

Zsófia Young

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CAREER HISTORY

- Fietta LLP, associate (2016 onward)
- Volterra Fietta, associate (2014-2016)
- Volterra Fietta, intern (2013-2014)
- European Parliament, Office of Franziska Brantner (Germany), consultant (2012)
- Public International Law and Policy Group, Burma and Bosnia-Herzegovina Projects, research associate (2012)
- War Crimes Research Office, Washington College of Law, research Dean's fellow (2010-2012)
- International Criminal Court, Office of the Prosecutor, Legal Advisory Section, legal intern (2011)
- Baker & McKenzie LLP, global migration paralegal (2007-2010)
- Save the Children USA, Guatemala, program coordinator (2006)

SUBSTANTIVE AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Zsófia Young is a New York-qualified lawyer and Associate. She is a dual national of Hungary and the USA. Zsófia holds a BA in Latin American Studies from Middlebury College, a JD from the Washington College of Law, American University and an MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from the School of International Service, American University. Zsófia has acted as counsel for both respondent States and claimants in international investment arbitrations, as well as in commercial arbitration proceedings. She has also advised States and private entities on a variety of other international law issues, including State responsibility and boundary disputes. Zsófia has substantial experience in public international law and international disputes and she coordinates the firm's *pro bono* practice. Zsófia also has a strong interest in international humanitarian law and international criminal law.

Zsófia has worked on several large ICSID and UNCITRAL cases, including, most recently, representing the claimants in an UNCITRAL arbitration before the PCA, and in *City-State NV v. Ukraine, Koch v. Venezuela* and the respondent in *Interocean Companies v. Nigeria*. A recent highlight of Zsófia's advisory practice is advising a US investor on set aside proceedings of an ICSID Additional Facility Award in France. Prior to joining Fietta, Zsófia worked at Volterra Fietta, in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court and in the global migration practice of a leading international law firm.

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

JD (2012), American University, Washington College of Law

MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution (2013) American University, School of International Service

BA (2007), Middlebury College

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Z. Young, “The International Criminal Court and the Libya Situation: Investigating Crimes against Humanity” (European Parliament, Office of Franziska Brantner (Germany), October 2012)
- Z. Young, “Qaddafi is Dead. Why Should We Care?” National Security Law Brief (Nov. 24, 2011) available at <http://nationalsecuritylawbrief.com/2011/11/24/qaddafi-is-dead/>
- Z. Young, “U.S. Troops to Hunt Down Ugandan Rebel Leader” National Security Law Brief (Oct. 16, 2011) available at <http://nationalsecuritylawbrief.com/2011/10/16/u-s-troops-to-hunt-down-ugandan-rebel-leader/>
- Contributed to War Crimes Research Office, Expediting Proceedings at the International Criminal Court (June 2011), available at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes/icc/documents/1106report.pdf?rd=1>
- Panelist at International Criminal Law Networking Panel for 40 students participating in the Summer Law Program in The Hague at the T.M.C. Asser Institute

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Highlights of Zsófia's contentious practice have included:

- Big Sky Energy Corporation v. Republic of Kazakhstan: Counsel to the Claimant, a US oil company, in a pending ICSID arbitration brought under a bilateral investment treaty against the Republic of Kazakhstan
- City State N.V., Praktyka Asset Management Company, Crystal-Invest LLC and Prodiz LLC v. Ukraine: Counsel to the Claimants in an ICSID arbitration under the Netherlands/Ukraine bilateral investment treaty, involving issues of expropriation related to banking instruments
- Representing a Finnish national in a pending UNCITRAL arbitration brought under a bilateral investment treaty against Egypt in relation to an iron ore and steel producing concession
- Interocean Oil Development Company and Interocean Oil Exploration Company v. Federal Republic of Nigeria: Counsel to the Respondent in an ICSID arbitration under a domestic investment law, involving issues of expropriation related to an oil exploration and production joint venture
- Koch Minerals Sàrl and Koch Nitrogen International Sàrl v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela: Counsel to the Claimants in an ICSID arbitration under the Switzerland/Venezuela bilateral investment treaty, involving issues of expropriation related to the energy industry
- Vigotop Ltd v. The Republic of Hungary: Counsel to the Claimant in an ICSID arbitration under the Cyprus/Hungary bilateral investment treaty, involving issues of expropriation related to a casino and resort concession
- Counsel to the Claimant in an international commercial arbitration before an ad hoc tribunal in London related to the energy industry
- Advising on set aside proceedings of an ICSID Additional Facility Award before the Paris Court of Appeal

Other highlights of Zsófia's practice have included:

- Advised the Hungarian Helsinki Committee in connection with proceedings before the ECHR related to the treatment of refugees
- Advised a UN agency on operational level grievance-mechanisms fit for children
- Advised an African NGO on draft legislation relating to the regulation of NGOs in an African country
- Prepared and held training on the “Settlement of International Investment Disputes: Practice under ad hoc Arbitration using UNCITRAL” at the African International Lawyers Association, Investment Treaty Law and Arbitration Training

- Prepared and held week-long training on the “Nature and Sources of Public International Law” for a Middle Eastern State’s government lawyers
- Advised pro-democracy groups in Burma on political transition, peace negotiations, and constitutional issues

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Native English, native Hungarian, advanced Spanish, advanced French