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Ruth Byrne is a partner and solicitor advocate in our London office. Ruth specialises in international commercial disputes across a wide range of industry sectors.

Ruth has advised clients on disputes arising in multiple jurisdictions (notably in Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe) and from a wide range of different industry sectors including energy, construction, manufacturing and retail, asset management and banking. She has appeared as counsel in arbitrations under all of the leading institutional rules (ICC, LCIA, AAA/ICDR, SCC, Swiss Rules and ICSID) as well as *ad hoc* arbitrations and sits regularly as arbitrator. She also appears frequently in the English High Court, in particular in proceedings in support of arbitration, as well as more generally in international commercial litigation. Ruth also advises on questions of public and private international law.

Ruth is recommended in *Chambers UK*, 2016 and the *Legal 500*, 2016 with respect to international arbitration and international litigation. *Chambers* notes that, “Market sources appreciate her ‘very organised and structured’ approach.” Named as a future leader in international arbitration in *Who’s Who Legal*, 2017, she is commended as “an excellent advocate wise beyond her years, and not afraid to tackle new areas or take on opponents far her senior. She will be a dominant character in the arbitration world for years to come.”

Ruth is Co-Chair of the London Court of International Arbitration’s Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG), and writes and speaks regularly on a variety of international arbitration topics.

Matters

Representing an **international oil and gas company** in a series of multi-million dollar disputes under the UNCITRAL Rules arising out of a failed joint venture in Kazakhstan.

Representation of a **listed oil company** in an LCIA arbitration regarding contractual claims arising in connection with a production sharing contract in the Middle East.

Representing **an oil and gas major** in an arbitration under the UNCITRAL Rules with regard to claims for breaches of a multi-million dollar construction contract.

Representing **an oil and gas major** in multi-billion dollar contentious proceedings regarding oil and

gas rights in East Africa.

Representing **defendants to substantial complex fraud claims** arising from activities in the energy sector in West Africa in the English Commercial Court.

Representing **an Indian car manufacturer** to resist proceedings brought in the English Commercial Court by its former U.S. distributor to challenge and appeal a final UNCITRAL arbitration award in its favour.

Representing **a manufacturing and retail business** in a series of LCIA arbitration proceedings arising from an M&A transaction.

Representing **a listed oil and gas company** on a challenge to an arbitral award brought in the English Commercial Court.

Representing **an oil and gas drilling contractor** with respect to claims brought in an ICC arbitration for breach of exclusivity by one of its clients.

Representing **a sovereign wealth fund** in a billion-dollar claim in the English Commercial Court arising out of alleged duress and misrepresentation.

Representing **a Moldovan company** with regard to claims brought in the English Commercial Court for fraudulent misrepresentation.

Representing **an international construction company** in multi-jurisdictional proceedings to enforce an ICC arbitration award against an African State.

Representing **an oil and gas major** in proceedings to enforce an arbitral award under the SIAC Rules before the English Court and to obtain interim relief in support of that enforcement.

Representing **a group of investors from the Middle East** in proceedings in the English and Cayman Islands Courts involving claims for breach of fiduciary duty and fraud.

Representing **an international oil and gas company** in proceedings under the ICC Rules arising out of disputed rights under a gas sales agreement in West Africa.

Representing **a Latin American company** in LCIA proceedings arising out of the breach of a distributorship agreement.

Representing **an oil and gas company** in contractual claims for delay in an LCIA arbitration against its former drilling contractor.

Representing **an offshore investment company** in a series of disputes under the LCIA Rules arising out of the sale of a share in an oil contract in West Africa.

Representing **an award creditor** in proceedings before the English Commercial Court to enforce that award against the respondent Sovereign State.

Representing **a group of Kuwaiti investors** in a multi-million dollar dispute under the ICC Rules regarding a failed joint venture in the oil and gas sector in Kazakhstan.

Representing **a well-known multinational** in LCIA proceedings regarding the alleged breach of a distributorship agreement in the Middle East.

Representing **a Saudi company** in a multi-million dollar ICC arbitration claim for breach of a publishing licence.

Credentials

EDUCATION

LL.M. International Public Law, University College London, UK, with distinction
M.A., University of Cambridge, UK

ADMISSIONS

The Law Society of England and Wales (2006) (#357290)

ASSOCIATIONS

The Law Society of England and Wales (2006) (#357290)

LANGUAGES

French
Spanish

Recognition

"An excellent advocate wise beyond her years... not afraid to tackle new areas or take on opponents far her senior."

WHO'S WHO LEGAL, FUTURE LEADERS - ARBITRATION 2017

"She will be a dominant character in the arbitration world for years to come."

WHO'S WHO LEGAL, FUTURE LEADERS - ARBITRATION 2017

"Extremely bright, personable and diligent"

CHAMBERS UK, 2016

"Especially known for her expertise in energy-related disputes, and in court hearings regarding arbitration matters."

CHAMBERS UK, 2016

Recommended for International Arbitration and Commercial Litigation

LEGAL 500, 2016

Insights

CLIENT ALERT

March 1, 2021

One Step Closer: the Canada - EU Investment Court System

NEWSLETTER

July 15, 2014

Quantum Quarterly - Issue VI - 2nd Quarter 2014

Events

WEBINAR

November 11, 2020

Africa Webinar Series: COVID-19: Opportunity in Crisis Part Three

News

IN THE NEWS

June 2, 2021 • Source: Global Arbitration Review

Ruth Byrne quoted on state involvement in global disputes

RECOGNITION

October 21, 2021

King & Spalding Earns Multiple Rankings in Chambers UK 2022 Guide

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