

# Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration

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## Practice Experience

Kate Brown de Vejar is an associate in the international arbitration group of White & Case LLP, based in the Mexico City office. She has served as counsel in arbitrations under the rules of arbitration of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA), and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). Ms. Brown de Vejar has also acted as Secretary to the Tribunal under the International Rules of the American Arbitration Association (ICDR), and regularly provides advice on the drafting of dispute resolution clauses for international contracts.

Ms. Brown de Vejar's recent experience includes:

- advising a Chinese financial entity in connection with a bilateral treaty claim;
- the successful representation of the Republic of Bulgaria in *Plama Consortium Ltd. v. Bulgaria* (a US\$300 million Energy Charter Treaty case related to an oil refinery);
- advising a State entity in relation to a claim under the North American Free Trade Agreement;
- advising an international energy group in connection with a motion to vacate an award rendered under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules;
- representing the owner of a utilities service provider (with long term supply agreements to an adjacent oil refinery) in an arbitration against an EPC contractor under the ICC Rules.
- Before joining White & Case LLP, Ms. Brown de Vejar worked at one of Australia's leading commercial law firms. She was an intern at the Secretariat of the ICC in Paris, and has worked as an international arbitration stagiaire at two other major international law firms, also in Paris.

Publications include:

- Co-author, "A Claim for Monetary Relief for Breach of Agreement to Arbitrate as a Supplement or Substitute to an Anti-Suit Injunction," in Albert Jan Van Den Berg (ed.), *International Arbitration 2006: Back to Basics?* ICCA International Arbitration Congress Montréal, 31 May – 3 June 2006 (with Paul Friedland)

## Qualifications

### Bars and Courts

- New York State Bar, 2006
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia, 2003
- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia, 2003

### Education

- B.A., University of Queensland, 1998 (French Major)
- LL.B., University of Queensland, 2001 (University Medal and First Class Honours)
- LL.M., Harvard Law School, 2005 (Specialization in International Finance; Australian Federation of University Women Fellowship)

### Professional Appointments

- Member of the Australian delegation to the UNCITRAL Working Group II, charged with revising the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules
- Registered arbitrator with the Centro de Arbitraje de México
- Fellow of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration

### Professional Associations

- International Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Law Council of Australia
- LCIA Young International Arbitration Group
- ICC Young Arbitrators Forum

### Languages

English, French, Spanish

### Citizenship

Australia