

Rashda Rana

General Information

Rashda was called to the bar in 1990, became leading Counsel in 2014.

Rashda has extensive experience in international commercial litigation and arbitration gained across UK, Europe, Australia and the Asia Pacific region. She has worked as counsel in a number of international jurisdictions including London, Australia, New York, Paris, Milan, Brazil, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and China on both litigious and arbitrated matters.

She also has significant experience in a senior in-house role as General Counsel at one of the world's leading project management, design and construction companies operating in more than 30 countries worldwide. As GC, she was involved in a number of high-profile international projects, the development business in Asia, the acquisition and integration of another major group of companies, the Group's financing arrangements on a number of PPPs involving numerous overlapping institutional stakeholders' interests and led the team on a range of major disputes.

Rashda has extensive experience in representing and advising local and international clients in a broad range of contentious and non-contentious multi-party matters, including joint venture and partnership disputes. She has advised on and conducted major commercial, banking, insolvency, maritime, insurance, tax, regulatory and construction & infrastructure litigation, arbitration and mediation involving wide ranging issues. In particular, more recently, she has been involved in a number of cross-border insolvency and restructuring work including fraud, receiverships, asset tracing and corporate recovery, including a considerable number of distressed funds matters: acting for liquidators, directors, fund managers, creditors and investors of failed investment funds.

Rashda has also been Adjunct Professor teaching law at Sydney University Law School. She devised the undergraduate course in international commercial arbitration and it was the first of its kind in Australia.

She has been appointed as arbitrator in a large number of domestic and international commercial arbitrations, both institutional and ad hoc. Rashda is an experienced CEDR accredited mediator and has conducted mediations across the globe. In September 2017, she was appointed to the ICSID Panel of Conciliators by the Chairman of the World Bank.

Rashda is an active member of a number of significant industry associations, including as co-founder of The Alliance for Equality in Dispute Resolution, past President of ArbitralWomen, Founding Secretary of Society of Construction Law Australia (SoCLA) and the first female President of the Australian Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb).

Rashda has regularly been recognised for her work, including most recently in:

Finalist BSN Awards - Diversity Champion 2018

Legal 500 Asia Pacific Rankings 2016 & 2017 (English Bar):

Leading Commercial Silk;

Leading Construction Silk.

Who's Who Legal Arbitration 2016 & 2017: Leading Lawyer UK Bar "incredibly innovative", "has a no nonsense approach"

Who's Who of Australian Women 2017

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens Register 2016 (1 of only 500 women)

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