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Elinor Thomas is a disputes lawyer with over 12 years' experience of advising clients in complex, high-value cross-border disputes, particularly in relation to international and investment treaty arbitrations.

Elinor acts for clients in a wide range of sectors, including energy, mining, technology and communications and financial services. An international arbitration specialist, she has acted in both commercial and investment arbitrations under a wide range of different rules, including the ICC, SCC, LCIA, UNCITRAL and ICSID.

Elinor is also experienced in other forms of dispute resolution, having acted in mediations, expert determinations and court proceedings.

Elinor works on a number of pro bono projects including the Childrens Citizenship Project and Ukraine Advice Project.

- International Arbitration
- Cross-Border Litigation
- Banking and Finance Litigation
- IT and Telecoms Disputes
- Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes
- Commercial Contracts Disputes

- Technology
- Financial Services
- Energy and Natural Resources

- Acted in the successful defence of a multi-billion dollar LCIA arbitration claim brought by a global energy company against a major oil and gas company in relation to a shareholders' agreement governing their joint venture relationship in South America.
- Acted in a series of multi-billion US dollar SCC arbitrations with a Stockholm seat and related court proceedings concerning long term contracts for the supply of natural gas and separate long term contracts for the transit of natural gas.
- Acted for the Government of Kenya in its successful defence of a US\$ 2 billion claim under the UK-Kenya bilateral investment treaty in ICSID proceedings concerning the alleged expropriation of mining rights.
- Acted for the Government of Georgia in an ICSID arbitration valued at US\$ 700 million, brought under a bilateral investment treaty and under the Energy Charter Treaty, relating to alleged investments in the construction of oil and gas pipeline infrastructure and the development of oil and gas facilities.
- Represented a Middle Eastern telecommunications services company in its successful multi-million dollar claim in an ICC arbitration concerning a contract for the provision of the technical infrastructure for IP and wireless networks.
- Acted for a Balkan telecommunications company in relation to US \$100 million ICC arbitration proceedings arising out of a dispute

concerning an interconnection agreement.

- Acted for a major UK bank in relation to claims in an ICC arbitration arising from a take-over valued at US \$135 million against significant European financial institutions and a European state.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Education

- University of York, BA, English and Related Literature, 2002
- Diploma in Law, Legal Practice Course, 2004-05
- Queen Mary University of London, Postgraduate Diploma in International Dispute Resolution (Arbitration), 2015