



Joanna Iwanicka

DESCRIPTION

Joanna Iwanicka is an Associate at Queritius. She is a dual-qualified Attorney-at-Law licensed to practice law in the State of New York (Bar Exam passed in 2020) and in Poland (Bar Exam passed in 2016). As of 2023, Joanna is the Chair of the American and British Law Section of the Warsaw Bar Association.

Joanna has over 10 years of practical and theoretical experience in providing legal services to business entities in domestic and international disputes, including those resolved through arbitration and mediation. Joanna's passion for providing legal services in the field of cross-border commercial disputes stems primarily from her strong education background as well as her passion for practicing international law.

Joanna graduated from the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw and then completed an LL.M. in International Business and Trade Law at Fordham University in New York. In 2023, Joanna completed a semester-long program in international arbitration at Harvard University in Boston. In 2024, Joanna was awarded with a prestigious one-year Higginbotham Scholarship offered to future arbitrators and mediators by the American Arbitration Association in New York. Joanna's solid professional credentials have strongly contributed to her comprehensive expertise in business considerations of cases she handles, her ability to propose innovative solutions to the clients, and her great understanding of the requirements and standards of cross-border dispute resolution mechanisms.

Joanna's professional experience ranges from in-house lawyer to trial attorney representing clients before domestic courts and international arbitration tribunals. Her practice includes, among others, representing companies in the manufacturing, construction, FMCG, pharmaceutical, Med-Tech, IT, and GameDev industries.

Prior to joining Queritius, Joanna worked at a leading law firm in Warsaw, on behalf of which she provided services to an international tobacco company in its Warsaw office. The experience gained in

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BAR ADMISSIONS

- Adwokat, Poland
- Attorney-at-Law, New York

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Laureate of the 2023 Rising Star Lawyers—Leaders of Tomorrow, organized by Wolter Kluwers and Dziennik Gazeta Prawna
- Fellow, ICC International Court of Arbitration and R.E.A.L. - Racial Equality for Arbitration Lawyers, 2023

negotiating and drafting complex commercial contracts has prepared Joanna to effectively represent companies operating in various business sectors. In turn, her knowledge of the requirements and standards of corporate entities translates perfectly into the efficiency of legal services she provides to business clients.

Joanna's professional experience is further supported by institutional experience gained through her internship at the European Parliament and affiliation with the United Nations. Joanna had the opportunity to participate in the work of the EP's Committee on Regional Development and Committee on International Trade, as well as the annual sessions of the UN Committee on International Trade Law, and its working groups at UN headquarters in New York. Joanna represented the New York State Bar Association ("NYSBA") as an observer at the 77th Session of UNCITRAL's Working Group III on Dispute Resolution in New York.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE

- Counsel to a Polish engineering company acting as a general contractor on a bundle of contractual disputes against the employer and subcontractors arising from an EPC contract. The claims concern substitute performance, defects removal and contract price adjustment
- Counsel to a Polish GameDev company in a contractual dispute for unpaid invoices against an Italian gaming company
- Co-counsel for a leading CEE packaging company in a New York-based arbitration under ICDR Rules against a Dutch beverage producer in a dispute (governed by New York law) arising from a production agreement concerning the supply of alcoholic beverages on the US market
- Counsel to a Swiss FMCG company in litigation against a Polish contractor
- Counsel to a Ukrainian company in the pending proceedings for payment under the supply contract

- Counsel to a Dutch investment fund in a dispute over an investment agreement and a shareholders' agreement submitted to an arbitration tribunal based in Dublin under UNCITRAL Rules
- Counsel to a high net-worth individual from the med-tech industry in an action to set aside and resist enforcement of an award rendered in a dispute arising from an investment agreement
- Counsel to an American tobacco company in Poland
- Counsel to an FMCG company in an M&A dispute concerning the acquisition of a distribution company
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- Counsel to a venture capital fund in an ICC arbitration against former shareholders in a manufacturing company, in a dispute arising from an M&A transaction
- Counsel to a consortium of engineering companies in an SCC arbitration against a public utility company, in a dispute resulting from an EPC contract

EDUCATION:

- Fellow, American Arbitration Association Higginbotham Fellows Program Class of 2024, New York, 2024;
- Alumnus, "Foundations of International Arbitration: Theory and Practice," Harvard University School of Law, Boston, 2023;
- Attorney-at-Law, New York State, United States, 2020;
- LL.M. in International Business and Trade Law, Fordham University School of Law, New York, 2019;
- Adwokat, Warsaw Bar Association, Warsaw, 2016;
- Master of Law, University of Warsaw Faculty of Law and Administration, Warsaw, 2012

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Joanna is an active member of many international legal associations and organizations, including NYSBA International Law and The International Centre for Dispute Resolution Young & International.
- Joanna was a member of a three-person team that in 2024 prepared a translation into Polish of the Rules and Model Clauses of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce ("SCC Rules").
- Joanna co-initiated and co-organized the signing of cooperation agreements between the NYSBA International Section and the Supreme Bar Association, the District Chamber of Legal Advisers in Warsaw and Warsaw Bar Association in Warsaw on March 29, 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

- Iwanicka J., Sadowski W., *Will Arbitration Ease Backlog in National Courts*, *ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin* 2022, Issue 1, p.33-35.

LANGUAGES

English | Polish