

**NATALIA OTLINGER MCIArb**  
**Associate | International Arbitration**

## Professional Experience

**HFW LLP – Trainee Solicitor / Associate** | London, UK | Aug 2021 – Present

- Obtained a complete defence in a **USD 3.5bn Russian aircraft case** in the Commercial Court in London
- Represented charterers, salvors, and traders across multiple **LMAA, SIAC, and *ad hoc* arbitrations**
- Advised on ship finance transactions, preparing Conditions Precedent, liaising with registries, and coordinating international counsel.
- Conducted 50+ **sanctions assessments** following the introduction of EU, UK, and US restrictions post-2022.

**Committee Member & PR Officer – London Branch, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)** | Apr 2021 – April 2023

**Communications Coordinator – DLA Piper** | Oct 2019 – Sept 2020

**PR & Engagement Executive – Chartered Institute of Arbitrators** | Jan 2019 – Oct 2019

**Vacation Schemes** – Reed Smith LLP (July 2018); Vinson & Elkins LLP (June 2018)

## Education

**LPC LLM (Distinction)** – BPP University, London (2021)

**MA in Law and GDL (Distinction)** – The University of Law, London (2018)

**Loyola University New Orleans** – Istanbul to Athens Field Study (2014)

**11th Cologne Academy of International Arbitration** – University of Cologne (2013)

**MA in Law (First Class Equivalent)** – University of Silesia, Poland (2010 – 2015)

## Languages

English (Fluent) | Polish (Native) | Russian (Basic) | German (Basic)

## Selected Achievements & Engagements

- **Willem C. Vis Moot (2013–2025):** Participant, coach, and arbitrator; *Honourable Mention F. Eisemann Award*.
- **Legal Translation (Beck, 2019–2020):** Translated chapter of *Schlechtriem & Schwenzler Commentary on the CISG* (Polish edition).
- CIArb Webinar: "**Award Writing Perspectives**" (Moderator) | March 2023
- CIArb Webinar: "**Let's discuss – Cultural Intelligence**" (Moderator) | March 2023
- ELSA Katowice and ELSA Exeter Webinar "**Never Ending Rules**" | December 2022
- CIArb International **Women's Day Event** (Speaker) | March 2022