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Beata Gessel specialises in international arbitration and commercial law, particularly in M&A including PE/VC transactions and international trade. With over 20 years' experience as an arbitrator, she combines deep legal expertise with a strong insight of construction, energy and international trade sectors. Her ability to effectively communicate across jurisdictions and thorough understanding of the arbitration procedures have made her a frequent choice for complex, high-stakes cases, resulting in a portfolio of over 170 arbitration proceedings (of which over 130 as an arbitrator).

She is a founding and senior partner of GESSEL in Warsaw, where she has been engaged in the negotiation of more than 200 M&A transactions in various industry sectors. She heads the newly established Centre for Comparative Private Law Studies at the Polish Academy of Sciences, ensuring a forward-thinking approach to the evolving legal frameworks in arbitration. Professor Gessel has significant institutional experience, serving as a Court Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague (2024-), a Member of the SCC Arbitrators' Council (2022-), President of the ICC Poland (2025-), a Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (2015-2021), and Honorary President of the Lewiatan Arbitration Court, previously serving as Vice President (2005-2011) and President (2011-2017) of the Lewiatan Court. Frequently involved in the working groups and task forces of various arbitration institutions, including the ICDR/AAA Rules Revision Task Force, and the IBA Task Force for the Revision of the IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration.

She is also the chair and initiator of the conference series "Dispute Resolution in M&A Transactions".

Beata Gessel holds a post-doctoral degree of habilitated doctor (dr hab.), she is a professor at the Institute of Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, where she runs a PhD seminar in comparative private law. For many years she was an adjunct professor of international commercial arbitration as well as M&A transactions at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski University in Warsaw (2012-2023). She conducted comparative law research on M&A transactions as a visiting academic at Oxford University Law Department in 2015/2016, at the Cambridge University within the Herbert Smith Freehills Visiting Professors Scheme in 2016/2017, as a visiting scholar at Wolfson College in 2018 and 2021, and a visiting scholar at QMUL in 2022 and 2023/2024. She has given guest lectures at, among others, Stockholm University, Humboldt University, University of Leicester, Queen Mary University London and Paris, as well as the CIArb Virtual Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration and was vice-chair and trainer for the ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for CEE programme educating future arbitrators.

Qualifications

- Warsaw University's Faculty of Law and Administration (1989)
- PhD from Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (2009)
  PhD thesis: *Legal Character of Representations and Warranties in a Limited Liability Company Share Purchase Agreement (in Light of the Freedom of Contract Principle),* Wolters Kluwer 2009
- Dr. hab. (post-doctoral degree), Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (2020)
  Habilitation thesis: *The Legal, Real and Converged Interest in Declaratory Relief*, Kluwer Law International 2019

Principal areas of practice

- International commercial arbitration
- Joint ventures and shareholder disputes
- Civil law and civil contracts
- Commercial law and commercial contracts
- Business law
- Construction law
- Distribution agreements
- Energy law and climate change disputes

Admitted

- Attorney-at-law, Warsaw Bar Association (1992)

Professional work experience

- Founding and Senior Partner, GESSEL Attorneys at Law (1993-present)
- Member of the Court, The Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague (2024-present)
- Professor and Head of Centre for Comparative Private Law Studies in Institute of Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (INP PAN) (2024-present)
- Adjunct Professor at the University of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński in Warsaw (2012-2023)
- ICC International Court of Arbitration: Alternate Court Member (2015-2018), Court Member (2018-2021)
- Lewiatan Court of Arbitration: Vice President (2005-2011), President (2011-2017), Honorary President (2017-present)

Appointments as Arbitrator

Professor Gessel served as Chairwoman, sole arbitrator, emergency arbitrator, co-arbitrator, and counsel, in complex commercial cases. She participated in the proceedings under the rules of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Stockholm Arbitration Institute (SCC), Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC), Association for International Arbitration (IAA), Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution (SCAI), International Arbitration Court in Ukraine (ICAC); Federation of Cocoa Commerce (FCC), and

domestic Arbitration Court attached to the Consulting Engineers and Experts Association (SIDiR), Lewiatan Court of Arbitration, Polish National Chamber of Commerce (KIG), National Depository for Securities (KDPW) as well as under the Rules of the UNCITRAL. Professor Gessel's selected matters include:

- Co-arbitrator, ad hoc arbitration under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, European JV vs CEE state entities; infrastructure dispute
- Chairwoman, VIAC Rules, Asian Investor vs CEE company; dispute concerning Share Purchase Agreement in the renewable energy sector
- Co-arbitrator, SCC Rules, Part of international mining group vs company/mine operating company; dispute concerning construction of mining installations
- Chairwoman, ICC Rules, Company in maritime sector vs State entities; dispute in relation to a joint venture
- Co-arbitrator, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, European producer vs Polish manufacturer; dispute in relation to a contract for the manufacture, supply and installation of a production line
- Co-arbitrator, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, Polish subsidiary of the worldwide packaging producer vs Owner of the target company; post-M&A dispute
- Co-arbitrator, ad hoc arbitration under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, Managers vs Financial institutions; case concerning management option rights
- Co-arbitrator, LCIA Rules, European company operating in industrial raw materials sector vs Polish company in energy sector; case concerning international trade
- Co-arbitrator, Lewiatan Arbitration Court, Municipal entity vs Company in energy sector; dispute concerning contract for construction of waste treatment plant
- Co-arbitrator, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, CEE franchising agreement operators vs European producers in consumer goods sector; termination of the franchising agreement, disputes concerning contract for the sale of an organised part of a business
- Co-arbitrator, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, Polish investment fund vs European companies; dispute concerning Preliminary Share Purchase Agreement, renewable energy sector
- Co-arbitrator, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, Polish company vs Leading worldwide producer; dispute concerning Supply Contract/Assignment Agreement, automotive sector
- Co-arbitrator, ICC Rules, International construction consortium vs. CEE company operating in energy sector; FIDIC contract
- Co-arbitrator, Lewiatan Court of Arbitration, Polish joint-stock company, alcohol distributor vs European distributor and supply chain management company; post-M&A dispute concerning breach of warranties
- Chairwoman, VIAC Rules, Leader in mass media market vs Multi-party respondents; post-M&A dispute concerning final settlement of the sale price
- Chairwoman, ICC Rules, Member of international investment group vs European company, a sole shareholder in CEE engineering company; dispute in relation to a Contract on the Sale of Shares and Assignment of Receivable
- Chairwoman, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, International consortium of Companies vs CEE State Entity; infrastructure dispute

- Co-arbitrator, SCC Rules, Polish heavy machinery manufacturer vs East European entity; dispute in relation to supply agreement, international trade
- Co-arbitrator, Arbitration Court at the Association of Consulting Engineers and Experts, Polish State entity vs Polish construction company; dispute in relation to construction agreement
- Co-arbitrator, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, Polish entity in energy sector vs International engineering and construction company; dispute in relation to construction contract
- Co-arbitrator, Lewiatan Court of Arbitration, Polish Consortium of construction and mechanical companies operating in the Oil & Gas sector vs Polish group of companies operating in crude oil sector; dispute in relation to realization and implementation of infrastructural project
- Co-arbitrator, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, One of Central Europe's largest telecommunications network operators vs Real estate company; dispute in connection to lease agreement
- Co-arbitrator, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, Polish transportation company vs Consortium of companies producers of rail vehicles; dispute concerning supply agreement
- Chairwoman, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, European energy services provider vs Polish company operating in energy sector; dispute concerning renewable energy sales contract
- Co-arbitrator, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, Global renewable energy market operator vs Polish company operating in energy sector; dispute in connection to share purchase agreement
- Co-arbitrator, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, Asian company vs. Polish company operating in heavy industry sector; dispute concerning management contract
- Co-arbitrator, ICC Rules, Polish company, member of European consortium vs. Polish real estate developer; dispute concerning construction contract
- Co-arbitrator, ICC Rules, International construction consortium vs. Polish company operating in energy sector; dispute concerning engineering and construction agreement
- Chairwoman, ad hoc, European investment fund vs. Real estate developer; dispute concerning performance of sale agreement, defects of the building
- Chairwoman, ICC Rules, Leading European onshore drilling contractors vs. investor in geothermal energy sector, dispute concerning drilling project
- Chairwoman, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, International developer, constructor and operator of wind farms (State owned company) vs Polish electricity producer and supplier; dispute concerning contractual penalties
- Chairwoman, ad hoc arbitration, FIDIC contract, International construction consortium vs. CEE State entity; dispute concerning infrastructure agreement
- Chairwoman, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, Polish engineering and consulting service provider to the energy and industrial sector vs General contractor in energy projects; dispute concerning design works in relation to power plant
- Co-arbitrator, the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, CEE state entity vs subsidiary of the European construction company specializing in civil engineering and international tunnelling markets; dispute concerning construction of breakwater
- Chairwoman, Lewiatan Court of Arbitration, Polish building contractor vs Polish largest construction company; construction of real estate housing complex

- Expert, ICC International Centre for ADR, Polish publicly listed construction company vs CEE State entity; interpretation of the agreement for the infrastructure project
- Co-arbitrator, ICC Rules, European construction company vs Polish private individual; dispute concerning investment agreement, breach of warranties
- Chairwoman, ICC Rules, European investor vs CEE company operating in energy sector; dispute concerning shareholder agreement
- Co-arbitrator, ICC Rules, Group of Polish investment funds and insurance companies vs International manufacturer in rubber sector; shareholders dispute based on Memorandum of Understanding
- Co-arbitrator, ad hoc arbitration, BIT, Investor - Subsidiary vs CEE State entity

Publications & Lectures

- **Books**

The Legal, Real and Converged Interest in Declaratory Relief, Kluwer Law International 2019.

*Legal Character of Representations and Warranties in a Limited Liability Company Share Purchase Agreement (in Light of the Freedom of Contract Principle)**, Wolters Kluwer, Warsaw 2010.

- **Edited Collections**

Proceedings before arbitration court. Commentary to the Lewiatan Arbitration Rules,* ed. Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Wolters Kluwer 2015.

The challenges and the future of commercial and investment arbitration, ed. Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Warsaw 2015.

Polish Arbitration Law (ed. Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz), Warsaw 2014.

- **Chapters in edited collections**

B. Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, B. Tomczyk, *Art. 40 Award; Art. 45 Supplementing, interpreting and correcting an award* [in:] *Rules of the Lewiatan Court of Arbitration. Commentary*, M. Asłanowicz (ed), Wolters Kluwer 2026.

B. Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, M. Frontczak, *Liability for contributing to climate change from the perspective of the protection of personal rights* [in:] *Contemporary challenges of climate protection law**, M. M. Kenig-Witkowska, A. Barczak, M. Stoczkiewicz (eds), Wolters Kluwer Polska 2024.

B. Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, M. Frontczak, P. Paprota, *Types of State Action Leading to Climate-Related Investor Claims* [in:] A. Ipp, A. Magnusson (eds), *Investment Arbitration and Climate Change*, Wolters Kluwer Int'l. 2023.

B. Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, K. Czech, *In search of an alternative to common courts: arbitration as a method of solving disputes related to financial pyramids?**, [in:] (ed.) M. Michalski, *Piramidy Finansowe a Bezpieczeństwo Rynków*, CH Beck 2019.

B. Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, K. Czech*, The Role of Precedent in Investment Treaty Arbitration* [in:] Investment Treaty Arbitration Review (ed. B. Legum), London 2018. *On usefulness of distinguishing the branch 'corporate finance law' in the field of commercial law* [in:] *Private Law Dissertations. Liber Amicorum to Professor Wojciech Popiołek*,* Wolters Kluwer 2017.

Setting aside of arbitration award and functus officio problem in Polish law [in:] Usus Magister Est Optimus. Liber Amicorum to Professor Andrzej Kubas,* CH Beck 2016.

Evolution of interim measures as an example of the judicalisation of 21st century international commercial arbitration [in:] *The challenges and the future of commercial and investment arbitration* (ed. Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz), Warsaw 2015.

A Defect of the Enterprise as a Defect of a Share – One of the Dilemmas of M&A Transactions (Polish law perspective) [in:] *Global Wisdom on Business Transactions, International Law and Dispute Resolution*, CH Beck 2015.

Chapter *Lewiatan Court of Arbitration* [in:] World Arbitration Reporter (WAR) 2nd Edition. International Institutions.

CEE Overview Chapter [in:] *The International Comparative Legal Guide to International Arbitration 2012. A practical cross-border insight into international arbitration work*. Global Legal Group Ltd. and Commercial Dispute Resolution (CDR), London 2012.

New Rules of the Lewiatan Court of Arbitration. Co-author of a Chapter in YAR - Young Arbitration Review, April 2012.

Chapter *Poland* [in:] *The International Comparative Legal Guide to: International Arbitration 2011. A practical cross-border insight into international arbitration work.* Global Legal Group Ltd. and Commercial Dispute Resolution (CDR), London 2011.

Solving corporate disputes in arbitration proceedings [in:] Arbitration in Poland (ed. Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz), Warsaw, 2011.

*Class Action Arbitration**. Chapter in the book commemorating 60th Anniversary of the Arbitration Court at the Polish Chamber of Commerce. Warsaw, 2010.

Conflicts of interests involved where arbitrators are members of law firms [in:] International and Domestic Commercial Arbitration at the Outset of the 21st Century. The Commemorative Book to Honor dr. hab. Tadeusz Szurski*, 2008.

- **Articles**

DCF Standard in Calculation of Compensation – Some Comments in Connection with the Standard of Compensation Adopted by the Tribunal in Rockhopper v Italy Award. Arbitration International, Volume 41, Issue 3, September 2025.

Let the robo-arbitrator decide, Rzeczpospolita 07.02.2023

*Discretionary powers of arbitral tribunals in the scope of moderation of contractual penalties – a commentary to the judgment of the Court of Appeal in Szczecin of 10 of October 2019 (I AGa 35/19)**, Palestra 2022/11.

Legal interest in claim for declaratory relief in proceedings before an arbitration court - gloss to the judgement of the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce KIG 193/05 judgment,* Biuletyn Sądu Arbitrażowego KIG 2021/27.

The problem of Padawan: Once More on the Issue of Tribunal Secretaries, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 30.11.2021.

The Concept of 'Legal Interest' in Declaratory Awards: A Research Based on ICC Arbitration Awards, ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin 2022/03.

Admissibility of Electronic Awards in the UNCITRAL Model Law Jurisdiction: Polish Law Example, Journal of International Arbitration, Volume 38, Issue 2.

Arbitral Award during the Pandemic. Permissibility of Contemporary Electronic Forms,* PPH 2020/7.

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz*,* Konrad Czech*, Comments on the Arbitral Tribunal's Decision in the Vattenfall AB case of 29 August 2018 on the relevance of the Achmea case*,* ADR 2/2020*.*

The Concept of Legal Interest in Declaratory Relief and Access to Justice Problem: an Introduction to the Discussion. Analysis of the Statistical Data,* [in:] Przegląd Prawa Handlowego 1 (317)/2019.

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Joanna Kisielińska-Garncarek, *Arbitrability of a Dispute Concerning Exclusion of a Shareholder from a Limited Liability Company. Commentary on Decision of the Court of Appeal in Katowice of 15 December 2016, V ACz 1309/16**, Glosa 1(171)/2019.

Mixing legal systems in Europe; the role of common law transplants (Polish law example), the European Review of Private Law, 4 (2017).

UNCITRAL Model Law: Composition of the Arbitration Tribunal Re-considering the Case upon Setting Aside of the Original Arbitration Award'. Journal of International Arbitration 34, no. 1 (2017).

Written form of the arbitration agreement as a form for evidentiary purposes,* Państwo i Prawo, 12/2015.

Influence of the new regulation on warranty applicable to sale (Art. 556(1) of the Civil Code) on the definition of physical defect of share right. Remarks in the light of amendments to the Civil Code introduced by the Act of 30 May 2014 on Consumer Rights,* Przegląd Prawa Handlowego 12/2015.

Representations and Warranties in Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions: The Challenges of Cultural Diversity, ICC International Court of Arbitration Bulletin, Vol. 24/Number 1-2013.

Perception of the practices followed in the field of the confidentiality obligation in arbitration, Arbitration E-Review No. 2-3(10-11)/2012.

Normative basis of confidentiality principle in Polish commercial arbitration,* Przegląd Prawa Handlowego No. 1(245)/2013.

The European Parliament draft Resolution on Brussels I: A return to the pre-West Tankers era? Arbitration e-Review, No. 4 (7)/2011.

Distinct Evidentiary Proceedings in Cases Heard by Alternative Dispute Resolution Tribunals,* ADR Arbitraż i Mediacje, Beck, Poland, 2010.

*Capital share in a limited liability company as a subjective right**, Przegląd Prawa Handlowego No. 5 (189)/2008.

**in Polish*

- **Selected speaking engagements**

Polish Climate Summit. Plenary Session: *Climate transition and the Multi-level Governance. Collaboration and Interdependence of Stakeholders in the Green Transition*, Warsaw, 25 March 2025.

Lazarski University KUDoS Seminar Series. Lecture: *DCF as a tool for under-compensation or over-compensation (Rockhopper case)*, Warsaw, 22 March 2025.

ICC Prague Arbitration Day 2025. Panel: *The challenges arbitration professionals may face when practicing as arbitrators*, Prague, 6 March 2025.

Mute OFF Seminar Series. Lecture: *DCF as a tool for under-compensation or over-compensation (Rockhopper case),* on-line, 20 February 2025.

8th Athens Conference on EU Energy Law and Policy: Bridging Challenges and Unlocking Opportunities for the Energy Transition. Lecture: *The use of the Discounted Cash Flow method to calculate the value of an investment: Rockhopper v. Italy*, on-line, 12 December 2024.

Asian Development Bank Program: Options for Resolving Business Disputes - Focus on Alternative Dispute Resolution, workshop trainer, Tashkent, 12-13 November 2024.

Solidarity Arbitration and Mediation Days. Panel: *New Investments in Energy. Causes of Energy Disputes: Past and Future*, Warsaw, 24 October 2024.

The GAR Live Debate: *This house believes that illegally obtained evidence must not be used in arbitration*, Vienna, Austria, 27 September 2024.

Jusmundi webinar: The Urgency of Reform: Arbitration at the Intersection of International Investment Law and Climate Law, on-line, 23 July 2024.

King's College Centre of Construction Law & Dispute Resolution seminar on Evidence in International Arbitration: Comparative perspectives. Panel: *The use of witnesses and experts,* London, UK, 19 June 2024.

Congress of the Members of the Court on the Occasion of the 125th Anniversary of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, *Speech: The need for redefinition of the meaning of "reparation" in the context of the fossil fuel phasing out investment arbitration cases*; during the Session: Innovation at the PCA, PCA, The Hague, The Netherlands, 13 June 2024.

7th Dispute Resolution in M&A Transactions Conference – chair and initiator; *Interview with Yves Derains on the paradigm of arbitration – yesterday, today and tomorrow*, Warsaw, Poland, 23-24 May 2024.

Queen Mary University of London Paris LLM International Arbitration Programme, Lecture: *Experts, Confidentiality, Privilege, Evidentiary matters, Document disclosure*, Paris, France, 7 May 2024.

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Virtual Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration, Lecture: *Arbitrating M&A Disputes*, London, UK, 5 May 2024, on-line.

Solidarity Arbitration and Mediation Days. Panel: *The Future of International Arbitration in the New Security Situation*, Warsaw, Poland, 6 December 2024.

ArbCEE Arbitration Retreat. Keynote Speech. Bucharest, Romania, 30 September 2024.

Swedish Arbitration Association Seminar. Panel: *Overview of highlights of the past year in international arbitration,* Stockholm, Sweden, 21 September 2024.

38th ICC SIA QMUL Annual Joint Symposium of Arbitrators. Panel: *Ideas to improve arbitral deliberations*, London, UK, 16 May 2023.

Jus Mundi/HAA/HCCI Conference: Confidentiality vs. Transparency in International Arbitration. Panel: *How to raise your profile in the arbitration world?*, Budapest, Hungary, 4 May 2023.

The California International Arbitration Week. Panel: *Setting the Stage: International Dispute Resolution Rapid Fire Debate on a Full Range of International Dispute Resolution Issues including Ethics, Practice, Inclusion, Competence and Others.* 14 March 2023, on-line.

School of International Arbitration QMUL, LLM Arbitration. Lecture: *Types of state action leading to climate-related investor claims,* London, UK, 10 March 2023.

Willem Vis Pre-Moot Warsaw Conference: Discretion or Randomness: Arbitrators' Decision Making Framework. Lecture: *Arbitration and substantive law – directions of evolution in England and Poland*. Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland, 03 March 2023.

GAR Live Damages. Session: *The GAR Live Question Time*, London, UK, 09 February 2023.

Stockholm University, LLM Arbitration Programme. Lecture: *Application of the substantive law in international commercial arbitration (limits and challenges for the arbitrators' discretion)*, Stockholm, Sweden, 01 December 2022.

SCC West-East Forum. Panel: *International Arbitration and the War in Ukraine*, Stockholm Arbitration Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, 29 November 2022.

QMUL co-curricular seminar. Lecture: *Application of the substantive law in international commercial arbitration – limits and challenges for the arbitrators'*, School of International Arbitration QMUL, London, UK, 21 November 2022.

Solidarity Arbitration and Mediation Days. Panel: *State of the Art in the Dispute Resolution Management*, Faculty of Law, Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland, 17-18 November 2022,

Conference 2022 Dispute Resolution in M&A Transactions – conference Chairwoman, author of the program. Lecture: *How much principles of equity colour M&A arbitration jurisprudence? Between procedural and substantive justice*, Warsaw, Poland, 23-24 May 2022.

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Virtual Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration, Lecture: *Dispute Resolution in M&A Transactions*, CIArb, London, UK, 08 May 2022, on-line.

University of Leicester, Leicester Law School, LLM The Practice of International Commercial Arbitration. Lecture: *Application of Substantive Law in International Arbitration – the Limits of Tribunals' Discretionary Powers*, Leicester, UK, 05 May 2022.

6th ICC European Conference on International Arbitration, Panel: *Industries facing short - and long-term disruptions: What does it mean for dispute resolution*? Paris, France, 28 March 2022.

60 years of the 1958 New York Convention in Poland. The CEE perspective. Lecture: *ICCA's Guide to the interpretation of the 1958 New York Convention and its influence on judicial practice in Central and Eastern Europe*, Jagiellonian University, 21 January 2022, on-line.

ICC Poland Webinar: ICC Arbitration during COVID-19 Pandemic. Lecture: *Arbitral Award during the Pandemic. Permissibility of Contemporary Electronic Forms*, 6 May 2020, on-line.

California International Arbitration Week. Panel: *The ICDR's Forthcoming Tribunal Secretary Guidelines*, 14 March 2022, on-line.

ICC Warsaw Arbitration Workshops. Lecture: *Challenge of arbitrator – grounds; approach of ICC when deciding on challenges. Challenge of arbitrator – procedures*, Warsaw, Poland, 29 February 2020.

Vienna Arbitration Days 2020 – World Café. Moderator: *Climate change related disputes – is there a need for International Arbitration Court for Environment*, Vienna, Austria, 20 February 2020.

ICC MENA Conference Dubai: *How to navigate interim measures in international arbitration*. Lecture: *Compliance, enforcement and other issues arising after interim measures are ordered/awarded*, Dubai, UAE, 16 February 2020.

HoganLovells/ArbitralWomen Seminar: *Gender Differences in Dispute Resolution: Science, Experience and Practical Approaches*, Munich, Germany, 24 January 2020.

27th Croatian Arbitration Days. Panel: *Data Protection in International Arbitration Proceedings.* Lecture: *Declaratory relief in ICC arbitration awards – the concept* of *legal interest* as a *prerequisite*, Zagreb, Croatia, 6 December 2020.

Other professional activities and qualifications

- ICC Poland, President (2025 – present)
- ICC International Court of Arbitration, Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR (2022 – present)
- ICC International Court of Arbitration, Vice-Chair of the ICC Advance Arbitration Academy for CEE (2023 – 2024)
- Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, Member of the Arbitrators' Council (2022 – present)
- Institute of Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (INP PAN), Member of the Scientific Council (2023 – present)
- Polish Private Equity Association (PSIK), Chairperson of the Audit Committee
- Polish Arbitration Association, Board member
- GESSEL Foundation for National Museum in Warsaw, Founder and Board Member
  (Professor Gessel's work in the field of preservation of the Polish cultural heritage and development of Modern Art Collection at the National Museum in Warsaw was recognized by the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of Poland and she was awarded the Medal: Meritorious to Polish Culture in January 2013)
- GESSEL Foundation for Zachęta – National Gallery of Art, Founder and Board Member

Languages

- Polish (native)
- English
- Russian