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Nataliia is an Associate in the International Arbitration Group at White & Case in London. Her practice covers both investment treaty and commercial arbitrations, with a focus on the energy, construction, and telecommunications sectors.

She has acted for sovereign states and multinational corporations in arbitrations under international law as well as under English, French, Spanish, Kazakhstani, and Georgian law, across fora including ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, SCC, and LCIA. Nataliia is also experienced in ICSID annulment, set-aside, and enforcement proceedings, as well as arbitration-related litigation before the English, French, Cypriot, Ukrainian, Turkmen and Kazakhstani state courts and the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) Court.

Nataliia is trained in both civil and common law and is admitted to practice in France, England, Ukraine, and before the AIFC Court. She is fluent in English, French, Ukrainian, and Russian.

Nataliia is a member and one of the associate leaders of White & Case's Sovereigns & Public Sector Industry Group. She maintains an active pro bono practice focusing on the Firm's initiatives relating to Ukraine. She recently assisted the Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG), a global pro bono law firm, on research projects relating to the reintegration and rebuilding of occupied and war-affected regions and the collection of evidence from eyewitnesses to atrocity crimes.

Nataliia's recent experience includes:

Investment arbitration

- *PCCW Cascade (Middle East) Ltd. v. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*, ICSID Case No. ARB/22/20: representing the State in a case relating to the operation of a telecommunications business
- *Gardabani Holdings B.V. and Silk Road Holdings B.V. v. Georgia*, ICSID Case No. ARB/17/29: representing the State in annulment proceedings relating to parallel SCC and ICSID arbitrations brought by an energy company and its subsidiaries in relation to a dispute over the regulation of electricity tariffs, as well as in related court proceedings in multiple jurisdictions
- *Emergofin B.V. and Velbay Holdings Ltd. v. Ukraine*, ICSID Case No. ARB/16/35: represented the State in a dispute over measures targeting an aluminum production company

Construction and commercial arbitration

- LCIA Arbitration (London) and ICC Arbitration (Madrid) between a cryptocurrency group and a football club regarding two sponsorship agreements governed by English law and Spanish law
- ICC Arbitrations and Dispute Board proceedings (Paris) under the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) Pink Book form of contract
- ICC Arbitration (London) relating to a construction project for indoor sports facilities
- LCIA Arbitration (London) concerning a uranium mining, development, and exploration project in Mongolia
- Advised a petrochemical company in relation to disputes with a general contractor arising under an EPC Contract for the construction of a polypropylene plant in Central Asia and related litigation concerning a performance bond call

- Advised a Balkan state-owned energy producer in relation to the Dispute Board proceedings concerning the construction of a water management project under the FIDIC Red Book (2017 edition) form of contract
- Advised a Central Asian gas transmission operator in relation to a dispute concerning disrupted deliveries of natural gas
- Advised an Eastern European public infrastructure entity on disputes relating to construction projects under the FIDIC Red Book (2017 edition) and the FIDIC Pink Book forms of contract

Litigation

- Representing a public infrastructure entity in a dispute concerning calls on on-demand bank guarantees in a construction project governed by the ICC Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees (URDG 758)
- Representing a government entity in exequatur proceedings in France and parallel recognition and enforcement proceedings
- Representing a creditor in bankruptcy proceedings involving a Central Asian commercial bank, including participation in the creditors' committee and administration of the debtor's estate

Employment history

White & Case, Paris (2019-2024) and London (2024-until present) – Associate (international arbitration)

Shearman & Sterling, Paris (2018-2019) – Trainee (international arbitration)

Littleton Chambers, London (2017-2018) – Pupil of Rupert D'Cruz KC (commercial litigation and arbitration)

Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom, London (2017) – Trainee

Moris Law, Kyiv (2014-2016) – Associate (commercial litigation)

Department of Interior Affairs, Regional Office, Kyiv Ukraine (2010-2013) – Investigator

Bars and courts

England and Wales, Solicitor

Paris, Avocat à la cour

Ukraine, Advocate

AIFC Court (Kazakhstan), Registered Legal Adviser

Education

Queen Mother Scholarship, The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, London

LLM (Distinction), University College London

GDL (Distinction), University of Law, London

PhD, Law, National Academy of Interior Affairs, Kyiv Ukraine

Master of Law (Distinction), State University of Internal Affairs, Lviv Ukraine

BA, Law (Distinction), State University of Internal Affairs, Lviv Ukraine

Spoken languages

English, French, Ukrainian, Russian

Speaking engagements

- “Why the ECtHR Judgment in Ukraine and the Netherlands v. Russia of 9 July 2025 is Unique in the History of International Law”, Ukrainian Bar Association, London (24 September 2025), Moderator
- “Bankruptcy and Arbitration”, Ukrainian Bar Association, online (28 May 2025), Moderator

- “Regional Perspectives on Arbitration in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Trends and Key Considerations”, Paris Arbitration Week (11 April 2025), Speaker
- “Re-Thinking Compensation: Evidence Gathering, Quantum, Standard of Proof and Other Challenges Posed by the War in Ukraine”, London International Disputes Week (5 June 2024), Moderator
- “Ukraine on Global Stage: Insights from International Courts”, Fordham International Law Association, online (10 April 2024), Speaker
- “Legal Options for Confiscation of Russian State Assets to Support Ukraine’s Reconstruction”, Ukrainian Bar Association, online (28 February 2024), Moderator
- “Low-Carbon Transition in the Context of CEE Energy Security”, Ukrainian Bar Association Energy Law Conference, Warsaw (14 September 2023), Moderator
- “Legal Aspects and the Impact of Energy Sanctions Against Russia”, English Law Day, organized by the British Kazakh Law Association, Astana and Almaty (9-11 November 2022), Speaker

Publications

- Chapter 16, “Politics of Public Participation in Investment Arbitration”, in [Public Participation and Foreign Investment Law](#), edited by Eric De Brabandere, Tarcisio Gazzini, and Avidan Kent (Brill, 2021) (with Sophie Nappert)
- “[Using ICC Case Connect: Checklist](#)”, Thomson Reuters Practical Law, July 2023 (with Andrew de Lotbinière McDougall KC)
- “[Investors at Conflict’s Crossroads: An Overview of Available International Courts and Tribunals in the Crimean Context](#)”, UCL Journal of Law and Jurisprudence, Vol. 6, No. 2 (2017)

Awards and recognition

Lexology Index 2026 (Arbitration Future Leaders – Non-Partners):

“Nataliia impressed me with her quick grasp of the main aspects of the quantum of the case”

“She effectively provides commercially sound advice to achieve the best outcome for us”

“Her communication, problem-solving, and critical thinking abilities are excellent”

Chevening Scholarship, The Foreign & Commonwealth Office, 2015-2016

Development of Legal Education Award, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, 2015

Civil Service Award, Ministry of Interior Affairs of Ukraine, 2010