

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **Kiurunen, Petra** **Partner**

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### **EXPERIENCE**

Petra's fields of expertise include both domestic and international commercial arbitration and litigation.

Petra has advised clients in a number of business disputes relating to e.g. construction and engineering, distributorship and service contracts, investment disputes, telecommunications, and IPR rights. She regularly represents Finnish and foreign companies in international arbitrations conducted under the Finnish Arbitration Act and the Arbitration Rules of the Central Chamber of Commerce of Finland, as well as under the rules of major international arbitration institutes such as the ICC, the SCC and ICSID.

### **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- Represented a private equity firm in several arbitration and litigation proceedings related to the clients' investments in Finnish Company.
- Represented a number of Asian companies in international arbitration proceedings under ICC rules in Switzerland concerning breach of consultancy agreements.
- Represented a Finnish subsidiary of a UK real estate developer against a Finnish company in arbitration over the sale and purchase of a shopping centre.
- Represented major foreign pharmaceutical companies in various court proceedings on alleged infringements of IPR rights and related precautionary measures.
- Represented one of the world's leading manufacturers of medical equipment in an ad hoc arbitration against a Middle-Eastern company.
- Represented a Russian subsidiary of a Finnish construction company in arbitration under the SCC Rules against a subsidiary of a global retail company.
- Represented Finnish and foreign banks in investment treaty arbitration against a former Eastern-bloc state.

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS OF TRUST**

- Member of the Finnish Bar Association
- Member of the Finnish Arbitration Association
- Member of the Swedish Arbitration Association
- Member of the London Court of International Arbitration
- Member of the Arbitration and Litigation Committees of the International Bar Association
- Member of the Swiss Arbitration Association

## **EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

- Partner, Lindfors & Co, 2010
- Partner, Head of International Arbitration, Hannes Snellman, 2008
- Senior Associate, Hannes Snellman, 2004
- Associate Lawyer, Hannes Snellman, 2000
- Customs Secretary, National Board of Customs, 1996
- Master of Laws, University of Helsinki, 1996

## **RECENT WRITINGS AND PUBLICATIONS**

Author of the Scandinavian part of Paul G. Karlsgodt (ed.): "World Class Actions" (Oxford University Press 2012)

Country chapter "Finland" in the Global Arbitration Review's "Getting the Deal Through – Arbitration 2008" (2008, co-author).

Published several articles and case comments in domestic and international legal journals, mainly in the field of international arbitration and construction and consultancy disputes. By way of example:

"The New Finnish Act on Class Actions", International Litigation News, May 2007 (International Bar Association 2007)

"Arbitration of Corporate Disputes in Finland", International Litigation News, December 2007 (International Bar Association 2007)

"An outlook into Arbitration in Finland", Romanian Review of Arbitration, April-June 2009 (Camera de Comert si Industrie a Romanie, 2009)

"The Supreme Court of Finland Clarified International Jurisdiction – Forum Connexitatis", International Litigation News, September 2008 (International Bar Association 2008)

Corporate Guide to International Arbitration : "Nordic Perspectives on Construction Arbitration", December 2008 (Cyworks Plc, 2009)

"The Finnish Supreme Court Set High Threshold for Setting Aside", Arbitration Committee Newsletter, March 2008 (International Bar Association 2009)

Stockholm International Arbitration Review: "Finality of arbitral awards – common grounds?" (2009)

Acted as speaker in various seminars in Finland and abroad.

## **RANKINGS**

According to Chambers Global 2012 Petra Kiurunen is *"a very strong player in international arbitration."*

Nominated in Best Lawyers list for Finland in the practice area of Litigation

Described as *"Excellent"* in Legal 500 EMEA 2012

Nominated in the Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law as one of the outstanding practitioners.

She wins praise as a high-quality arbitrator on many large-scale international cases. Clients speak admiringly of her approach: *"She is extremely efficient, client-oriented and really knows our business"*, *Chambers Global 2011*

Recommended and endorsed in the PLC Cross-border Dispute Resolution Handbook 2011

Sources describe her 'as "an excellent younger partner, definitely worthy of mention", *Chambers Global 2010*

'Described by a client as a "very skilful attorney" in the business conflicts field and head of the firm's international arbitration practice. She arbitrates domestic and international matters; she handles contentious construction, investment, telecoms and IP matters", *PLC Which Lawyer? Yearbook 2009*

'..."someone who's definitely on the way up.", *Chambers Global 2009 and Chambers Europe 2009*