



Alicja Zielińska-Eisen

OVERVIEW

Alicja Zielińska-Eisen is a Partner at Queritius and an advocate (*adwokat*) admitted to practice in Poland. She focuses on commercial matters, private international law, and international arbitration, as well as court proceedings supporting arbitration and post-arbitration proceedings. Alicja has deep knowledge of international investment law and arbitration, having represented states and private investors alike. She acts as an arbitrator and tribunal secretary and has experience working under a variety of arbitration rules, including UNCITRAL, ICC, DIS, SCC, Lewiatan Court of Arbitration, and the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce (SA KIG).

In parallel, she is a Lecturer and Academic Coordinator for International Dispute Resolution (IDR) LL.M. at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin in Germany.

Alicja has more than 10 years of experience working for a Magic Circle law firm where she was a member of the global dispute resolution team.

Alicja is involved in diverse initiatives for legal professionals and regularly speaks at seminars and conferences on negotiation, international arbitration, and other ADR subjects, including engagements in Warsaw, Berlin, Paris, Riga, Vienna, Copenhagen, and Hong Kong.

She holds an LL.M. in International Dispute Resolution from Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, as well as a postgraduate diploma in Negotiation, Mediation, and other ADR awarded by the University of Warsaw, Centre for Dispute and Conflict Resolution. Alicja is a member of the Arbitration Commission of ICC Poland and acts as the ICC YAF Representative for Europe.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE INVESTMENT TREATY ARBITRATION

- Counsel to PL Holdings S.à r.l. in an investment arbitration against the Republic of Poland under SCC Rules (PL Holdings S.à r.l. v Republic of Poland, SCC Case No. V 2014/163)

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BAR ADMISSIONS

- Poland, Adwokat

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Laureate of the 2016 Rising Star Lawyers—Leaders of Tomorrow, organised by Wolter Kluwers and Dziennik Gazeta Prawna

- Counsel to the Republic of Poland in an investment arbitration commenced by a Dutch investor, Enkev Beheer B.V., under UNCITRAL Rules regarding the expropriation of a production plot

COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

- Counsel to an FMCG company in a M&A dispute concerning the acquisition of a distribution company
- Counsel to a consortium of engineering companies in a SCC arbitration against a public utility company in a dispute resulting from an EPC contract
- Counsel to a European manufacturer in a multimillion-euro arbitration proceeding conducted under SCC Rules in connection with an international contract for delivery
- Counsel to subsidiaries of a Dutch investor in multiparty ad hoc arbitration proceedings under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, seeking declaratory relief regarding a price adjustment mechanism in commercial agreements
- Counsel to a global player in wind turbines manufacturing in international arbitration proceedings under ICC Rules in connection with the exit conditions from an investment in Poland
- Counsel to a UK investor in a complex shareholder dispute with minority stakeholders over control of a joint venture in Poland involving concurrent state court injunction proceedings and arbitration proceedings under SA KIG Rules
- Member of a team representing a Polish subsidiary of a multinational telecom in numerous recognition and enforcement proceedings across Europe and the USA concerning a multimillion-euro arbitral award
- Counsel to a Polish manufacturer defending against a claim for payment of a contractual penalty resulting from an alleged quality defect of products in arbitration proceedings under SA KIG Rules
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- Counsel to one of the biggest banks in Poland in arbitration proceedings under the Rules of Arbitration at the Polish Bank Association commenced by one of the bank's business clients seeking a declaration of invalidity of an option scheme agreement
- Counsel to a real estate investor in arbitration proceedings under SA KIG Rules concerning obligations of the buyer of an office building under a master lease agreement
- Tribunal Secretary to a three-member arbitral tribunal in a multiparty arbitration under ICC Rules concerning a payment obligation under a turn-key agreement for drilling wells for hydrocarbon exploitation

- Tribunal Secretary to a three-member arbitral tribunal in a multiparty ad hoc arbitration under UNCITRAL Rules in a dispute with a value exceeding PLN 1 billion

ARBITRATION APPOINTMENTS

- Sole arbitrator under DIS Arbitration Rules in a dispute between German and Romanian companies concerning the international delivery of goods
- Sole arbitrator under ICC Arbitration Rules in a dispute between German and Nigerian companies in connection with a financial services agreement
- President of an arbitral tribunal under SA KIG Rules in a dispute between a shopping mall operator and a tenant

LITIGATION

- Counsel to a Dutch company in connection with cross-border enforcement of an injunction granted by a state court in The Netherlands permitting attachment of shares in Polish companies
- Counsel to an international investor in court proceedings requesting a substitute declaration by the court in connection with a private share subscription offer and seeking a court order on security
- Counsel to a subsidiary of a Greek investor in multiparty commercial litigation related to a dispute triggered by legislative changes in the renewable energy sector in Poland and the claims under the agreements for the purchase of green certificates
- Member of a team advising a European manufacturer in a series of litigation before commercial courts in the Russian Federation concerning the validity and operability of an arbitration agreement in a commercial delivery contract
- Counsel to a UK-controlled real estate investor in a series of court disputes regarding the construction of a shopping park
- Member of a team representing an SPV company in a series of court proceedings related to the performance of a contract for the construction of a stadium in Poland
- Advisor to a Swedish company in relation to court proceedings before a Swedish court regarding a claim for damages arising from the failed negotiation of a sale of shares in a Polish limited liability company (*culpa in contrahendo*)
- Counsel to a Swedish company in injunction and enforcement proceedings before Polish courts and a bailiff connected with a foreign court judgment ordering payment in favour of a Dutch company and enforced against assets in Poland
- Counsel to a major infrastructure company in proceedings concerning a challenge to the company's general meeting resolution

- Counsel to a European supplier of snacks in litigations with its competitors regarding damages and other remedies for unfair competition acts
- Counsel to a company operating in the energy sector in connection with a competitor's commercial court action against the company's director and a former management board member of the competitor for payment of damages as a result of unfair competition acts by the director
- Member of a team representing a new-tech company in court proceedings against a Swedish company in a dispute resulting from a breach of a joint venture agreement
- Counsel to a major bank in proceedings concerning a claim for payment by one of the bank's business clients resulting from the invalidity of an option framework agreement
- Member of a team representing one of the biggest banks in Poland in a series of litigation over damage claims brought by individuals alleging negligence in the provision of banking services to a company that offered sophisticated financial services
- Advisor to a bank in setting aside proceedings concerning an arbitral award in which the tribunal modified the conditions of the contractual relationship between the parties, and at the same time preventing the enforcement of the arbitral award
- Counsel to the alleged beneficiary of state aid in proceedings before Polish courts concerning the domestic enforcement of a European Commission decision on state aid and the implementation of the provisional recovery mechanism
- Counsel to a Luxembourg company and its subsidiary in court proceedings before the Polish Administrative Supreme Court concerning a Polish Financial Supervisory Authority (KNF) decision regarding shareholding in a bank
- Counsel to a leading international personal-hygiene company concerning a notification about product safety to the Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection (UOKiK) and in a dispute with a retailer
- Advisor to a chocolate manufacturer with regard to a dispute with a local producer of foodstuff and on EU and Polish food-safety regulations

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Zielinska-Eisen A., Strecker T., Annex II: Report on Main Features of Declarations in Germany, in: B. Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, "The Legal, Real and Converged Interest in Declaratory Relief", International Arbitration Law Library, Volume 48, Wolters Kluwer Law & Business 2019, pp. 223-256
- Zielinska A., Wiśniewski C., Who Should Know The Law: The Arbitrators Or The Parties, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 3 October 2016

- Zielinska A., Arbitral Secretaries - Responsibilities and Appointment, in Arbitration Bulletin Young Arbitration No. 24, April 2016, Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw, pp. 9-21
- Zielinska A., Sekretarz trybunału arbitrażowego - obowiązki i sposób powoływania, in Arbitration Bulletin No. 22, January 2015, Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw, pp. 63-73
- Zielinska A., Dziurda M., Prohibition on Surprise Decisions on Legal Grounds by Arbitrators in: "Liber Amicorum dedicated to Prof. Jerzy Rajski: The Challenges and the Future of Commercial and Investment Arbitration", May 2015, pp. 315-329

PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Lecturer and Academic Coordinator of International Dispute Resolution LL.M. at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
- ICC YAF Representative for Europe (2021-2024 term)
- Vice-President of the Moot Alumni Association (MAA)
- Member of the Arbitration Commission of the ICC Poland and the Commission's working group on education and training in arbitration
- Co-leader of the Safe Harbor for Ukrainian Students (mooties), a pro-bono initiative
- Member of the Organising Committee of ICC Poland Christmas Dinners, which aim to support local charities
- Member of the Humboldt Moot Association (HMA) responsible for co-organisation of the Berlin Premoot
- Member of various organisations for young professionals in the area of international dispute resolution, such as ICC YAF, DIS40, and YAPP

EDUCATION

- LL.M., International Dispute Resolution, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
- Postgraduate Diploma, Negotiation, Mediation and other ADR, University of Warsaw
- Admission to the Bar Association of Attorneys (ORA) in Poland
- M.A. in Law, University of Silesia in Katowice

LANGUAGES

English | Polish