

# ANNA KORNEVA

## Qualifications

British Virgin Islands, 2021

England & Wales, 2020

Russian advocate (Moscow City Bar), 2016

## Education:

- **Queen Mary, University of London, September 2010 to September 2011**
  - LLM in International Business Law
- **London School of Economics and Political Science, July 2008**
  - *"Introduction to Corporate Law and Governance"*
- **London School of Economics and Political Science, August 2007**
  - *"Competition Law and Policy"*
- **Moscow State Law Academy, September 2003 to July 2008**
  - Degree in jurisprudence (Bachelor and Master's degree)

## Languages:

English, Russian

## SUMMARY PROFILE

Anna is a dispute resolution lawyer qualified in England and Wales, British Virgin Islands and Russia.

Anna is experienced in acting on litigation proceedings in the BVI. She acted on a number of matters in relation to corporate disputes, insolvency and injunctions (freezing and Norwich Pharmacal orders).

Anna acted on international arbitration proceedings under the LCIA, the ICC, the UNCITRAL, ICSID rules and High Court litigation proceedings.

In addition to working as parties' legal representative, Anna gained experience as Counsel at London Court of International Arbitration (the LCIA).

In this capacity, she oversaw a number of international commercial arbitrations in a wide range of industry sectors including construction, engineering, commodities, finance, mining and energy. She also acted as secretary to arbitral tribunal in an ICC case.

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### Agon Litigation

June 2022 - current

Senior Associate

Acting on a number of matters in the British Virgin Islands in relation to corporate disputes and insolvency and various injunctions.

### Ogier LLP

September 2020 – June 2022

Senior Associate

- Acting on a number of matters in the British Virgin Islands in relation to corporate disputes, insolvency and various injunctions (freezing and Norwich Pharmacal orders):
  - Drafting applications, affidavits and court orders;
  - Advising on various issues in relation to trusts, corporate disputes and insolvency;
- Working with counsel on forming arguments in relation to a large and high-profile litigation involving CIS bank. Working on evidence and drafting part of a pleading. Working with foreign counsel in relation to issues related to Kazakh law.

### Simmons & Simmons LLP

December 2019 to August 2020

Consultant

- Acting on a high-profile LCIA arbitration involving a dispute in relation to a half a billion US dollar financial transaction with allegations on fraud advanced by the Russian bank.

#### **Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, London**

March 2018 to August 2019

Foreign Qualified Lawyer

- Acting on a landmark investment arbitration case as part of a three co-counsel teams involving a highly complex factual background and proceedings in a number of jurisdictions:
  - Taking part in management of complex document production;
  - Developing arguments and drafting part of pleadings (counter-memorial and rejoinder on merits);
  - Working with the expert on the insolvency law expert report;
  - Taking part in preparation for the merits hearing. Drafting cross-examination notes and participating in the final hearing on merits.

#### **London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), London**

January to August 2016

Counsel, seconded by **Stephenson Harwood**

- Procedural supervision of around 50 international commercial arbitrations in a wide range of industry sectors including construction & engineering, commodities, finance, mining & energy and IT & telecoms:
  - Determining jurisdiction, law and language of the arbitration on the basis of the arbitration clause and the LCIA rules;
  - Liaising with the LCIA Court regarding the appointment of the arbitrators. Presenting candidates for approval in case the latter were not specified by the arbitration clause;
  - Advising the arbitrators and parties on the application of the LCIA rules;
  - Dealing with the appointment of the emergency arbitrator and expedited formation of the arbitral tribunal;
  - Supervision of compliance by the parties and arbitrators with the procedural steps in the arbitration.

#### **Stephenson Harwood LLP, London**

October 2011 to December 2017

Foreign Qualified Lawyer

- Acting in arbitration proceedings under the LCIA, ICC, ICSID and the High Court litigation proceedings.
- Drafting pleadings in relation to various stages of the arbitration proceedings, drafting witness statements, factual investigations, disclosure and preparation for procedural and merits hearings.
- Actively working on business development initiatives.
- The representative experience includes:
  - ***Acting on a number of commercial arbitrations and an investment arbitration during different stages of the proceedings:***
    - “*KT Asia Investment Group B.V. v. Republic of Kazakhstan*” (ICSID Case No. ARB/09/8);
    - An LCIA arbitration arising out of a dispute over financing agricultural business in Ukraine;
    - An LCIA arbitration concerning the operation of a drilling rig in a deep offshore oil block in Nigeria;
    - A major LCIA arbitration (with claims and counterclaims valued at over US\$750 million) concerning the management of two deep offshore oil blocks in West Africa.
  - ***Acting as counsel in an LCIA arbitration in relation to shareholders dispute over an agricultural business in Russia*** (drafting and filing request for arbitration and preparing exhibits, preparing first draft of a statement of claim and exhibits, liaising with witnesses regarding the evidence, drafting witness statements, drafting request for bifurcation of the proceedings, drafting requests for peremptory order under sections 41(5) and 82 of the Arbitration Act 1996, conducting correspondence with the arbitral tribunal (under supervision of the partner); preparing for and attending procedural hearings, working with forensic expert);
  - ***Acting as secretary to a sole arbitrator tribunal in an ICC commercial arbitration arising out of a dispute in relation to acquisition of shares in operating company which formed part of construction conglomerate, beneficially owned by a Russian businessman*** (preparing first draft of procedural orders, assisting with reviewing the parties’ Redfern schedules as part of ruling on

disclosure, conducting research on various matters under Russian and English law, communicating with parties on behalf of arbitral tribunal (under his supervision);

- **Advising an UK based client in relation to litigation proceedings in Russia arising out of construction agreement under Russian law** (working with Russian co-counsel on advising the client on construction agreement subject to Russian law, reviewing the construction agreement and conducting research under Russian law);
- **Acting for an insolvent CEE bank in High Court litigation proceedings against the bank's former owner** (working with the team on forensic research and developing arguments).

**Goltsblat BLP (Moscow office of Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP), Moscow**

December 2008 to August 2010

Junior Associate, Corporate/Banking and Finance

- Advising on various aspects of Russian corporate, insolvency and banking law.
- Advising on corporate due diligence in relation to acquisition of companies in various sectors (agriculture, pharmaceuticals, oil and gas).

**RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

Discontinuance of ICSID Conciliation proceedings - <https://jusmundi.com/en/document/wiki/en-discontinuance-of-icsid-conciliation-proceedings>

Does a right to a physical hearing exist in international arbitration? (ICCA report on BVI) - [BVI-Right-To-A-Physical-Hearing-Report.pdf \(arbitration-icca.org\)](#)