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Courtney specialises in international commercial and investment arbitration, with a focus on complex disputes involving infrastructure projects. She has acted as counsel in arbitration proceedings under the ICC, Swiss, ICSID, UNCITRAL, LCIA and CIETAC Arbitration Rules. She has also sat as tribunal secretary and arbitrator.

Current professional memberships

- + Arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce (2021 – 2024)
- + Co-Director of the Young ICCA Mentoring Programme
- + International Representative of the ACICA45 Steering Committee
- + Member of Young ICCA
- + Member of ASA below 40
- + Member of DIS40
- + Member of ArbitralWomen

Career history

- + Senior Associate, LALIVE, Zurich, 2024 – present
- + Associate, LALIVE, Zurich, 2017 – 2023
- + Associate to the Honourable Justice Robert Mazza, Supreme Court of Western Australia, Court of Appeal, Perth, 2015 – 2016
- + Associate, Norton Rose Fulbright, Perth, 2010 – 2014
- + Tutor in Civil Procedure, University of Western Australia, Perth, 2015
- + Volunteer Humanitarian Observer, Australian Red Cross, Perth, 2014 – 2015
- + Intern, United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, The Hague, 2008

Academic qualifications

- + LLM in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS), University of Geneva and Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (MIDS Young ICCA Scholarship), 2017
- + Bachelor of Laws/Arts, University of Western Australia, 2011
- + Exchange year, University of Vienna, 2007 – 2008

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Practices

- + Arbitration - International Commercial
- + Arbitration - Investment Treaty
- + Public International Law

Sectors

- + Construction & Infrastructure
- + Pharma

Languages

- + English
- + German

Nationality

- + Australian
- + Polish

Admission

- + Switzerland (foreign lawyer), 2022
- + Australia, 2012

Recent publications

‘Early Case Documents’, International Arbitration in Practice: A Comprehensive Guide with Samples & Explanations

COURTNEY FURNER, ELAINE FISCHER

In: Kluwer Arbitration Blog, forthcoming

International Arbitration: Switzerland

CATHERINE A. KUNZ, COURTNEY FURNER

In: Global Legal Insights, International Arbitration, 2024 (also 2023, 2022 and 2018)

‘Eyeopeners – The Enlightening Effect of Site Visits in Construction Disputes’

COURTNEY FURNER, BERND EHLE

In: International Bar Association Dispute Resolution International, 12(2) 2018, pp. 175-194

Recent conferences

ICC Australia

COURTNEY FURNER, Speaker: “Conversations with ICC Australia, Episode Eleven: The civil law influence on arbitration”

Online, 26 June 2024

ASA below 40

COURTNEY FURNER, Speaker: Practical Session “Effective and efficient witness preparation in international arbitration”

Bern, 29 September 2023

ICC Young Arbitrators’ Forum (YAF) Conference

COURTNEY FURNER, Speaker: “Illegality – The Set-Aside Court Perspective”

Frankfurt, 28 June 2023