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### **Educational/Professional Memberships**

PhD in law, attorney at law. Graduated from Warsaw University's Faculty of Law and Administration in 1989. Received her PhD from Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw in 2009.

In 2015/2016 Dr. Gessel ran comparative law research on breach of M&A transactions as a visiting academic at Oxford University Law Department and in 2016/2017 continued her research at the Cambridge University Law Department within the Herbert Smith Freehills Visiting Professor Scheme.

Dr. Gessel is a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, ICC Arbitration Commission, ICC Poland, Swiss Arbitration Association, Fellow and a member of the CI Arb European Branch Committee. She is also a Chairperson of the Audit Committee of the Polish Private Equity Association (PSIK) as well as a member of the Audit Committee of the Polish Arbitration Association.

### **Current Position**

Founding and Senior Partner of GESSEL Law Firm.

Alternate Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

Honorary President of the Lewiatan Court of Arbitration in Warsaw.

Adjunct Professor in M&A Transactions; International Commercial Arbitration as well as Legal English at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw.

### **Professional Experience**

Leader practitioner in arbitration, M&A and commercial law. Over the years Beata Gessel has gained an extensive experience and became an expert with a highly impressive track record in M&A sector. Since the beginning of professional carrier (1989) she has advised in over 200 M&A transactions for financial investors (PE/ VC Funds) and strategic investors. Recommended or named as a leader in domestic and international rankings of law firms, including those of: the Polish daily "Rzeczpospolita", Practical Law Company, Chambers & Partners, and Legal 500 as regards PE/VC and Corporate/M&A. Since 2007 the ranking of law firms by "Rzeczpospolita" places Beata Gessel among leaders of its M&A/privatisation/restructuring list. Chambers & Partners names her as a leader in PE, pointing out that Beata Gessel is something of a private equity celebrity in Polish legal circles, with a highly impressive track record in the sector (Chambers Europe. Europe's Leading Lawyers for Business" 2008). Beata Gessel is also a laureate of the Forbes Professionals 2012 in the Attorney at Law category.

### **Arbitration Experience**

To this date Beata Gessel has participated, as an arbitrator, counsel and expert, in more than 100 both domestic and international, arbitration cases (conducted according to rules including those of the ICC, UNCITRAL, FCC, IAA, SCAI, Lewiatan, Polish National Chamber of Commerce and the National Depository for Securities). Arbitrator of the Lewiatan Court of Arbitration in Warsaw, VIAC in Vienna, Court of International Commercial Arbitration by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Bucharest, Polish National Chamber of Commerce and the National Depository for Securities and Court of Arbitration by the Chamber of Industrial Energetics and Energy Receivers (IEPiOE) in Warsaw.

## Publications

Author and editor of many publications dealing with M&A and commercial arbitration, including recent *UNCITRAL Model Law: Composition of the Arbitration Tribunal Re considering the Case upon Setting Aside of the Original Arbitration Award*, Journal of International Arbitration 2017; editor: *The Challenges and the Future of Commercial and Investment Arbitration* (Warsaw 2015) and *Polish Arbitration Law* (Warsaw 2014). Her dissertation, titled *Legal Character of Representations and Warranties in a Limited Liability Company Share Purchase Agreement (in Light of the Freedom of Contract Principle)*, Wolters Kluwer, Warsaw 2010, is a fundamental source of legal doctrine in this field in Poland. Full list of publications is available [here](#).

## Languages

Polish – native speaker  
English – fluent  
Russian - fluent