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Top Skills

International Arbitration
Litigation
Litigation Support

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)
Japanese (Limited Working)

Honors-Awards

Lawyers Weekly Women in Law Awards Senior Associate of the Year Finalist 2017
2015 NSW Young Lawyer of the Year Nominee
Best Orator
Arbitration Practitioner of the Year 2021
Leading Arbitration Lawyers 2021

Publications

Arbitration in Australia: Lexology Navigator
A Change in Investment Treaty Climate: Infrastructure Services Luxembourg S.A.R.L. v Kingdom of Spain [2019] FCA] 1220
Case note: Arb-med-arb: Follow the rules or face the costs
Due process paranoia and its role in the future of international commercial arbitration
PNG accedes to the New York Convention

Erika Williams

Independent Arbitrator; FCI Arb
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Summary

Erika Williams is a leading international arbitration practitioner with significant experience acting in some of Australia's largest disputes resolved through arbitration. Erika is experienced in commercial, construction and investment arbitration and has acted in arbitrations under a variety of arbitral institutions.

Erika sits as arbitrator and tribunal secretary and is on the arbitrator panels of leading arbitral institutions including the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the Resolution Institute and the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, plus many more.

Erika's specific experience as arbitrator includes sitting as sole arbitrator in general commercial disputes in both domestic cases under the Resolution Institute Rules and international cases administered by SIAC involving parties from Singapore and Hong Kong. She has also sat as presiding arbitrator in an ICC arbitration in relation to a construction dispute between parties in two South Pacific Island territories.

Erika has been recognised as a Future Leader in Arbitration in Who's Who Legal 2024. She has also been listed as a leading arbitration lawyer in Australia in Doyles Guide for the last four years and was recognised as the Arbitration Practitioner of the Year at the Australian ADR Awards 2021.

Erika also provides consultancy services to in-house counsel and firms involved in arbitration and cross-border litigation. Her consultancy services include:

- providing in-house counsel and firms that may not have specialist arbitration capabilities with the expert arbitration knowledge required

to advise clients in relation to arbitration and to take matters through arbitral proceedings; and

- assisting in-house counsel and firms involved in large scale arbitration or litigation proceedings when an extra set of experienced hands are needed.

See more at www.williamsarbitration.com.

Experience

Williams Arbitration

Independent Arbitrator

January 2021 - Present (4 years 6 months)

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Erika has experience as sole and presiding arbitrator and is on the arbitrator panels of leading arbitral institutions including the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, the Resolution Institute and the Queensland Law Society. Erika also accepts tribunal secretary appointments.

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Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration

5 years 4 months

Fellow

March 2020 - Present (5 years 4 months)

Counsel

January 2021 - March 2024 (3 years 3 months)

Resolution Institute

Fellow

December 2020 - Present (4 years 7 months)

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Fellow

February 2019 - Present (6 years 5 months)

Peter & Kim

Counsel

January 2021 - October 2022 (1 year 10 months)

ArbitralWomen

Director

May 2016 - July 2022 (6 years 3 months)

ACICA Review

General Editor

March 2020 - June 2022 (2 years 4 months)

McCullough Robertson

Senior Associate

July 2016 - November 2020 (4 years 5 months)

ICCA 2018 Sydney

Ambassador

May 2017 - April 2018 (1 year)

Baker & McKenzie

Associate

2011 - June 2016 (5 years)

Sydney

I was an associate in the Dispute Resolution and Litigation team at Baker & McKenzie, Sydney. I was with the Firm since 2009 after over four years experience in legal technology support at an Australian top-tier firm. My primary focus was on general commercial litigation with a particular interest in private international law and international arbitration.

New South Wales Young Lawyers International Law Committee

2 years 2 months

Chair

June 2014 - April 2015 (11 months)

Vice Chair

March 2013 - June 2014 (1 year 4 months)

Clayton Utz

Paralegal

August 2006 - November 2009 (3 years 4 months)

Australian Embassy, Tokyo

Executive Assistant

March 2003 - February 2006 (3 years)

Education

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Diploma Course in International Commercial Arbitration · (2013 - 2014)

University of Sydney

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) · (2006 - 2010)

University of Sydney

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Japanese Studies · (2006 - 2008)