Amy Frey specializes in investment treaty arbitration, public international law and human rights law. A partner in our International Arbitration practice, Amy primarily represents clients with claims against foreign states arising from bilateral investment treaties and the Energy Charter Treaty. She has represented investors all over the world. Our International Arbitration practice is routinely named in the top five such practices globally and was named a 2016 Practice Group of the Year by Law360.

Amy counsels clients in arbitration under the rules of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, the International Chamber of Commerce, the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce and the UN Commission on International Trade Law. She has represented investors in claims against Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Italy, Kazakhstan, Romania, Spain and Venezuela, and is experienced in requests for interim, injunctive relief and in annulment proceedings.

Recent matters have concerned complex tax and tariff disputes, including the application of customs duties on imports, changes to corporate income tax regimes, taxes on the export of oil and gas, transport pricing, and so-called “windfall profits” taxes.

In addition, Amy takes on public interest law and pro bono projects, particularly in human rights law. Matters include domestic violence, child abuse, asylum, juvenile delinquent status and human trafficking.

Fluent in English and French, Amy is listed in the 2016 Legal 500 EMEA Guide for Arbitration. She is a member of the bar in Texas, Washington, D.C. and Paris. She also holds a masters degree in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford.

Matters

Obtained a multimillion-dollar award on behalf of Moldovan nationals and their corporate entities in an Energy Charter Treaty dispute against Kazakhstan.

Obtained a multimillion-dollar award on behalf of Swedish nationals and their food and beverage
companies in an ICSID arbitration against an Eastern European state for breach of a BIT, which included challenges to European Union law.

Obtained a multimillion-dollar award on behalf of a U.S. energy company against Ecuador in a treaty dispute involving purported windfall profits taxes.

Currently representing more than a dozen European-based renewable energy investors with claims under the Energy Charter Treaty in disputes against Italy and Spain.

Represented a Dutch company in a BIT dispute against Algeria regarding unilateral modifications to agreed tax provisions.

Successfully defended a water concessionaire in ICSID annulment proceedings in which Argentina challenged the award rendered in our client’s favor.

Represented a major U.S. energy company in a dispute with a South American state involving denial of justice by the local court system.

Represented an energy company in an ICSID arbitration against Ecuador for the unilateral modification of the participation formula in an oil and gas contract, in an arbitration that also involved emergency measures for domestic relief connected with human rights claims.

Represented UAE investors in bilateral investment treaty disputes involving land development contracts and licenses against the Arab Republic of Egypt, in an arbitration that also involved emergency measures for domestic relief connected with human rights claims.

Represented a U.S. gas compression company in a bilateral investment treaty dispute against Venezuela in relation to unilateral amendments to a contract.

Represented an Indian company in an ICC arbitration proceeding involving intellectual property disputes and breaches of licensing agreements in China, India and worldwide.

Advised an African telecom company in relation to attempts of a state to expropriate and/or dissolve its operations.

Advised renewable energy investors on potential Energy Charter Treaty disputes against Romania and Portugal.

Credentials

EDUCATION
LL.M., Oxford University, UK
J.D., Tulane University, cum laude
B.A., University of Mississippi, magna cum laude

ADMISSIONS
District of Columbia
Texas

LANGUAGES
French

Insights

CLIENT ALERT
May 12, 2020
Mexico Restricts Entry-Into-Operation of New Solar and Wind Plants

NEWSLETTER
June 18, 2020
Energy Newsletter – June 2020

January 25, 2017
International Food Law Gazette - January 2017

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Events

CONFERENCE
December 6, 2016
Client event at the Musée de l’Orangerie, Paris

News

IN THE NEWS
July 30, 2020 • Source: Law360
Law360 profiles 2020 Rising Star Amy Roebuck Frey

RECOGNITION
July 10, 2020
King & Spalding Earns Top Spot on Global Arbitration Review’s GAR 30 Ranking

July 6, 2020
Six King & Spalding Lawyers Named Law360 Rising Stars

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