

# OLIVIA KAYE

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Olivia is a qualified solicitor advocate in England and Wales with broad international arbitration experience in investor-state disputes and complex commercial arbitration across a number of sectors and regions in proceedings brought under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, and NAI rules, with experience also in state-state disputes and English litigation. Olivia is a graduate of Cambridge University, has an MA in Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies from the American University of Beirut, and global work experience in the UK, Lebanon, and Russia.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### SENIOR ASSOCIATE | 05/2022 – (present)

#### Vail Dispute Resolution

- Case experience included:
  - Representing an investor in a potential claim against a Balkan state; and
  - Representing a professional fund manager in summary arbitration proceedings under the auspices of the Netherlands Arbitration Institute.
- Responsibilities included: drafting funding memos, drafting pleadings, preparing for hearings, drafting oral submissions, and liaising with clients and tribunals.

### SENIOR ASSOCIATE | 01/2020 – 02/2022

#### Ivanyan and Partners Law Firm (London and Moscow)

- Focus on investor-state disputes with limited involvement in ICJ state-state proceedings.
- Case experience included:
  - Representing the Russian Federation in multiple UNCITRAL investment arbitration proceedings brought by Ukrainian investors under the Russia-Ukraine BIT, with a strong focus on the complex jurisdictional aspects of these cases;
  - Representing the Russian Federation in ICJ proceedings against Ukraine; and
  - Representing a number of shareholder claimants in an ICSID claim against Latvia brought under the UK-Latvia BIT.
- Responsibilities included: organising and overseeing the growing team, researching international law, drafting research memos, drafting pleadings and correspondence, liaising and presenting to the client, overseeing and organising case logistics, preparing for and attending hearings (drafting opening and closing statements and cross examinations), working with legal experts and liaising with co-counsel, tribunals and opposing counsel.

### ASSOCIATE | 08/2018 – 01/2020

#### Jones Day (London)

- Focus on investor-state disputes and complex commercial arbitration with involvement in proceedings brought under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, and ICC rules, in addition to limited English litigation.
- Case experience included:
  - Representing Canadian claimants in investment disputes against Kazakhstan brought under the Canada-USSR BIT;
  - Representing a Russian company in an early-stage investment dispute against Ukraine;

- Representing an American company in an ICC commercial arbitration against an Indian energy company;
  - Representing Kazakh investors in an ICSID investment dispute against Uzbekistan under the Kazakhstan-Uzbekistan BIT;
  - Representing a US healthcare operator in an ICC commercial arbitration;
  - Representing a US construction company in an investment dispute against Panama; and
  - Representing Canadian claimants in English court proceedings against Kazakhstan in respect of an extension of time application in order to challenge an arbitral award.
- Responsibilities included: research, drafting pleadings and witness statements, preparing for and attending witness interviews, overseeing and organising case logistics, drafting correspondence, preparing for and attending hearings (including drafting opening and closing statements, direct examinations, and cross-examinations), and undertaking oral advocacy during hearings.

**TRAINEE SOLICITOR** | 08/2016 – 08/2018

**Jones Day (London)**

- Emphasis on international arbitration (investor-state and commercial arbitration, see above cases and responsibilities) with experience also gained in English litigation, commercial real estate and competition law (see above case experience).

**IMIGRATION TRIBUNAL FRIEND** | 09/2014 – 05/2015

**BPP Pro Bono Project (London)**

- Providing moral and administrative support for litigants-in-person at immigration tribunals and throughout proceedings.

**HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS VACATION SCHEME** | 04/2015 (received job offer)

**JONES DAY VACATION SCHEME** | 03/2015 (received job offer)

**PROJECT MANAGER** | 08/2011 – 06/2012

**GraphicShop Design Agency**

- Responsibilities included managing the office and the team, organising graphic designers, tracking and managing projects and finances, and liaising with clients.

**INTERNSHIP** | 07/2010 – 11/2010

**Mideastwire**

- Responsibilities included compiling daily news summaries of the Middle Eastern press, organising and attending conferences, meetings and events, and conducting research.

**INTERNSHIP** | 07/2008 – 10/2008

**Conservative Party Campaign Headquarters**

- Working with incoming Government ministers on women's policy development and entrepreneurship.

**OFFICE/CAMPAIGN MANAGER** | 07/2007 – 10/2007

**Hammersmith Conservative Association**

- Responsibilities included handling membership, campaign administration, overseeing and organising interns and working with political candidates, party members and the public.

## **EDUCATION**

**Higher Rights of Audience (Criminal), BPP, 2022**

**Higher Rights of Audience (Civil), BPP, 2021**

**Lauterpacht Center for International Law, Cambridge University, 2019**

Investment Law and Arbitration Course

**Accelerated Legal Practitioners Course, BPP, 2016 (Distinction, aggregate mark 89)**

**Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP, 2015 (Distinction, aggregate mark 78.1)**

**MA Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, American University of Beirut, Lebanon, 2011-2013 (GPA 92.3/100, equivalent 4.0)**

**MA Archaeology and Anthropology, Trinity College, University of Cambridge, 2007-2010 (2.i)**

Focus in Social Anthropology

**Godolphin and Latymer School, London, UK, 2000-2007**

A-levels (2007): Grade As in History, Latin, Chemistry and Geography

GCSEs (2005): Grade A\* in Maths, English Language, English Literature, French, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Latin, History and Geography

## **SKILLS**

- Legal drafting
- Project and team management
- International work experience
- Complex legal research
- Attention to detail
- Overseeing and organising case logistics
- Oral advocacy
- Lebanese spoken Arabic
- Communication
- Analytical

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Arbitrator for the LSE-LCIA Pre-Vis Moot (2022)

Guest Lecturer at the Paris Bar Association (2020-)

Associate at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Graduate Fellow, Centre for Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, American University of Beirut (2012-2013)

Hammersmith & Fulham Council candidate (2008-2010)

Chair of the Hammersmith Young Conservative Association (2007-2010)

Projects Fund Award, Trinity College, Cambridge (2010)