

Mikhail Vishnyakov

Manifesto

Dear Members of the CIArb London Branch,

It would be a privilege to represent your interests and contribute to the important work of the Committee. As explained below, I believe we need to promote our new Arbitration Act, provide a comprehensive programme of events, and address current developments.

As London-based practitioners will no doubt be aware, the Arbitration Act 1996 is being replaced by the Arbitration Act 2025. Although we are likely to be familiar with these changes, the replacement of this significant legislation risks creating a perception of uncertainty overseas. As members based in London, we are responsible for ensuring that the international arbitration community understands these changes and (hopefully) agrees that these amendments enhance London's arbitration offering. We should not rely on overseas-based practitioners to champion our new Arbitration Act.

Having written several articles on these amendments, hosted an event with Dr Nathan Tamblyn (who led the Law Commission's review of the reforms), and presented on these changes abroad, I am well placed to promote the Arbitration Act 2025 (and indeed London as a seat) internationally. I will be committed to promoting the new Act as part of the Committee, including by organising events, webinars, and publications.

In addition to supporting the promotion of this recent legislative change, I believe that fostering a strong, connected professional community is crucial for the success of our members. I have personally benefited from the Institute's training and networking opportunities, from storytelling workshops to the Institute's Diploma in International Arbitration. These events are vital for the professional development of our members, and I would be delighted to contribute to organising and delivering more of them. I strongly believe that the international dimension of arbitration is one of its core pillars and should be at the top of the Committee's agenda, along with AI and tech, the rapid developments in which already present unique opportunities and challenges.

Lastly, alongside international arbitration, I specialise in financial sanctions. The growing complexity and volume of sanctions has meant that their effects are more frequently felt in arbitration. Sanctions now regularly impact arbitrators, the parties, and the disputes themselves. With my experience in advising on sanctions compliance and handling sanctions-related disputes, I will help the Committee stay informed of these developments and will support the Institute and its members in navigating this rapidly evolving and complex field.

I will devote sufficient time, diligence, and industry to the work of the Committee.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my candidacy.

Best wishes,

Mikhail Vishnyakov FCIArb

CV

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I am an international arbitration specialist with over fifteen years of experience. A Fellow of the Institute, I also hold its Diploma in International Arbitration. Throughout my career, I have conducted arbitrations under the rules of major arbitral institutions, including the LCIA, ICC, SCC, and UNCITRAL, as well as GAFTA and FOSFA. My sector expertise spans manufacturing, metals and mining, oil and gas, retail, FinTech, media, and financial services.

Career history

Cooke, Young & Keidan LLP	Partner (2023 – present) Counsel (2021-2023)
Linklaters LLP	Managing Associate (2016-2021) Associate (2014-2016)
SJ Berwin LLP	Associate (2011-2014) Trainee (2009-2011)

Professional recognitions

WWL “Future Leader”	International Arbitration (2024, 2025) Asset Recovery (2024) Commercial Litigation (2023, 2024, 2025)
Legal 500 “Next Generation Partner”	International Arbitration (2025)

Education

Diploma in International Arbitration (CIARB), 2021
International Investment Law and Dispute Resolution course (BIICL), 2020
BPP (Legal Practice Course), 2008-2009
University of Bristol (LLB), 2005-2008
European University (formerly Cyprus College), 2004-2005
American Academy, Larnaca, Cyprus

Memberships

ICC YAF; LCIA Young International Arbitration Group; Ukrainian Arbitration Association; RAA40; Young ISTAC; and Young ICCA.

I am registered as an arbitrator with the Cyprus Arbitration and Mediation Centre and have Higher Rights of Audience with the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC).