



Olena Perepelynska

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Professional Expertise

- Head of International Arbitration practice
- Recognized legal expert in international arbitration, litigation and international trade with 20 years of professional experience in these fields
- Since 2003, she participated in over 100 arbitral proceedings in more than 10 jurisdictions under the following arbitration rules – ICC, LCIA, SCC, SCAI, ICAC and MAC at UCCI, GAFTA, FOSFA, LMAA, UNCITRAL
- Acted as an arbitrator in over 80 arbitrations seated in Almaty, Bishkek, Vienna, Kyiv, London, Paris, and Stockholm

Industry Focus

- Agriculture
- Chemicals
- Energy

Professional Appointments

- President of the Ukrainian Arbitration Association (since 2016)
- Vice-President of ICC Ukraine (since 2022)
- Chair of Arbitration Commission of the Ukrainian National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Ukraine) (since 2022)
- Vice-President of the Polish-Ukrainian Chapter of the Spanish Arbitration Club (since 2020)
- Member of the ICC Arbitration and ADR Commission (since 2018)
- Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (since 2018)
- Member of the Global Steering Committee of the ERA-PLEDGE (since 2019)
- Member of the Baltic Litigation Fund (BLF) Advisory Committee (since 2021)
- Head of ADR Committee at the Ukraine's National Bar Association (since 2021)
- Founding Member and Board Member of the Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe (ArbCEE) (since 2023)

Professional Membership

- Admitted to Ukraine's National Bar Association
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb) and Member of the CI Arb Approved Faculty List (AFL)
- Member of IBA, ICCA, UAA, CEA, ASA, ArbitralWomen, ArbAut, ArbCEE

Olena Perepelynska is listed as an arbitrator at:

- Arbitration Court attached to the Economic and Agricultural Chambers of the Czech Republic
- Arbitration Center of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs "Atameken"
- Asian International Arbitration Center (AIAC)
- Court of Arbitration Lewiatan
- Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania

- Georgian International Arbitration Centre (GIAC)
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- International Arbitral Centre of the Federal Economic Chamber of Austria (VIAC)
- Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration (VCCA)
- Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC)
- International Arbitration Court at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic
- International Commercial Arbitration Court at the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICAC)
- Kazakhstan International Arbitrage
- Pacific International Arbitration Centre
- Shanghai Arbitration Commission (SHAC)
- Permanent Domestic Arbitration Court at the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Publications & Speaking Engagements

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- Olena Perepelynska is an author and co-author of more than 130 publications in Ukrainian, Russian, English and Spanish. She takes part in different arbitration events in the CIS countries, Europe, Latin America and the USA, as well as in virtual events, as a speaker, moderator or lecturer. View full list of publications
- Editorial board member of ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin (since 2021)

Education

- ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for Central & Eastern Europe, 2015
- Diploma in International Arbitration, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (the UK), 2014
- Master of International Law, Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, 2005

Recognition

- Spotlight in Dispute Resolution: International in Ukraine (Chambers Global/ Europe 2023); Band 1 (Chambers Global/ Europe 2022). *"Olena Perepelynska is excellent at her craft and walks an extra mile to ensure the case is handled with utmost professionalism and care,"* one client comments, while another adds: *"She was a joy to work with. She's great at explaining the selected strategy."*
- Recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" for Arbitration and Mediation, recommended for international arbitration, Litigation, Best Lawyers 2022
- Recognized as a Thought Leader-Arbitration 2022, Global Leader-Arbitration 2023, Commercial Litigation Future Leaders-Partners 2022, Transport Aviation Contentious 2023, Who's Who Legal
- Recognized as Leading Individual for Dispute Resolution, The Legal500 EMEA 2023. *"Olena Perepelynska provides a great profile for the group externally."*
- Recognized as Leader of Practice for International Arbitration and Private clients, "Client's choice. TOP 100 best lawyers of Ukraine – 2021" by Yurydychna Gazeta
- Ranked as #1 arbitration practitioner and one of the leading legal experts in International Trade in Ukraine, Ukrainian Law Firms 2021. A Handbook for Foreign Clients
- Included into the list of the most successful female lawyers in Ukraine, Women in Law 2021
- Recognized as an expert, Commercial Arbitration; Women in Business Law, Expert Guides 2021
- Included into Arbitration Powerlist 2020: CIS and Caucasus released by The Legal500 editorial

Representative projects

Counsel in international arbitration

- Successfully represented Ukrkhimtransamiak in ICAC (Kyiv) arbitral proceedings against Togliattiazot with over USD 190 million at stake. She prevailed on both the main claim and the counterclaim in arbitration as well as post-award court proceedings in Ukraine, initiated by Togliattiazot to set aside the arbitral award.
- Successfully represented the UK-based Jereh's exclusive official dealer for Ukraine – MOSTON Properties Limited – in a USD 8 million LCIA arbitration against the largest gas production company in Ukraine PJSC

UkrGasVydobuvannya. She prevailed on both the main claim and the counterclaim. Later on she successfully represented the client before the Ukrainian courts of all instances in recognition and enforcement proceedings.

- Successfully represented the Ukrainian state enterprise in three inter-related ICAC (Kyiv) arbitrations with over USD 60 million at stake, initiated by Russian chemical giant. She prevailed in all three cases.
- Successfully represented one of the leading Ukrainian steel works in USD 1,5 million arbitration against the Russian buyer under the Swiss rules. The tribunal granted 100% claims of her client, and rejected all respondent's objections regarding reduction of penalties.
- Successfully represented the leading steel plant in Ukraine in USD 80 million at stake multi-party SCC arbitration, initiated by a foreign steel trader. The initial penalty claims against her client were reduced by over 70%.
- Successfully represented the leading steel plant in Ukraine in a multimillion multi-party LCIA arbitration arising out of the loan agreement. She has prevailed on a defence of limitation having proved that part of the claim was barred. As a result, the tribunal reduced the amount of the claim by USD 7 mln.
- Represented the leading steel plant in Ukraine in USD 180 million at stake ICC arbitration against the Cyprus creditor.
- Successfully represented the Swiss grain trader in GAFTA arbitration against another Swiss grain trader, where she has prevailed on damages claim. As a result, the defeated debtor has voluntarily paid the awarded amount to her client.

Counsel in cross-border and domestic litigation

- Advised one of the largest supermarket chains in Ukraine in USD 25 million litigation in Cyprus and Ukraine, which was settled for the benefit of her client.
- Advised the party on Ukrainian law issues in the USD 2 billion litigation before the High Court of London.
- Advised a Ukrainian company on USD 40 million litigation in Cyprus.
- Advised a shareholder of a leading Ukrainian agricultural company regarding litigation in the BVI with over USD 20 million at stake. The dispute was settled to the benefit of her client.
- Advised a Swiss grain trader regarding fraud and conspiracy litigation in Cyprus against the Ukrainian agricultural group and its UBO.
- Represented a Swiss company in a USD 55 million ECHR proceedings.

Arbitrator

- Acted as arbitrator in ICC arbitration between a European banking institution and a Central Asian company
- Acted as arbitrator in ATAMEKEN (arbitration under a equipment sale contract between the Kazakh parties
- Acted as sole arbitrator in ICAC (Kyiv) arbitration under the sunflower oil sale contract between the Bulgarian and Ukrainian parties
- Acted as arbitrator in ICAC (Kyiv) arbitration the grain sale contacts between the Cypriot and Swiss parties
- Acted as presiding arbitrator in arbitration under the Rules of the International Arbitration Court at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic

Public Engagement

- Takes an active part in improving Ukrainian arbitration legislation
- Coordinates UAA Arbitration School – an annual platform gathering students and lecturers from different countries aimed at sharing experience and knowledge in the field of international arbitration
- Supports the global initiative of gender diversity in arbitration through ERA Pledge and other international and local initiatives