



## **Olena Perepelynska**

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### **Professional Expertise**

- Recognized legal expert in international arbitration, litigation and international trade with over 20 years of professional experience in these fields
- Since 2003, she participated as a representative in over 100 arbitral proceedings in more than 10 jurisdictions under the following arbitration rules – ICC, LCIA, SCC, DIS, ICAC and MAC at UCCI, GAFTA, FOSFA, LMAA, UNCITRAL and Swiss Rules
- Acted as an arbitrator in around 100 commercial and investment treaty arbitrations seated in Almaty, Bishkek, Vienna, Kyiv, London, Montreal, Paris, and Stockholm

### **Industry Focus**

- Agriculture
- Chemicals
- Energy
- Transport

### **Current Professional Appointments**

- Eastern Europe Group Co-Chair of the IBA arbitration committee (since 2025)
- Board Member of the Turkic Arbitration Association (TAA) (since 2023)
- Board Member and Founding Member of the Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe (ArbCEE) (since 2023)
- Board Member of the IAC CCI KR (since 2024)
- Vice-President of the of the Polish-Ukrainian Chapter of the Spanish and Ibero-American Arbitration Club (CEIA) (since 2021)
- Chair of ADR Committee at the Ukraine's National Bar Association (since 2021)
- Member of the ICC Arbitration and ADR Commission (since 2018)
- Member of the Global Steering Committee of the ERA Pledge (since 2019)
- Member of the Editorial board of ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin (since 2021)
- Mentor of the 10th Cycle of the Young ICCA Mentoring Program (since 2023)

### **Past Professional Appointments**

- President of the Ukrainian Arbitration Association, 2016-2024
- Vice-President and Chair of Arbitration Commission of the Ukrainian National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Ukraine), 2022-2024
- Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, 2018-2024
- Member of TIAC Court of Arbitration, 2019-2022
- President of the of the Polish-Ukrainian Chapter of the Spanish Arbitration Club (CEA), 2018-2020

### Professional Membership

- Admitted to Ukraine's National Bar Association
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and Member of the CIArb Approved Faculty List (AFL)
- Member of IBA, ICCA, UAA, CEIA, ASA, ArbitralWomen, ArbAut, ArbCEE, TAA

### Olena Perepelynska is listed as an arbitrator at:

- Abu Dhabi International Arbitration Centre (arbitrateAD)
- Arbitration Center of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs "Atameken" (Kazakhstan)
- Arbitration Court attached to the Economic and Agricultural Chambers of the Czech Republic
- Asian International Arbitration Center (AIAC)
- 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 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
- Court of Arbitration Lewiatan
- Shanghai Arbitration Commission (SHAC)
- Beijing Arbitration Commission/Beijing International Arbitration Center (BAC/BIAC)
- Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC)
- Vienna International Arbitral Centre of the Federal Economic Chamber of Austria (VIAC)
- Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration (VCCA)

### Publications & Speaking Engagements

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- Olena Perepelynska is an author and co-author of more than 150 publications in Ukrainian, Russian, English and Spanish. She takes part in different arbitration events in the FSU countries, Europe, Latin America and the USA, as well as in virtual events, as a speaker, moderator, interviewer or lecturer.

### 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

- Featured among the top international arbitration specialists under the age of 45 by GAR 45 under 45 2023
- Recommended in Lexology Index: Arbitration 2025
- Recognized as a Thought Leader-Arbitration 2023, Global Leader-Arbitration 2024, Commercial Litigation Future Leaders-Partners 2023, Transport Aviation Contentious 2023, Who's Who Legal
- Spotlight in Dispute Resolution: International in Ukraine (Chambers Global/ Europe 2023); Band 1 (Chambers Global/ Europe 2023)
- Recognized as Leading Individual for Dispute Resolution, The Legal500 EMEA 2023. *"Olena Perepelynska provides a great profile for the group externally."*
- Listed in the Legal500 Arbitration Powerlist 2023: Central and Eastern Europe
- Recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" for Arbitration and Mediation, recommended for international arbitration, Litigation, Best Lawyers 2022
- International Arbitration is recognized as Leaders of practice. Top positions, "Market leaders. Rating of the Ukrainian Law Firms - 2023" by Yurydychna Gazeta

- Included in TOP-100 lawyers of Ukraine and recognised as Practice Leader in International arbitration/Cross-border litigation, "Client's choice. TOP-100 lawyers of Ukraine 2023" by Yurydychna Gazeta
- Included into the list of the most successful female lawyers in Ukraine, Women in Law 2023
- Shortlisted for Women in Business Law Awards 2023

## 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 Jerih'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 a presiding arbitrator in LCIA arbitration between European and Central Asian parties in energy sector.
- Acted as a sole arbitrator in VIAC arbitration between Central European and Central Asian parties in pharm industry.
- Acted as a sole arbitrator in ICAC at UCCI arbitration between Ukrainian and Baltic parties in agribusiness.
- Acted as a presiding arbitrator in IAC at BelCCI arbitration between a CIS and Baltic parties re FMCG.
- Acted as a presiding arbitrator in IAC CCI at Kyrgyz Republic arbitration under the transport service contract between the Kyrgyz and Turkish parties.
- Acted as a presiding arbitrator in ICAC at UCCI arbitration under IT service agreement between Irish and Estonian parties.
- Acted as a presiding arbitrator in ICAC at UCCI arbitration between CEE and Ukrainian parties in food industry.
- Acted as an arbitrator in IAC at BelCCI arbitration in construction dispute between Balkan and Belarussian parties.
- Acted as arbitrator in IAC at BelCCI arbitration regarding procurement procedure disputes between the CIS parties.
- Acted as an arbitrator in ICC arbitration under chemicals sale contract between Belgium and Ukrainian parties.
- 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

**Public Engagement**

- Takes an active part in improving Ukrainian arbitration legislation
- Coordinates UAA Arbitration Academy – a unique educational program for the Ukrainian business and legal market
- Supports the global initiative of gender diversity in arbitration through ERA Pledge and other international and local initiatives