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Seohyung acts as an advocate and adviser in a broad range of commercial litigation and arbitration disputes. Her areas of expertise include commercial litigation/international arbitration, civil fraud, energy, construction, professional negligence, public international law and sports law. She acts for a wide range of clients, from multinational corporations, international organisations, and government and public bodies to private individuals.

She has particular experience in international arbitration having worked at both Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer's international arbitration team in Paris and Fietta LLP in London before coming to the bar. She is familiar with many of the institutional rules, including ICC, ICSID, LCIA and UNCITRAL, and is frequently instructed as junior counsel in high-profile, high-value disputes, involving English law, foreign law and international law.

Prior to joining Chambers, Seohyung was a judicial assistant to Lord Justice David Richards in the Court of Appeal where she assisted in the preparation of a number of high-profile appeals.

Seohyung studied Maths and Literature at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Outstanding Achievement Award), a Masters in Social Anthropology at the University of Oxford (Distinction, highest mark of the year for dissertation), and an LLM at Harvard Law School.

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Areas of Expertise

International Arbitration

Seohyung has significant international arbitration experience from working in Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer's international arbitration team in Paris and Fietta LLP in London.

Her experience includes:

- Acting as junior counsel in a £500m ICC arbitration in a force majeure and corruption claim;
- Acting as junior counsel in a £70m LCIA arbitration claim concerning fraudulent misrepresentations and contractual breaches;
- Advising on service of arbitration claim forms and applications for enforcement on a state and questions concerning the State Immunity Act 1978;
- Assisting Tom Ogden in an arbitration relating to a construction project in South Asia;



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- Assisting a counsel team led by Justin Fenwick QC and Lucy Colter in *Filatona Trading Ltd v Navigator Equities Ltd* [2019] EWHC 172 (Comm), challenging an arbitration award relating to a shareholder dispute concerning a Cypriot company which owned valuable real-estate in Moscow, under sections 67 and 68 of the Arbitration Act 1996;
- Assisting George Spalton in a commercial arbitration concerning the supply of pharmaceutical products.
- Research on the use of MFN provisions for importing substantive and procedural rights in an investment arbitration;
- Research on sovereign immunity and enforcement measures;

Her experience before coming to the bar includes:

- Assisting in a £100m+ ICC arbitration concerning a long-term supply contract in the nuclear energy industry;
- Assisting in a US\$100m+ UNCITRAL investment arbitration in relation to nationality issues raised at the jurisdictional stage of proceedings;
- Assisting in an LCIA arbitration;
- Advising on arbitrator challenges under ICSID;
- Assisting in an ICSID arbitration concerning the expropriation of an oil field;
- Assisting in an ICSID arbitration against a European State relating to investments in the photovoltaic sector.

Qualifications & Memberships

BS, MIT; MSc, Oxford; LLM, Harvard.

Languages

Korean (fluent), French (reading), Spanish (reading).

Insights

Professional liability round up of 2019

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Helen Evans, Pippa Manby, Anthony Jones and Seohyung Kim of 4 New Square Chambers explain what the 2019 cases tell us, how the various strands of development interact, and what trends are evident as we go into 2020.