

Karina Albers FCIArb is a full-time commercial arbitrator and mediator based in the United Kingdom. She possesses both British and German Citizenship.

Her profession as arbitrator and mediator has been built from her experience in derivative trading, the maritime industry and commodity trade.

Her career hitherto as derivative trader, chartering manager, broker, agent, expert and consultant enables her to service an ever-increasing complex and diverse world of disputes.

She has received over 60 appointments so far, participated in hearings and has published 17 awards with claims amounting up to USD 15 million under LMAA, LCIA, SIAC and GMAA rules.

The type of disputes she covers involve demurrage/despatch/laytime, liability/cost for cancelling of charter parties, speed and performance claims, allocation of port disbursements, insurance claims, bunker claims, freight and TCE, cargo claims both for dry and wet claims, Energy and Commodity disputes.

Karina has acted as sole arbitrator, sole arbitrator by default and as part of a tribunal of three.

She passes on her passion for arbitration by volunteering regularly for Vis-Moot and IMLAM as well as mentoring a number of young legal professionals.

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Chair of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators London Branch
- Aspiring Full Member of the London Maritime Arbitration Association
- Panel member of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration
- Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
- Member of the International Chamber of Commerce
- Member of the German Maritime Arbitration Association
- Member of the Baltic Exchange since 1993
- Member of the Moot Alumni Association
- NGO representative at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)
- An accredited Expert at the Federal Court of New York and acted as expert in leading cases in London, New York and Singapore

To
The London Branch Committee
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

21st March 2023

Dear Honorary Secretary LeGalle, dear Committee Members, dear Members of the London Branch,

Ref.: Candidacy for the Election of Branch Committee Members for the CI Arb London Branch

I would like to stand for election again to serve the London branch and its members for a second term. I am an independent full time international arbitrator and the current Chair of the Ciarb London Branch. As previous Honorary Secretary and current Chair of the branch I have demonstrated that I am dedicated to the London branch members and that I have got the capacity to do so to continue to serve it.

With my my vast international network the London Branch has benefited from top class speakers and topics that I have introduced to the world of Ciarb. I intend to continue to contribute to the marvellous work the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, its global branch network and the London Branch conduct. Connecting members and opening opportunities for all has been and continues to be my aim whilst being on the committee.

In times of constant change and development I am eager to carry on to share my knowledge of online dispute resolution platforms and processes as well as artificial intelligence, cyber security, blockchain, crypto currency and smart contracts. I believe it is vital to keep up to date with the landscape of technology applications and use in international trade and construction to be able to facilitate dispute resolution and training in accordance with 21st century.

What I can offer to the committee:

- I am the current Chair of the branch
- I have been a regular speaker and attendee of Branch events and intend to continue to do so and I have been a keen organiser of seminars/webinars
- Represent the Branch and the Institute locally, nationally and globally
- I am able to attend the monthly regular committee meetings
- Share my extensive knowledge and experience in international arbitration having sat on over 60 arbitrations how to receive appointments
- Share my know-how of online dispute resolution platforms
- Educate members in cyber security in my capacity as board member of CyberArb
- Share my broad international network of speakers and connect members
- Build additional bridges to other arbitration and training institutions to further the Charterers Institutes coverage

I am very keen to continue the excellent work the London branch provides to its members. I am grateful for the opportunity that has arisen due to several members retiring from their posts.

Yours sincerely



Karina Albers

CV



Daniel Djanogly BA FCA FCI Arb CARb MAE

- Graduated in Economics & Social Studies from the University of Manchester.
- Trained and qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Price Waterhouse.
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; Chartered Arbitrator; Full Member of The Academy of Experts; Qualified Expert Determiner.
- Forensic accountant, expert witness, expert determiner, and arbitrator. Many years as Forensic Accounting partner of top-20 accountancy firms based in the City of London.
- Specialist in accounting, financial and valuation issues in M&A, shareholder, partnership and other complex business-related disputes, and fraud.
- Forensic Services Partner at the Begbies Traynor Group plc (BTG Advisory) based in Canary Wharf.
- Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators.
- CI Arb London Branch Committee Member, past Treasurer, Vice -Chair, Chair of the Working Group (Law Commission Review AA96).

CIArb London Branch - Committee Election - April 2023

Candidate: Daniel Djanogly

Why am I seeking election to the Committee of the London Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators?

I am seeking (re-) election to the Committee as I am keen to participate in and contribute to the fulfilment of its CIArb remit. This includes the delivery to its members and their guests of first-class professional arbitration and ADR seminars (in-person/ hybrid), webinars, workshops, professional training, and networking events.

I bring great enthusiasm for what we do, considerable relevant experience and the perspective of a practising Chartered Arbitrator, expert determiner, and expert witness. I have initiated, organised, and presented many of our events over the years - see examples below, and was Chair of the LB Working Group (Law Commission Review AA96). Furthermore, I have been involved behind-the-scenes in the management of the Committee's affairs as Hon. Treasurer and Vice-Chair.

If (re-) elected, I would be able to continue my participative, enthusiastic, and experienced involvement. I so offer myself for election.

Examples of London Branch events I have organised, moderated, chaired and spoken at:

- Arbitrations arising from M&A transactions
- Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill – interesting times for arbitration and ADR
- Arbitration procedure and practice (Surgery)
- Tribunal Secretaries – a path to arbitral efficiency or an abdication of responsibility?
- All in this together? Arbitration and ADR as allies of civil justice
- Getting best use from Experts
- Fair Conditions in Remote and Hybrid Hearings
- ADR in the Age of Crypto- Currencies
- “The Solace of Quantum”, Experts in International Arbitration
- ADR in Film and Media Disputes
- Intellectual Property Disputes and ADR
- Expert Determination in Practice



Gill Mansfield FCI Arb **International Commercial Mediator and Dispute Resolver**

Background

- Over 25 years commercial and legal experience resolving complex international commercial disputes and negotiating deals.
- General Counsel/Head of Legal positions across the technology, digital, media & entertainment, consumer goods and creative sectors.
- International ADR experience both as in-house counsel, and as a commercial mediator with over a decade's experience.
- Non-Executive Director PRS for Music / Board Advisor Reason Digital

Qualifications

- Barrister (1994 call)
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)
- Accredited Commercial Mediator, UK (CEDR 2006)
- Approved Mediator, USA (New York 2015)
- Fellow of the Civil Mediation Council
- CMC Registered Civil and Commercial Mediator
- LLM in International, Commercial and European Law

Mediation Panels

- Mediator Panel: Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR, London)
- IP Mediation Panel Member: World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO, Geneva)
- Presidential Panel of Civil and Commercial Mediators: Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb, London)
- London Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation (LCAM, London)
- Panel of Distinguished Neutrals: International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR, New York)

Experience

Gill became an accredited commercial mediator in 2006 and has been practising as a commercial mediator for well over a decade. Gill holds both UK and US mediation accreditations and has successfully mediated cases on both sides of the Atlantic and is regularly instructed in complex cross-border and international cases. She is recognised as “a masterful negotiator and a brilliant lawyer” and as having “a rare talent for finding practical solutions to problems very quickly”. She is described as “pragmatic”, “collaborative” and “solution-oriented”. Her mediation practice covers a wide range of civil and commercial disputes.

Gill has served as an elected committee member of the London branch of Ciarb since 2020 and served a term as Hon. Treasurer. She led the design and development of the London branch's website and has twice presented to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on ADR on behalf of Ciarb.

She acts as a board advisor to a digital company working in the tech-for-good space to combat some of society's biggest issues with innovative digital solutions. She is a non-executive director and board member of PRS for Music, a membership organisation with a turnover of over £800 million providing global representation to over 160,000 members. She chairs the PRS Distribution Committee, is a member of the Nominations Committee and also attends the Audit & Risk and Remuneration Committees. She has been a trustee of TalkingWorks, a registered charity teaching peer mediation skills to young people, since 2014.

Gill Mansfield FCIArb

Ciarb London Branch Election Statement

I have had an active dispute resolution practice as a mediator and neutral for over a decade and am a member of the panels of neutrals at the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), London Chamber of Arbitration and Mediation (LCAM) and Ciarb in London, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) in Geneva and the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR) in New York. As a Fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Civil Mediation Council, I am particularly interested in encouraging the greater understanding and use of all forms of ADR and fostering a better understanding of the different dispute resolution processes.

In 2020 I was elected to the committee of the London Branch of the Ciarb and have been an active member of the committee during my first term. I have served a term as Hon. Treasurer for the branch working closely with colleagues in the finance team at Ciarb, and led the design and development of the London branch's new website. I have also organised and moderated a number of successful seminars and webinars for London branch members during my time on the committee, with a particular focus on mediation.

As a mediator Fellow, I am interested in increasing the number of mediation related events and speakers, and opportunities for arbitrators, adjudicators and mediators to better understand the intersection of all of the ADR disciplines. I believe that there is enormous potential to further improve the reputation and uptake of all ADR processes (and London as a world-leading centre for dispute resolution) through a better understanding of their inter-relationship.

If re-elected, I would look forward to continuing to actively contribute to the work of the London branch. I would bring experience, commitment and enthusiasm to the task of further enhancing the branch's reputation across the full range of ADR disciplines in London and internationally, and providing stimulating and relevant events for the benefit of all branch members.



Prof. Avv. Renato Nazzini

*Professor of Law, King's College London
Partner, Antitrust and Arbitration/Dispute
Resolution
LMS Legal LLP*

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Renato is a Professor of Law at King's College London, where he is also the Director of the Centre of Construction Law and Dispute Resolution, and partner at LMS Legal LLP in London, focusing on international arbitration and ADR in construction law but also, more generally, commercial law, M&A disputes, ISDS, transport, IT and digital. He is a member of the Italian Arbitration and ADR Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), of the ICC Task Force on Dealing with Corruption Issues in International Arbitration, of the Board of Africa Construction Law, and of the Law Committee of the Construction Industry Council, among others..

Renato has served as arbitrator (sole arbitrator, chair and party-appointed/nominated) and acted as counsel in arbitrations under several arbitration rules, including the ICC, UNCITRAL, SCC, LCIA, SIAC and CAM Rules. He is also an expert in EU, UK, Italian and global antitrust, with a strong focus on international strategic advice and arbitrations involving competition, regulatory and public policy issues. His industry experience covers various sectors including construction, oil & gas and infrastructure, M&A, digital markets and IT, transport, energy, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, financial services, manufacturing, heavy industries, consumer goods and retailing. He has deep knowledge of both common law and civil law legal systems, multi-disciplinary skills and a strong degree of cross-cultural insight that enable him to anticipate and manage risks in transactional and contentious matters across jurisdictions.

He published more than 100 articles and book chapters as well as 8 books including *Transnational Construction Arbitration and ADR* (London, Informa 2021) and *Key Themes in International Construction Arbitration* (London, Informa 2017)).

Among other academic appointments, Renato has been Visiting Professor at the University of Zurich, Turin, and FGV San Paulo, Brazil, a Senior Research Fellow at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and Professor of Competition Law and Arbitration at the University of Southampton.

Renato has also served a government lawyer and was Deputy Director of Legal and Policy at the UK Competition Authority where he led on major areas of enforcement and policy, including investigations in the construction sector, financial services, damages actions in competition law, and the review of the policy on abuse of dominance under Article 102 TFEU.

Education

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2020
Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales, 2002
Italian Bar, 1999 (admitted to plead before the Supreme Court)
PhD in competition law, University of London (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies), 2004
PhD in international arbitration, University of Milan (Statale), 2001
Law Degree, University of Naples (Federico II), magna cum laude, 1996

Languages

Italian, English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese

Nationalities

Italian and British

MANIFESTO

I am honoured to have been nominated by two current Committee members to stand for this election.

If elected, I will bring to the role my experience as a practising lawyer and a senior academic, focusing on the following:

1. **Diversity and inclusion.** Many of you will be aware of my work on diversity and inclusion, which resulted, recently, in the launch of the Equal Representation in Adjudication Pledge and Women in Adjudication by King's College London and The Adjudication Society. If elected, I will propose initiatives aimed at increasing diversity and inclusion in all fields of dispute resolution, such as mentoring programmes for all underrepresented groups and meetings and informal events to discuss diversity and inclusion issues and ways to improve on the current state of affairs.
 2. **Providing fora for exchanging ideas, debates on current issues and networking.** I will continue, and try to improve on, the excellent work done to organise seminars, events and social gatherings, ensuring the widest possible participation, including from those members that feel less involved and have been less active in the past. Since taking on my current role as Director of the Centre of Construction Law and Dispute Resolution, I have organised for three consecutive years a conference on International Construction Dispute Resolution each September since 2020, which has become a fixture in London for debate and networking (at all three conferences, the keynote speaker was a woman). I am also on the steering committee of TCC 150 and I have organised a conference on 2 November 2023 to mark the 150th anniversary of the Technology and Construction Court. I will bring to the Committee of the London Branch my experience and track record of successful event delivery.
 3. **Training, education and outreach.** To continue to be relevant and attract a high-quality, diverse membership, the London Branch needs to engage with younger current and future professionals and those who are new to dispute resolution. To this end: (i) I will propose initiatives aimed at making the work of the CI Arb and the London Branch known to undergraduate and postgraduate students and follow them up to increase membership and participation; (ii) I will work to implement the new CI Arb competency framework in an effective way; (iii) I will engage with the CI Arb and work on the London Branch Committee to that an appropriate range of courses and training is provided. As a Fellow of the CI Arb and a Professor at King's, I have already organised several events with the CI Arb London Branch, including, recently, on Fact Witness Evidence in Construction Disputes and I have taught on the CI Arb Diploma in International Arbitration.
 4. **Focus on the reform of the Arbitration Act 1996.** London and the London dispute resolution professions have a special stake in the reform of the Arbitration Act 1996, on which the Law Commission is currently consulting. This is a great opportunity to make London an even more attractive forum for arbitration and other forms of ADR. This is why, at the Centre of Construction Law at King's, we have responded to the Law Commission's consultation with precisely that aim in mind. The London Branch of the CI Arb should be fully engaged in the process and, to this end: (i) I will work so that the views of the London Branch are put forward to the CI Arb in the clearest and strongest way; (ii) I will propose events and initiatives aimed at influencing the debate so that the views of the London Branch are going to have the maximum possible impact.
 5. **International outlook.** I will propose initiatives whereby the London Branch can work with other branches of the CI Arb and organisations abroad to raise the international profile of the London Branch and showcase the wide range of skills of the London dispute resolution professions.
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Michael Pogue

Director

Current Position

Michael Pogue is a director with Secretariat based in London, England. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (FRICS), a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb) and specialises in providing quantum/quantity surveying expert services on construction and engineering-related disputes.

Michael has been appointed as a quantum expert on numerous occasions, providing opinion on all types of construction claims such as change/variation of scope, prolongation, acceleration, disruption, inflation, loss of overhead and/or profit and finance charges. His analysis and opinion have been described as the “gold standard” by his instructing lawyers.

He has also been selected as a ‘Future Leader’ in construction by Who’s Who Legal 2022, where he is referenced as being “*extremely thorough in his approach*”, “*able to see beyond the instructions given and raises matters of importance*”; and “*approachable, knowledgeable and an asset in the context of on-going litigation*”.

Also a qualified barrister, Michael has the additional benefit of having a deeper understanding of evidential and procedural aspects when providing expert opinion in international arbitration and commercial litigation.

Professional Experience

Michael has held multiple positions as a consultant quantity surveyor across the life cycle of a project including procurement, contract management, valuation and the preparation or defence of claims. He has consulted on major construction and engineering projects in most global regions and across multiple industry sectors including energy (power, utilities, energy from waste), infrastructure (aviation, rail, ports and highways) and residential and commercial building (new build and refurbishment).

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Professional History

- Secretariat
- Currie & Brown
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Education

- BSc (hons) Quantity Surveying (1st Class)
- Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL/CPE)
- Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC)

Professional Memberships

- Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (Fellow)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Member)
- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- Society of Construction Law

MICHAEL POGUE

CI Arb – London Committee Election 2023 – Manifesto

“A camel is a horse designed by committee”: a phrase coined by Sir Alec Issigonis, designer of the original Mini in 1959.

I’ve heard this phrase used many times and the essence is that committees can be counter-productive to the function they are designed to perform.

However, I believe the London Committee is, and can continue to be, most effective by drawing on a variety of expertise and experiences from its members to help facilitate the promotion of arbitration as a means of managing and resolving conflicts.

Experts experience arbitration from a different perspective to lawyers and can therefore offer alternative views and insights.

To that end, I am seeking selection to the London Committee because I believe I can make a meaningful contribution by:

- Providing representation of members from a technical background;
- Promoting best practice and raising issues experienced in arbitration from the perspective of an expert witness, and more particularly, a quantum expert;
- Encouraging members to offer their own insights through active engagement and participation by way of thought leadership articles, industry surveys, academic papers and networking;
- Encouraging greater use of social media and other e-platforms to better promote the CI Arb; and
- Seeking collaboration with committees from other CI Arb global regions.

Being elected as a committee member would also be a personal accolade for me and an opportunity to establish and build on relationships with current and future leaders in the field of construction and engineering disputes.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Pogue', written in a cursive style.

Michael Pogue

Robert Price

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EDUCATION

King's College London, UK

- MSc in Construction law and Dispute Resolution - Distinction *July 2022*
- Highest marks on the course in Modules AL - Construction Technology, and Module D - Arbitration / Adjudication

College of Law, Birmingham, UK

- Legal Practice Course - Distinction *August 2010*
- Graduate Diploma in Law - Commendation *August 2009*

Brasenose College, University of Oxford, UK

- BA Ancient and Modern History: First Class (3rd in year) *August 2008*
- Exhibitioner of Brasenose College - *August 2006*

EMPLOYMENT

Latham & Watkins LLP

- Partner - *January 2022 to present*
- Associate solicitor - *September 2012 to December 2021*
- Trainee solicitor - *August 2010 to August 2012*

Professional Experience

- Solicitor-advocate specialising in international arbitration, litigation and sanctions
- Particular experience of international construction disputes
- Ranked as a "Rising Star" for International Arbitration by Law360 - *2022*
- Ranked as a "Next Generation Partner" for Public International Law by Legal 500 - *2022*
- Fellow of CIArb, Committee Member of the London Branch and joint co-ordinator of the CIArb London Branch Young Members Group
- Secretary of the City of London Law Society specialist Arbitration Committee

Representative publications / conferences

- "Country Perspectives on the UNIDROIT Principles (England & Wales)" *IBA Taskforce Report* (with Philip Clifford KC, Hanna Roos and Paul Cowan) - *2019*
- "Arbitral Exceptionalism: England, the EU and anti-suit relief in the arbitral context" in *International Arbitration and EU Law* (Elgar Ed. J. Mata Dona and N. Lavranos) (with Sophie Lamb KC and Bryce Williams) - *2021*
- "Challenges to Arbitrators: Apparent bias and non-disclosure in arbitration" (with Charles Rae) in *Arbitration 2030 Vision* (Kluwer, Edited by Daniel Harrison and Laila Hamzi) - *2022*
- Joint Moderator of CIArb London Branch YMG event with Dame Elizabeth Gloster - *2021*
- Speaker at Joint CIArb London and Egypt Branch YMG event on "good faith" in construction law with Professor Dr Mohamed Abdel Wahab and Aisha Nadar - *2021*
- Moderator of CIArb London Branch event on the latest updates to the LCIA Rules with David Joseph KC, Philip Clifford QC, Sherina Petit and Jamie Harrison - *2021*
- Joint Convenor of CIArb London Branch YMG event: cross-examination masterclass, with Lord Neuberger, Lucas Bastin and Rani Noakes - *2021*
- Speaker at CIArb London Branch / KCL event on witness evidence in construction disputes, with Renato Nazzini, Kim Franklin KC, Gillian Lemaire, Sam Kay - *2023*
- Moderator of CIArb London Branch event on sanctions and arbitration, with Rupert d'Cruz KC and Evgeniya Rubinina - *2023*

Robert Price - Partner at Latham & Watkins LLP

Candidate Statement

I am seeking election to the Branch Committee so that I can continue to be a voice for the Branch's younger members.

Since 2020 when I joined the Branch Committee, I have co-ordinated the Branch Young Members Group and helped reinvigorate it as a forum for younger members to acquire knowledge, experience and skills. We have organised many events, including two cross-examination masterclasses featuring live demonstrations of cross-examination of fact witnesses and experts. Our events have provided a platform for younger practitioners to speak on topics of interest, but have also allowed members to hear from distinguished senior practitioners, from our Patron Dame Elizabeth Gloster to Toby Landau KC.

Today I co-ordinate the Young Members Group with Beth Montpetit and Mark McMahon. If I am fortunate enough to be elected, I will continue to ensure the London Branch focuses on encouraging younger members to participate in the life of the Branch, and that there are enough events geared to our younger members (which at 36 I still consider myself to be!). In particular, I will continue our work on raising awareness of the Branch and its events amongst students and young practitioners in London.

I hope that I can bring a number of other useful perspectives to the Branch Committee. I specialise in complex international construction arbitrations, but also international sanctions compliance work. I work in Investor-State arbitration, but also conduct litigation in the English courts. The range of my practice enables me to contribute to a variety of different types of events, and helps me to see the perspective of the non-lawyer members of the Branch. As I mentioned when I stood for election in 2020, one of CI Arb's great strengths is the diversity of its membership. It is not (thankfully) a monopoly of lawyers. Our Young Members Group events, in particular, have been enriched by the contribution of experts from different disciplines, and I am committed to encouraging that diversity of viewpoint.

In my time on the Branch Committee, I have organised or spoken at a range of events, from the 2021 joint event on the LCIA Rules, to this year's well attended webinar on sanctions and arbitration. If I am elected to the Committee I will continue to organise and contribute to high quality events across a range of areas, and promise to play an active role in promoting the Branch and its excellent work.

Magdalena Prus, BA(Hons), DipArch, RIBA, MSc, FCI Arb

Architect Expert Witness



Curriculum Vitae

Magdalena is a London-based Chartered Architect and Expert Witness / Forensic Architect in J.S. Held, a global consulting firm providing technical expertise in dispute avoidance and resolution for construction projects. Magdalena has over 12 years' experience in the construction industry working on a wide range of construction projects and disputes in the UK and the Middle East.

Magdalena has real hands-on experience in the design and construction of buildings, including in historic and sensitive contexts. Since 2015, she has been primarily focused on legal aspects of construction industry, whilst working in leading architectural practices on forensic analysis and dispute resolution, including Probyn Miers (now HKA), William J Marshall & Partners and Sense Studio (now J.S Held).

In her role as a Forensic Architect, Magdalena has been involved in the analysis of various architectural and construction issues in adjudication, litigation and arbitration proceedings, relating to residential and commercial buildings, schools, hotels, hospitals and car park structures. Magdalena's international experience includes working on high-value claims in international arbitrations, relating to university projects, infrastructure and hospitals in the Middle East.

Her instructions to act as an Expert Witness have included domestic cases involving design and building defects, water ingress, professional negligence, internal and external fire protection, building's fabric degradation and contract administration (including certification of practical completion).

Having gained her RIBA Part III qualifications in 2014, Magdalena became a UK registered Architect (ARB) in 2015, and a Chartered Member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) in 2016. After completing a Master's Degree in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution at King's College (London) in 2017, and International Award Writing Examination a year later, she became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 2018. Magdalena is also a Member of the Society of Construction Law (SCL), King's College Construction Law Association (KCCLA), the Adjudication Society and ArbitralWomen.

Since joining J.S Held, Magdalena regularly contributes to publications, including the most recent co-authored article 'Martlet v Mulalley: Design Considerations of a 'Reasonable' Architect on Fire-Safety Issues Post-Grenfell', published in RIBA Journal and BD-Online.

In her spare time, Magdalena performs as a comedy improviser.

Education

MSc, Construction Law and Dispute Resolution, King's College London, 2015-2017

Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Practice and Management in Architecture (RIBA Part III), University of the West of England, Bristol, 2014

Professional Diploma in Architecture (RIBA Part II), London Metropolitan University, 2009-2012

BA, Arts, Design and Environment (Architecture), Central St Martins College of Art and Design, London, 2005-2008 (RIBA Part I exemption, 2011)

Architecture and Town Studies, Gdansk University of Technology, Poland, 2000-2003

Project Geographical Experience

UK, Middle East

Languages

Polish, English, Norwegian

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Statement

About 23 years ago I started on the path to becoming an architect at the University of Technology in Gdansk, Poland. At the time my understanding of architecture and the processes surrounding the design and construction of buildings was fairly limited. It took me some years of educational and practical experience to fully appreciate the pivotal role of an architect within the construction industry, including during design, construction and post-completion stages of a project. An architect is often the first point of call for the parties during disagreements or when, in rather simple terms, 'something goes wrong'. As an architect, who has devoted her professional development to dispute resolution and avoidance, I believe I can bring a unique voice to the Committee, by both representing the architectural community, and promoting and raising awareness of the advantages of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) amongst the potential users, particularly those at the beginning of their professional careers within the construction industry.

If elected, I pledge to work together with the other Committee Members so that we have a coordinated approach and a strong voice in embracing of the principles associated with the role of the CI Arb in dispute resolution across the global community, the construction industry and beyond. As a young international female professional, I bring a unique perspective and understanding to the need to develop improvements in inclusion and diversity in ADR. I am passionate, energetic and enthusiastic to engage, and work with the other Committee Members to enhance the opportunities that the ADR offers, and the platform from which the new and existing members can learn and continue to grow in the ADR professional environment. Given my personal journey in ADR, it is very important to me to support all levels of experience and backgrounds, particularly amongst non-legal and under-represented groups through the opportunities that a seat on the Committee would provide me with.

I recognise an on-going need for education and training, particularly amongst young aspiring professionals who wish to enter the ADR environment. This direction should, in my view, continue to be an area of focus of the CI Arb, with more accessible networking and mentorship opportunities, views and professional insights from senior ADR practitioners. In the context of construction industry, I believe it is important to improve on communication and engagement with key stakeholders, including employers / clients, architects and contractors. That means organising events to promote the benefits of ADR to potential users of the process, who may not necessarily be familiar or fully appreciate it. Finally, I am committed to provide support to the existing initiatives, ambitions and strategies for ADR that have already been developed and are being implemented by the CI Arb.

I am excited about the role of Branch Committee Member at the CI Arb London Branch and look forward to the challenges and opportunities it will bring. I trust that my enthusiasm, experience, and professionalism will enable me to serve existing and new members in the best way possible. I look forward to your support in this election.