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Natasha King is developing a broad practice across all of Chambers' areas of expertise, including commercial litigation and international arbitration.

Natasha has a first class degree in commerce from the University of Melbourne, a first class degree in law from the University of Cambridge, and a specialist LL.M. in international business and economic law from Georgetown University. She has won multiple academic awards and prizes, including the top scholarship awarded by Lincoln's Inn for the bar course.

Before coming to the Bar, Natasha served as a dispute settlement lawyer in the Legal Affairs Division of the World Trade Organization for three years, advising panelists on State-to-State disputes. She has written several publications on issues of international trade law, international investment law, and international commercial arbitration. She also writes for and assists on the editorial team of *Opinio Juris*, a leading public international law blog.

In her spare time, Natasha is deeply committed to teaching, mentoring, and pro bono work. She currently teaches on the Inns of Court College of Advocacy (ICCA) Bar Course and judges in moot court competitions including the John H. Jackson Competition, Phillip C. Jessup Competition, and Willem C. Vis Moot. She has previously worked and volunteered with the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition, Muslim Advocates, and Lawyers without Borders.

Natasha's recent experience includes:

- International Arbitration
- Commercial Litigation
- Shipping
- Technology & Telecoms
- Construction
- WTO, International Investment Law, and Public International Law
- Other Experience

International Arbitration

Natasha is developing a particular expertise in international arbitration and has previous experience on disputes under the ICC, LCIA, and LMAA Rules. Prior to coming to the Bar, Natasha received the highest score in several international arbitration modules at Georgetown University. She also received funding from Lincoln's Inn to complete further studies on private international law and international arbitration at the Hague Academy.

Featured International Arbitration cases

Instructed as sole and junior counsel in multiple arbitrations under LMAA rules

Assisted as a pupil on an LCIA arbitration involving the sale of commodities (coal) on Standard Coal Trading Agreement ("SCoTA") terms and defences relating to Russian sanctions

Assisted as a pupil on a contested application for provisional measures in an ICC arbitration concerning a public infrastructure project

Assisted as a pupil on drafting multiple applications for the enforcement of arbitration awards as a judgment of the High Court under Section 66 of the Arbitration Act 1996

Shipping

Natasha is regularly instructed in complex shipping disputes, frequently with an international element. Prior to coming to the Bar, Natasha worked on a major international trade dispute involving the imposition of economic embargos at ports in the Middle East. She has previous experience in LMAA arbitrations and shipping cases involving economic sanctions and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

Featured Shipping cases

Instructed as sole counsel on a LMAA arbitration involving a dispute about off-hire and crane damage

Instructed as junior counsel on an LMAA arbitration involving a dispute about off-hire and alleged breach of speed and consumption warranties

Appeared as junior counsel on an urgent application in the High Court involving the purchase of coastal passenger vessels from a Russian sanctioned entity

Instructed as sole counsel to draft pleadings in a dispute about repairs to a luxury yacht

Technology & Telecoms

Natasha is regularly instructed in Chambers' leading IT work, including assisting in high-value and complex software and software licensing disputes. Prior to coming to the Bar, Natasha worked part-time for a legal technology start up and studied conflict of law issues relating to cyber-torts. She has previous experience on disputes involving the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) and World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Treaty.

Featured Technology & Telecoms cases

Instructed as junior counsel in Commercial Court proceedings involving a dispute about termination obligations under an IT support services contract

Assisted as a pupil on a dispute involving the post-termination software licensing rights of a major European design software company

Assisted as a pupil on a dispute involving claims of breach of an IT infrastructure contract between a global IT service company and a UK public body

Assisted as a pupil on an IT infrastructure dispute involving a cyber-attack on a major UK clothing retailer

Construction and Construction Adjudication

Natasha is regularly instructed to draft pleadings and appear in construction matters. She has previous experience in both construction adjudications and proceedings before the Technology and Construction Court (TCC).

Featured Construction and Construction Adjudication cases

Instructed as junior counsel on a construction adjudication under a JCT Design & Build Sub-Contract Agreement involving claims in excess of £25 million

Instructed as sole counsel to advise on a claim involving property damage due to leakages and claims of breach of a commercial tenancy agreement

Assisted as a pupil on a construction adjudication involving major works on the stadium of a major Premier League football club

Assisted as a pupil on various adjudication enforcement proceedings in the TCC

Commercial Litigation

Natasha has experience in complex commercial disputes, in both litigation and arbitration, frequently with an international element. Natasha is well-placed to act on disputes involving multiple jurisdictions, having worked as a research assistant on a comparative law project (French, Belgian, and German law) and studied commercial law in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Featured Commercial Litigation cases

Instructed as sole counsel to draft pleadings in multiple cases in the gas and energy sector involving claims of hidden commissions and procurement of breach of fiduciary duty

Instructed as sole counsel to advise on a contractual and Consumer Credit Act 1974 dispute involving the pawning of luxury goods

Assisted as a pupil on an LCIA arbitration concerning an infrastructure project in the gas and energy sector involving allegations of fraud and cross-examination of handwriting experts

Assisted as a pupil on drafting pleadings in a prospective claim involving personal indemnities and guarantees, breach of directors' duties, and invalid transfer of company shares

WTO, International Investment Law, and Public International Law

Natasha has a broad range of previous experience in WTO law, international investment arbitration, and public international law. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law's Young Investment Treaty Forum (Young ITF) and the editorial team of *Opinio Juris*, a leading public international law blog.

Featured WTO, International Investment Law, and Public International Law cases

Assisted as a pupil on arbitration proceedings involving a defence of economic sanctions under the principle in *Ralli Brothers* and as an overriding mandatory rule of international public order

Assisted as a pupil on an urgent injunction in the High Court involving the right to protest at sea under the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

As a dispute settlement lawyer at the WTO, worked on several of the leading cases on the security exceptions under the GATT 1994, GATS, and TRIPS Agreement

Other Experience

Natasha has been instructed as sole counsel in numerous contested applications and trials in the County Court, including in relation to RTA, PPI, and Credit Hire matters.

Awards

- Paul Heim Education Award, Lincoln's Inn (selective scholarship for further studies in international law)
- Lord Mansfield Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (top scholarship for the Bar Course)
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Georgetown University Law Centre (highest score in both Investor-State Dispute Settlement in Practice and Investor State Dispute Resolution)
- Fellow, Institute of International Economic Law
- Marie Lawrence Prize, University of Cambridge (college award for first class honours in law)
- Management & Marketing Honours Prize, University of Melbourne (highest overall performance in marketing and management honours programme)
- Forethought Marketing & Management Prize, University of Melbourne (highest score for a thesis in marketing and management honours programme)

Publications

- *King's Speech 2023 – Commentary on International Trade Law*, Lexis Nexis Legal News (2023)
- *High Court Finds Instalments Recoverable Under Shipbuilding Contract as Reliance-Based Damages (Havila v Abarca)*, Lexis Nexis Legal News (2023)
- *Gender Disparity in Academic Citations: Tips for Rectifying the Gender Gap among Early Career International Law Academics and Practitioners*, AfronomicsLaw (2022)
- *Equality and Non-Discrimination in International Arbitration: Recent Developments in the English Context*, Opinio Juris (2022)
- *Press Freedom and Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Past, Present and Future*, 11 Journal of International Dispute Settlement 1 (2020)
- *National Treatment in International Economic Law: The Case for Consistent Interpretation in New Generation EU Free Trade Agreements*, 49 Georgetown Journal of International Law 2 (2018)

Memberships

- Young Fraud Lawyers Association (YFLA)
- Young International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) Group
- Very Young Arbitration Practitioners (VYAP)
- Young Arbitration Women Practitioners (YAWP)
- Young Investment Treaty Forum (ITF)

- Young Public International Law Group (YPILG)
- American Society of International Law (ASIL)
- Lincoln's Inn Denning Society

Education

- Bachelor of Commerce (with Honours), University of Melbourne – First Class
- BA in Law (Affiliated 2 Years), University of Cambridge – First Class
- LLM in International Business and Economic Law, Georgetown University Law Centre – Distinction
- Bar Vocational Course, City University of London – Distinction

Languages

- Australian and Thai Nationality
- English (native); Thai (intermediate); French (basic)