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Senior Associate



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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Fietta LLP, senior associate (April 2024 onward), associate (2018-2024)
- Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr LLP (London), intern (2017)
- SD Avocats (Conakry, Guinea), intern (2017)
- Herbert Smith Freehills LLP (Paris), intern (2016)
- European Court of Human Rights (Strasbourg), intern (2014)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Miglana Angelova is a dually-qualified English and French lawyer, and Senior Associate at Fietta LLP. She is an English-qualified Solicitor and Solicitor-Advocate (Higher Courts Civil Proceedings), as well as a French-qualified lawyer admitted to the Paris Bar.

Miglana has worked on a wide range of international disputes, including proceedings before the International Court of Justice, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, as well as investment treaty and commercial arbitrations under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, SCC and LCIA Rules. Miglana has also advised on public international law issues, including territorial, sovereignty and natural resources disputes, international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict, human rights, decolonisation and rights to self-determination, treaty interpretation and international investment law.

Miglana has also worked on *pro bono* matters, including on a case before the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR).

Miglana holds an undergraduate degree in Political Science and a Master's degree in International Economic Law from Sciences Po Paris.

Prior to joining Fietta, Miglana spent time at the ECtHR, working on the project of accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Highlights of Miglana's contentious practice have included:

- 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)
- 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 two Middle Eastern claimants in a claim against an African State relating to the State's unlawful expropriation of investments in the construction sector
- Representing the Secretariat of a regional fisheries management organisation as a non-party in English Court proceedings brought against one of its Member States, relating to fishing quotas
- Representing Big Sky Energy Corporation, a US oil company, in a pending ICSID arbitration brought under a bilateral investment treaty against the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Representing the Respondent State in an *ad hoc* arbitration brought by a Canadian investor under a bilateral investment treaty involving issues of state succession with respect to real estate interests
- Representing three Cypriot companies in an SCC arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty against Ukraine, involving allegations of, inter alia, bribery and corruption

Highlights of Miglena's advisory practice have included:

- Advising the national oil company of an Asian State in connection with a constitutional dispute about exploitation of territorial sea and continental shelf resources
- Advising a State on investor-State dispute settlement risks in relation to an offshore oil and gas concession
- Advising PL Holdings in set-aside proceedings in Sweden (the seat of the arbitration) relating to two awards won against Poland worth in excess of €150 million
- Advising Mr Bahgat, a Finnish national, in connection with enforcement proceedings relating to his arbitral award against Egypt worth over US\$ 115 million, working with local counsel in multiple jurisdictions around the world
- Advising an Asian State on issues of maritime delimitation, navigation and international environmental law in connection with a dispute related to a major international port and land reclamation activities
- Advising a multinational corporation in an investment treaty dispute with the Kyrgyz Republic
- Advising a third-party funder in connection with a potential treaty arbitration against a Middle Eastern State
- Advising a UK and Israeli national in respect of a potential treaty arbitration against Ukraine

Highlights of Miglena's *pro bono* work have included:

- Advising the Hungarian Helsinki Committee in connection with proceedings before the ECtHR related to the treatment of refugees
- Advising a university research centre on the human rights impact assessments of trade and investment treaties.

PUBLICATIONS

- L. Rees-Evans and M. Angelova, "Investors' Fundamental Rights Post-Achmea: Insights from the German Constitutional Court Decisions in Achmea" (*Kluwer Arbitration Blog*, 7 January 2025)
- L. Rees-Evans and M. Angelova, "The ECtHR and the Recognition of International Arbitral Awards: The Court's Judgment in *Iliria S.R.L. v. Albania*" (*Kluwer Arbitration Blog*, 29 May 2024)
- Contributed to a chapter on "UK: Investor State Arbitration Laws and Regulations", published in the International Comparative Legal Guide – Investor-State Arbitration 2022 (November 2021)
- S. Fietta KC, L. Rees-Evans and M. Angelova, "Spotlight on the UK's decision to extend grace periods under the Northern Ireland Protocol to the Withdrawal Agreement" (*Lexis®PSL*, 10 March 2021)
- "Corruption and standards of proof in investment arbitration", *Global Arbitration Review*, 8 January 2020

- Contributed to a guide prepared by the Sciences Po Law School Human Rights Clinic, with the assistance of White & Case LLP, "Guide for Access to Information and Participation by NGOs in Investment Arbitration (in particular, as amicus curiae)" (October 2016)

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Solicitor-Advocate (Higher Courts Civil Proceedings) (2022)

Admitted to practise in England & Wales (2022)

Admitted to practise in France – Paris Bar (2018)

Master's degree in International Economic Law (2015), Sciences Po Paris

Undergraduate exchange in Social Sciences (2011-2012), Higher School of Economics, Moscow

Undergraduate degree in Political Science (2012), Sciences Po Paris

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Bulgarian (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Russian (fluent), Spanish (conversational)