



Ina C. Popova **Partner**

Ina C. Popova is a partner in the firm’s International Dispute Resolution Group, and her practice focuses on international arbitration, international litigation and public international law. Ms. Popova is admitted to practice in Paris and New York and holds advanced degrees in English law.

Ms. Popova is recognized within the legal community as one of the top international lawyers of her generation. She sits as arbitrator and serves as counsel in a broad range of international matters and has particular experience in the energy, mining, and technology, media and telecommunications sectors. Fluent in several languages, Ms. Popova leads matters in English, Spanish and French, and she regularly handles complex disputes arising out of Latin America and Africa. She also advises investment firms and asset managers in evaluating investments in international claims or arbitration awards.

Over the course of her career, Ms. Popova has represented individuals, corporations and states in a broad range of disputes under the rules of all of the major arbitral institutions, as well as several regional institutions. She also advises parties in international litigations involving proceedings in foreign and domestic courts and has represented parties before the federal and state courts in the United States, including the United States Supreme Court.

Ms. Popova draws praise for her “very well respected” practice in the leading

industry publications, where clients and peers note that “she is highly intellectual and brings a world-class degree of academic rigor to legal argument,” is “a very passionate orator,” and that “her demeanor in an arbitration is phenomenal,” and that she is “very bright, impressively efficient and extremely well liked in the community.” She is recommended in *Chambers Global*, *Chambers USA*, and *Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration* (main edition), where she is described as “one of the most impressive lawyers of her generation.” She has also been recognized as a Rising Star by *New York Law Journal* and *Law360*, as a Next Generation Partner by *The Legal 500 Latin America* (International Firms) and *The Legal 500 US*, as one of the top 40 up-and-coming lawyers nationwide by the American Bar Association, as a Future Star and a member of the “40 and Under Hotlist” by *Benchmark Litigation*, and as Best in Commercial Arbitration by *Euromoney Americas Rising Stars*.

In addition to her work as counsel, Ms. Popova is a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and currently serves in a variety of other leadership positions, including as a member of the Court of the Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Center (CIMAC) and as Chair of the Corporate Counsel Task Force of the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center (SVAMC). She has also previously served as Co-Chair of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) 2019 Midyear Meeting, Co-Chair of the Program Committee for the ICC New York Conference, Co-Chair of the ASIL 2016 Annual Meeting, a member of the 2018 ICCA Program Committee, an Advisory Board member of the Institute for Energy Law and a *rapporteur* for the ASIL-ICCA Joint Task Force on Issue Conflicts in Investor-State Arbitration. She is a member of the IBA International Commercial Arbitration Case Law Subcommittee, the IBA Working Group on the UNIDROIT Principles and the ICCA Task Force on Standards of Practice. She has taught law at the *Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)* and is a Fellow of the *Société de Législation Comparée*. She speaks and writes regularly on arbitration-related issues. Ms. Popova maintains an active pro bono practice, most recently involving immigration, asylum and clemency matters. She was recognized by the New York State Bar Association’s “The Good We Do” campaign for her pro bono representation of a family facing eviction.

In addition to graduate degrees from Harvard Law School and from the University of Cambridge, Ms. Popova received her B.A. (Hons.)(Cantab.) with First Class Honours in Law (Double *Maîtrise*) from the University of Cambridge, Trinity College, and her *Maîtrise en droit comparé, mention droits anglais et français* with high honors from the Université de Paris II Panthéon-Assas. She is a Senior Scholar of Trinity College and was a Hollond Fund Scholar at Harvard Law School.

Ms. Popova speaks French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Bulgarian. She is a member of the bar in Paris and in New York and is admitted to appear before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

INA C. POPOVA'S SELECT REPRESENTATIONS

Investment Arbitration and Public International Law

Gramercy Funds Management and Gramercy Peru Holdings in an UNCITRAL arbitration against the Government of Peru under the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, arising out of Peru's measures relating to Agrarian Reform Bonds.

Perenco Ecuador, prevailing on novel jurisdictional and merits issues in an ICSID arbitration arising out of the Republic of Ecuador's unilateral increase of its participation to 99% of all revenues from oil sales above a fixed "reference price" and its declaration that Perenco's contracts had come to an end. Perenco is now entitled to approximately US\$435 million, net of cost recovery and other factors, which is the largest compensation amount that any investment tribunal has awarded against Ecuador for its imposition of Law 42.

The Republic of Iraq in defending claims brought by Agility Warehousing Company relating to a telecommunications investment, substantially prevailing on dispositive jurisdictional objections and recovering almost 90% of claimed costs.

Francesco Becchetti and five other Italian investors in ICSID proceedings against Albania arising out of claimants' investments in a hydroelectric plant and a media company, winning a historic order of provisional measures suspending criminal and extradition proceedings, and resulting in a favorable award.

An investment manager in acquiring and settling on favorable terms a series of investment arbitration awards.

A North American investment company in a dispute against the Republic of Peru under the terms of a Free Trade Agreement, worth over \$590 million.

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited and Pangea Minerals Limited, subsidiaries of Acacia Mining plc, in a mining arbitration against the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania seated in London under the UNCITRAL Rules.

A publicly listed mining company in socio-environmental matters relating to a mine in Latin America.

A U.S. investment firm in analyzing an investment in a portfolio of international arbitration claims involving sovereigns.

Pueblo Viejo Dominicana, a joint venture between Barrick Gold and Goldcorp, in a dispute with the Government of the Dominican Republic regarding the Pueblo Viejo gold, silver and copper mine, which is reported to be the largest foreign investment in the Dominican Republic.

Holcim and its subsidiaries, Holderfin B.V. and Caricement B.V., against Venezuela in proceedings before ICSID under the Switzerland-Venezuela BIT and the Netherlands-Venezuela BIT, asserting claims that Venezuela's nationalization of Holcim Venezuela constituted unlawful expropriation and discrimination. After Holcim filed its statement of claim, the parties agreed on a settlement providing for compensation of \$650 million.

Albaniabeg Ambient and Costruzioni in ICSID proceedings against Albania arising out of claimants' investments in a waste management and renewable energy production plant.

The U.K. Government as amicus curiae in litigation relating to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations before U.S. federal and state courts and the United States Supreme Court.

Commercial Arbitration and Litigation

A European fintech company in defending claims of over \$60 million arising out of a putative software licensing and services agreement.

The International Court of Arbitration® of the International Chamber of Commerce as amicus curiae in support of Chevron Corporation's opposition to the confirmation of an Egyptian arbitral award before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

An investment firm in evaluating investments in various commercial arbitration awards and litigation against a foreign sovereign.

A leading steel company in the Americas in a dispute arising from an acquisition and related supply agreements.

An Asian solar cell manufacturer in a dispute under the LCIA Rules involving claims for breach of contract and under the CISG for over \$200 million, leading to a successful settlement.

Hyundai Heavy Industries in an ICC arbitration involving disputes between the shareholders of Hyundai Oilbank Ltd. (HDO), South Korea's fourth largest oil refining and marketing company, winning the largest ICC award issued at the time and Global Arbitration Review's "Arbitration Win of the Year" (2010).

A leading telecommunications and digital media company in an LCIA arbitration of a contractual dispute arising out of the purchase of assets in multiple jurisdictions, winning a complete victory on indemnification claims of over €139 million, defeating counterclaims of over €84 million, and obtaining a substantial costs award.

A major publicly listed mining company in designing an industry-wide alternative dispute resolution protocol for government disputes in Africa.

Norilsk Nickel and Interros International Investments in a dispute with United Company Rusal, including LCIA arbitration proceedings and related court litigation in the United States, England, Russia, Switzerland, St. Kitts & Nevis and The Netherlands.

General Electric in resolving disputes with multiple customers whose contracts involving sanctioned countries were cancelled when GE acquired a subsidiary. Some of the disputes led to arbitration or domestic litigation, and many others were resolved amicably.

A European equipment manufacturer in an SCC arbitration arising out of the termination of a supply contract requiring performance in a country subject to trade restrictions, including emergency relief.

A publicly listed sporting goods company in a dispute arising out of a distribution agreement, winning dismissal of all claims for over €30 million in addition to an award of attorney's fees.

A Swiss company in ad hoc arbitration proceedings relating to payments for a commodities transaction, winning complete dismissal of claims.

Investors in a Mexican business in a shareholder dispute involving contractual and fiduciary duty claims under Texas and Mexican law.

An investor in an African mining project in a dispute arising from an electrical power supply agreement with the national electric company.