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CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Fietta LLP, associate (June 2026 onward)
- Arbitration Chambers (London), consultant (2025 – 2026)
- Independent Counsel (2024 – 2026)
- Bracewell LLP (New York), associate (2021 – 2024)
- Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP (New York), associate (2018 – 2021)
- New York Supreme Court, Commercial Division (New York), judicial trainee (2017 – 2018)
- Fordham University School of Law (New York), research assistant (2015 – 2017)
- European Commission, Legal Service (Brussels), trainee (2015)



AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Jadranka Jakovcic is a New York-qualified attorney and Associate at Fietta LLP. Her practice focuses on investor-State dispute settlement and public international law. Trained in both civil and common law systems, Jadranka has extensive experience representing States and investors in complex, high-value investment treaty disputes across Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia and the Americas. Her broader disputes experience includes international commercial arbitration and arbitration-related litigation.

Jadranka also advises State and corporate clients on a range of public international law matters, including treaty interpretation, negotiation and reform, State succession, and international investment law. She serves as a National Expert on sustainable investment law reform in the Western Balkans.

Prior to joining Fietta, Jadranka practised international arbitration at major international law firms in New York and subsequently as independent counsel and a consultant with Arbitration Chambers in London. In addition to her counsel practice, she has served as tribunal secretary and tribunal assistant in investment treaty and commercial arbitrations under the ICSID, UNCITRAL and SIAC Rules. Her broader professional experience includes roles with the European Commission Legal Service in Brussels and the New York Supreme Court, Commercial Division.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Highlights of Jadranka's contentious practice include:

- Representing the Netherlands in an ICSID arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty brought by a Belgian investor concerning measures relating to the Groningen gas field
- Representing Cyprus in a USD 300 million ICSID arbitration brought by Greek and Luxembourg investors concerning an intra-EU mass claim arising out of measures adopted in connection with the EUR 10 billion bailout package extended by EU and IMF institutions
- Representing Romania in a USD 250 million ICSID arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty brought by a group of EU investors concerning a government incentive programme in the renewable energy sector
- Representing Libya in a USD 80 million ICSID arbitration against an Austrian construction company arising out of alleged non-payment under pre-revolution infrastructure contracts and property damage sustained during and after the 2011 civil war
- Representing Kuwait in a USD 300 million ICSID arbitration against an Italian–Spanish investor arising out of alleged delays and disruption to a major highway construction project
- Representing Turkmenistan in a USD 400 million ICSID arbitration against a Turkish investor arising out of over 30 high-profile construction projects
- Representing Turkmenistan in a USD 70 million ICSID arbitration against a Turkish investor arising out of energy construction projects in Turkmenistan
- Representing the Ministry of Transportation of Kazakhstan in a USD 200 million ICC arbitration against a Turkish investor over a construction contract dispute
- Representing a German investor in a USD 1 billion ICSID arbitration against the Republic of Iraq arising out of the alleged expropriation and takeover of a cement factory, in connection with a rehabilitation and operation contract concluded with a state-owned entity
- Representing a Panamanian holding company in a USD 170 million PCA arbitration against the United States arising out of OFAC sanctions measures and the alleged expropriation of a banking investment
- Representing Albania in a USD 250 million ICC arbitration against a Canadian investor arising out of a tax dispute in the hydrocarbon sector
- Representing a US-based claimant against a German party in a USD 1 million JAMS commercial arbitration involving a breach of a business venture agreement

Highlights of Jadranka's advisory practice include:

- Serving as a National Expert on sustainable investment law reform in the Western Balkans, advising governments on the development and implementation of sustainable investment treaty provisions
- Advising the Government of British Columbia on the termination and renegotiation of the Columbia River Treaty
- Advising a US construction company on challenging the confirmation and enforcement of an arbitral award before US courts
- Advising a US trading multinational on the enforcement of a judgment against a sovereign State before US courts

PUBLICATIONS

- J. Jakovcic, T. Manasijević and Z. Mustafa Prelić, “2025 Arbitration Year in Review: Croatia” (*Jus Mundi*, February 2026)
- M. Gusy, J. Jakovcic and C. Ng, “Unravelling NAFTA and Entering the USMCA Era” (*Investment Treaty Arbitration Review*, 8th edition, August 2023)
- M. Gusy, J. Jakovcic and C. Ng, “NAFTA and USMCA – Continuing the Saga” (*Investment Treaty Arbitration Review*, 7th edition, May 2022)
- M. Gusy, J. Jakovcic and C. Ng, “Morgan v Sundance: How Taco Bell Could Impact Waiving Arbitration” (*Reuters*, March 2022)
- J. Jakovcic, “Investment Arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty in the Wake of Achmea v. Slovakia” (*Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Law*, Volume 13, October 2020)
- J. Jakovcic, “Efficiency and Costs in International Arbitration” (*Kluwer Arbitration Blog*, January 2019)
- J. Jakovcic, “Women of the Mother Court” (*The Federal Lawyer*, August 2018)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Arbitration in Europe: What’s Left & What’s Next?”, IFILA Europe Chapter Day, Amsterdam, October 2026
- Discussion leader, “Persuasion and effectiveness when working with witnesses and experts”, ArbCEE Retreat, Sopot, Poland, September 2026
- Speaker, “CSR and ESG”, Fifth Durham Energy Disputes Conference, Durham, UK, July 2026
- Providing training to government officials as part of the Western Balkans Sustainable Investment Law Reform, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, June 2026
- Speaker, “Adjudicating Costs in International Arbitration”, Croatian Arbitration Days, Zagreb, December 2025
- Providing training to the Ministry of Economic Development of Montenegro as part of the Western Balkans Sustainable Investment Law Reform, November 2025
- Providing training to the Kosovo Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade as part of the Western Balkans Sustainable Investment Law Reform, Vienna, November 2025
- Speaker, “All Eyes on Arbitrators”, Baltic Arbitration Days – ICC YAAF, Riga, Latvia, June 2025
- Speaker, “Resource Nationalism and the Protection of Investors”, 8th Annual Conference on Energy Arbitration & Dispute Resolution in the Middle East and Africa, London, UK, June 2025
- Speaker, “Early Dismissal & Preliminary Determination – Good or Bad Idea?”, Swiss Arbitration Association – ASAbelow40 Spring Seminar, Geneva, Switzerland, June 2024
- Speaker, “Sovereign Issues in International Arbitration”, Pillsbury lecture, Washington, DC, May 2024
- Guest lecturer, International Investment Law and Arbitration Moot course, Charles University in Prague, 2021–2024
- Keynote speaker, “Who is in Charge? A Myth of One Career Path”, New York Arbitration Week, November 2022

- Speaker, “How to Handle Expert Witnesses to Fully Benefit from Their Evidence”, Croatian Arbitration Days, December 2021
- Speaker, “Overview of Arbitration in the US”, German Arbitration Institute and DIS below 40, September 2021
- Speaker, “Global Spotlight – Best Practices in Arbitrator Selection in Africa”, New York State Bar Association roundtable, April 2021
- Speaker, “COVID-19 as a Game Changer for International Arbitration”, Prague FDI Moot Roundtable, October 2020
- Speaker, “Investment Arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty in the Wake of Achmea v. Slovakia: Allowed or Forbidden”, 13th Annual Investment Treaty JURIS Conference, April 2019

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to practise in New York (2018)

Co-Director of Events, Young ICCA

Member, Communications Committee, Institute for Transnational Arbitration

Member, European Affairs Committee, New York City Bar Association

LL.M. in International Dispute Resolution, *cum laude*, Fordham University School of Law (2016) – Fulbright Scholar; recipient of the John D. Feerick Award for the highest GPA in the LL.M. programme and the John Archibald Public Service Award for service as a court mediator

Master of Laws in European Public Law, University of Zagreb Faculty of Law (2013) – Dean’s Award; Erasmus Placement Scholarship

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Croatian (native), English (fluent), Serbian (fluent), Italian (advanced), Spanish (basic)