

Charlotte Westbrook

Senior Associate



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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Fietta LLP, senior associate (September 2024 onward)
- DLA Piper LLP (New York), associate (2019 – 2024)
- United Nations Development Programme (New York), intern (2019)
- DLA Piper Australia (Perth/Singapore), solicitor (2016 – 2018)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Charlotte is a dual-qualified Australian and US lawyer (admitted in New York State), and a senior associate at Fietta LLP.

Charlotte has worked on a wide range of international disputes, including investment treaty and commercial arbitrations. She has represented international companies and foreign governments in connection with arbitrations under the major institutional and ad hoc arbitration rules, including UNCITRAL, ICC, and AAA/ICDR.

Charlotte has also acted in a variety of legal proceedings before US courts, including in the enforcement of arbitral awards and foreign judgments against commercial and sovereign entities.

Charlotte holds a Bachelor of Laws and Arts from the University of Western Australia and a Master of Laws in International Legal Studies from New York University School of Law.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Highlights of Charlotte's advisory and contentious practice have included:

- Representing the Kingdom of the Netherlands in an ICSID claim brought by ExxonMobil Petroleum & Chemical BV under the Energy Charter Treaty arising out of gas extraction in the Groningen gas field.
- Representing investors from a Middle Eastern country in a claim against a North African State brought under the OIC Agreement arising out of investments in the media sector.
- Representing the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in a proceeding under the Indus Waters Treaty 1960 against the Republic of India, before a Court of Arbitration in which the PCA (The Hague) acts as Secretariat.
- Representing the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in a proceeding under the Indus Waters Treaty 1960 brought by the Republic of India, before a Neutral Expert in which the PCA (Vienna) acts as Secretariat.
- Representing three Mauritian investors (Suffolk (Mauritius) Limited, Mansfield (Mauritius) Limited and Silver Point Mauritius) in a claim against Portugal brought under the Mauritius-Portugal BIT arising out of the collapse of one of Portugal's largest banks, Banco Espírito Santo.
- Representing the Republic of Azerbaijan in two separate but parallel proceedings against the Republic of Armenia before the International Court of Justice with regard to alleged violations of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD).

- Advising and representing two investors in an UNCITRAL arbitration brought under a bilateral investment treaty against a State arising out of investments in the renewable energy sector.
- Representing a Middle Eastern State in an UNCITRAL arbitration brought under the OIC Agreement arising out of a construction project.
- Advising investors from a Middle Eastern State on a potential investment treaty claim under the OIC Agreement.
- Representing a Canadian mining company in multiple US courts to enforce its investment treaty arbitration award against Venezuela.
- Representing two individuals in multiple US courts to enforce their judgment against a foreign State.
- Representing a major multinational tech company in an ICC arbitration arising out of the indemnification provision of an acquisition agreement.
- Representing a contract research organisation in an ICDR arbitration against a biotechnology company arising out of the development of a vaccine product.
- Representing a Big Four tech company in an ICC arbitration arising out of a confidentiality agreement.
- Representing a multinational EPC contractor in an ICC arbitration arising out of an LNG project in Australia.

Highlights of Charlotte's *pro bono* advisory and contentious work include:

- Representing a Pakistani refugee and US Green Card holder in his wife's Follow-to-Join application to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- Representing an individual in a New York State criminal record sealing application.
- Interviewing and advising clients seeking a *pro se* uncontested divorce in New York State.
- Completing remote secondment to the Women's Legal Service of Western Australia.

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Fordham Law School, "Perspectives of Global Leaders in International Arbitration: Achmea and the future of Intra-EU Investment Arbitration," Panellist (April 2024).
- Harvard Law School, "Interplay Between Litigation and Arbitration," Panellist (November 2023).
- UNDP Discussion Paper, "Data Philanthropy, International Organizations and Development Policy: Ethical Issues to Consider" (April 2020).
- "Legality and Morality in International Law: The Syria Air Strikes," 51 N.Y.U. J. Int'l L. & Pol. 953 (2019).

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to practise in New York State (2021)

LLM in International Legal Studies (2019), New York University (*Graduate editor of the Journal of International Law and Politics; Research Assistant to Professor Benedict Kingsbury*)

Admitted to practise in the Supreme Court of Western Australia (2016)

Admitted to practise in the High Court of Australia (2016)

Bachelor of Laws (Distinction)/Bachelor of Arts (International Relations & French) (2016), University of Western Australia (*International Semi-Finalist in the 2015 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition*)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English (native), French (elementary)