad hoc basis and under various institutional rules and seated around the world. She has considerable experience in multi-jurisdictional cross-border disputes, including investment and post-M&A disputes, joint ventures and shareholders' disputes (often involving allegations of fraud), commodity trading, construction, energy and natural resources disputes.

Irina received her first appointment as arbitrator in 2007 and to date has acted as the chairperson, co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator in a number of international commercial arbitrations under the ICC Rules, the LCIA Rules and the SCC Rules, with seats as diverse as London, Geneva, Frankfurt, Stockholm and Abu Dhabi, and the applicable laws including English, German and Emirati law. Irina has significant experience of conducting arbitral proceedings under various institutional rules and drafting arbitral awards in English and Russian languages.

Whilst Irina's main focus is on sitting as international arbitrator, she is also a Solicitor-Advocate of the English Supreme Court and continues to act as counsel in English court proceedings, focusing on enforcement of the arbitral awards and applications under the Arbitration Act 1996, in her capacity as consultant at a London litigation boutique Gresham Legal.

Irina is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the London Court of International Arbitration. She is on the panel of arbitrators at the International Arbitration Centre at the Astana International Financial Centre (Kazakhstan), London Chamber of Arbitration at the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Ukrainian Arbitration Association and Japan Commercial Arbitration Association.

Irina is a published writer and a regular speaker on international arbitration, English legal system, English contract law, diversity in international arbitration and legal career development. Her academic areas of interest include capacity of parties to enter into arbitration agreements and joining non-signatories to an arbitration. She conducts legal masterclasses, seminars for practitioners and in-house lawyers in English, Russian and Ukrainian languages.

