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PRACTICE AREAS

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION, INVESTMENT PROTECTION AND PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Ms. Boltenko is an investment and trade lawyer with over fifteen years of experience in public international law and investor-State dispute resolution. She has acted as legal counsel in investor-state disputes under the auspices of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the ICSID, the SCC, the ICC, the LCIA, and as tribunal secretary in dozens of commercial disputes in a wide array of industries including oil and gas, mining, infrastructure, construction, telecommunications and pharmaceuticals, across Asia and beyond. She is an accredited mediator with the Singapore International Mediation Centre.

Ms. Boltenko teaches a master of laws degree in arbitration and ADR with a focus on Belt & Road investment law at The University of Hong Kong, where she is also a deputy executive director. She is a professor of law at the Royal University of Law and Economics in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where she teaches a course in investment law at the dual degree program with the Free University of Brussels.

Ms. Boltenko is admitted to the roll of solicitors of the Hong Kong SAR, to the Bar Association of the Primorsky Region of the Russian Federation, and she is registered as a foreign lawyer with the Singapore International Commercial Court.

Ms. Boltenko is listed as an arbitrator on multiple regional arbitrator panels and she has a growing arbitrator practice.

Ms. Boltenko has been consistently recognized in legal rankings, including by Who's Who Legal, where she has been ranked over the years as a "National Leader" for Hong Kong, and as "Under 45" thought leader global elite, where she is described as a "highly motivated and hard-working practitioner who stands out as an excellent choice for investor-state disputes".

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS AND CASES

- Representing a party in a contentious situation involving blocked credit limits with respect to an agricultural trade transaction
- Acting for a buyer in a potentially contentious acquisition of a substantial stock in a Hong Kong listed company
- Advising an Eastern European bank on acquisition of a stake in a Hong Kong listed company
- Advising Russian shareholders of a Hong Kong incorporated holding company on a shareholders dispute in Hong Kong with accompanying winding-up proceedings
- Advising a Paraguayan entity in recovering amounts defrauded from the company in a large scale email scam
- Advising a Chinese shareholder in a shareholders dispute relating to a JV in Hong Kong with main assets in the mainland China
- Advising a Chinese shareholder in a shareholders dispute relating to an acquisition of a technology business in Europe
- Representing a Chinese State-owned enterprise in investor-State negotiations of a dispute arising out of a large-scale nationalisation of an infrastructure investment project in Africa
- Representing a European investor against a sovereign State in set aside proceedings before Hong Kong courts with respect to a Hong Kong-seated treaty arbitration
- Representing a Russian individual in a dispute over bitminers and other cryptocurrency equipment in Hong Kong
- Representing Armenia against a US national in an ICSID dispute under the US-Armenia BIT arising out of Armenia's alleged breach of the BIT's full protection and security standard
- Representing AFK Sistema in an ICSID arbitration against Turkmenistan arising out of Turkmenistan's cancellation of mobile telecommunication licences
- Representing Ukraine in an ICSID Case ARB/06/18 Joseph Charles Lemire v Ukraine
- Representing Ukraine in an ICSID Case ARB/09/11 Global Trading Resources Corp. and Globex International, Inc. v Ukraine
- Representing a Ukrainian state agency in a dispute under the PCA Environmental Rules over the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol in the Ukraine
- Acting as a PCA legal counsel in a set of ECT arbitrations against the Russian Federation over expropriation of the Yukos Oil Company
- Advising a major Russian bank on strategic issues involving a large-scale transnational debt recovery effort
- Representing a Japanese vehicle manufacturing company in a Brussels based ICC arbitration in a dispute arising out of a FIDIC construction contract
- Representing a French construction company in a Stockholm based ICC arbitration in a dispute over a FIDIC construction contract
- Representing a French Michelin star restaurant group in an IP dispute against a Hong Kong entity over multiple breaches of a licensing agreement

OTHER INFORMATION

Education

- Moscow State Institute (University) of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation: specialist in public international law, cum laude, 2005
- Paris-1 Pantheon-Sorbonne: LLM in French and EU Law, 2006
- Beijing Language and Culture University: Mandarin Chinese studies, 2014

Professional Qualifications

- Admitted to practice law in the Russian Federation
- Admitted to the roll of solicitors in Hong Kong SAR
- Registered as a foreign lawyer with the Singapore International Commercial Court

Work Languages

- Fluent English, Russian, and French
- Working German and Norwegian
- Some knowledge of Mandarin Chinese

Presentations/Speeches

Ms. Boltenko is a frequent speaker at conferences in Asia and beyond. She has also published prolifically on issues of international trade law and dispute resolution. Ms. Boltenko's publications include:

- Olga Boltenko, Prakritee Yonzon, Anna Kozyrieva, "Shareholders' Panacea: Overcoming Reflective Loss Through Treaty Arbitration", *Hong Kong Lawyer*, January 2023
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- Olga Boltenko, "Political Risk Insurance along Belt & Road", Asian Dispute Review, December 2017
- Olga Boltenko, "A Russian roulette: the future of Russian investment law", Offshore Investment, October 2017
- Olga Boltenko, "Resolving Disputes Along the Belt and Road: Are the Battle Lines Drawn?" Asian Dispute Review, November 2017
- Olga Boltenko, Nanxi Ding, "Risky business: political risk insurance in the OBOR jurisdictions – Report on the 4th CMS-HKIAC Investment Law Lecture", Kluwer Arbitration Blog, July 2017
- Olga Boltenko, Nanxi Ding, Lakshanthi Fernando, "PCA Award Trapped in the Confines of the Singapore State Immunity Act", Kluwer Arbitration Blog, May 2017
- Olga Boltenko, Sam Luttrell, "Mercantile Adventurers' Making Their Way to Hong Kong and Singapore: A Blessing or a Curse?" Hong Kong Lawyer, September 2016
- Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP): Final text released, November 2015, Client Briefing
- The TPP of the Iceberg - TPP Signals New Approach to Trade Liberalisation, October 2015, Client Briefing
- Worldwide Mareva injunctions in Singapore: Issues to consider following Bouvier v Accent Delight, October 2015, Client Briefing
- Olga Boltenko, Priscilla Lua, "Prakash J of the Singapore High Court decides the arbitration "chicken and egg" dilemma", Kluwer Arbitration Blog, September 2015

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- Olga Boltenko, Yves Fortier, "Hong Kong – 'Trouver le pot aux roses'", Asian Dispute Review, October 2014
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- Olga Boltenko, "The Permanent Court of Arbitration: Procedural Rules and the Importance of Early Procedural Agreement", Asian Dispute Review, April 2013

Professional Background

Prior to joining Fangda Partners in Hong Kong, Ms. Boltenko practiced with major international law firms in Singapore, Moscow, and Paris.