

CURRICULUM VITAE

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SUMMARY

Daiga Zivtina is a partner and co-Head of the Dispute Resolution practice specializing in commercial disputes, including complex cross-border litigation, international and domestic arbitration, and negotiations in out-of-court settlements. She acts as a counsel in white-collar crime matters. An important part of her practice relates to dispute avoidance, claims management and strategic advisory work. Daiga has experience in high value, complex fraud and asset tracing cases, often involving freezing and receivership orders and frequently represents clients in multi-jurisdictional cases.

Daiga's practice focuses on the industrial, infrastructure and transport sector, energy, sale of goods, finance and insolvency, corporate law and shareholder relations, professional liability and insurance, public procurement and employment, and foreign investment protection. Daiga regularly acts as an arbitrator in cases administered by the Court of Arbitration of the Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and advises clients on recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in Latvia.

FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

- Dispute Resolution
- Corporate and M&A
- Commercial & Compliance
- Employment
- Public Procurement
- Insurance
- Investment protection
- Infrastructure
- Energy

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

1994, Attorney at Law (Latvia)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2001 to date – Ellex Klavins (previously ZAB LAWIN) (2006 to date - Partner)
2000-2001 Sworn attorney, Ilze Baltmane Law Office, a correspondent law firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Riga, Latvia
2000 Internship, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, USA
1993-1999 Associate, Law firm CB&M, Riga, Latvia

1993 Legal Expert, Legal Department of the Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia
1991 Legal Assistant, Department of Philosophy and Law, Academy of Sciences, Riga, Latvia

EDUCATION

2000 UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, USA (LL.M.) / Edmund S. Muskie/Freedom Support Act Graduate Fellowship
1996 University of Latvia, Faculty of Law, Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree
1994 University of Latvia, Faculty of Law, Professional law degree (dipl.iur.), Bachelor's degree in law

LANGUAGES

Latvian, English, Russian

MEMBERSHIP

The Latvian Bar Association
International Bar Association (IBA)
2003 to date - Arbitrator, the Arbitration of the Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Legal 500 EMEA - Ranked as Leading Individual within Dispute Resolution in Latvia
Chambers Global / Chambers Europe – Ranked as Band 2 within Dispute Resolution in Latvia
Benchmark Litigation – Ranked as Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year 2020 and 2021.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Member of the Foreign Investors' Council in Latvia (FICIL) Court System Efficiency and Investment Protection work group. FICIL provides proposals to the Latvian Government on improvement of court system in Latvia. As a representative of FICIL Daiga participates in the project on Developing Effective Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Concept in Latvia administered by the OECD and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia.

Daiga regularly assists "Center Dardedze" (a non-governmental, non-profit organization that advocates for childhood free from abuse) on legal procedures applicable in investigation and pre-trial stage and related legislative proposals to improve work of the police in cases when children have suffered from abuse.

2002 to date - Legal consultant, Legal Practice and Help Center (Legal Clinic) of the University of Latvia.