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Related Services

Litigation ■ International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution

Tamar Sarjveladze is a senior associate with Alston & Bird's International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Team, where she focuses her practice on complex investor-state and international commercial arbitrations. Tamar has represented private parties and sovereign states in disputes concerning a broad range of industry sectors under the ICC, ICDR, ICSID, JAMS, and UNCITRAL arbitral rules. Tamar also represents clients in U.S. federal court proceedings, including the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and Section 1782 discovery in support of proceedings before foreign and international tribunals.

Before practicing international arbitration, Tamar practiced law at the United Nations (U.N.) Office of Legal Affairs, the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, and the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Additionally, she provided pro bono legal advice to small and developing states on issues of public international law, including on the legal aspects of the participation in the U.N. Security Council and the negotiations related to the Intergovernmental Conference under the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.

Tamar earned her LL.M. from Columbia Law School, where she was recognized as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Before attending law school, Tamar obtained her LL.M. in International and European Public Law at Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Representative Experience

- Representing foreign investors in an ICSID investment dispute with a Commonwealth of Independent State (CIS) member concerning a joint venture with the state-owned oil company.
- Representing a European Union Member State in its first ICSID investment dispute, which was commenced by an Asian company and concerns the banking sector.
- Representing Middle Eastern investors in an UNCITRAL investment dispute with an African state concerning cement plants.
- Represented an Eastern European corporation before the U.S. Supreme Court in Section 1782 discovery in support of an investment dispute before a treaty-based arbitral tribunal.
- Represented a South American state against a foreign energy company in an action to enforce an ICSID arbitration award in the United States.
- Represented an Asian state in an UNCITRAL investment dispute concerning an offshore oil and gas project.

- Represented a Central European energy company in an ICSID investment dispute with a Central European state concerning corporate control of an energy company.
- Represented an Internet company in an independent review process against the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) under the ICDR rules regarding the failure to delegate the top-level internet domain .WEB.
- Represented a European travel retail company in a JAMS arbitration against a Greek company in a dispute arising out of a share purchase agreement.
- Represented an African mining company in an ICC arbitration regarding a mining services contract.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “Protections May Exist for Cos. Affected by Red Sea Attacks,” *Law360*, January 17, 2024.

Professional & Community Engagement

- American Society of International Law
- Young-OGEMID

Education

- Columbia University (LL.M., 2018)
- Erasmus University Rotterdam (LL.M., 2011)
- Tbilisi State University (LL.B., 2009)

Languages

- Georgian
- Italian
- Russian

Admitted to Practice

- New York