

## **RITA M. KAUFMANN**



### **Firm**

Strohal Legal Consultants

### **Position**

Legal Counsel

### **Area of Specialisation / Arbitration Experience**

Commercial Arbitration, Construction / Engineering, Corporate Law, Investment Dispute, Joint Ventures / Consortia / Shareholder Agreements, Power / Energy

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### **Languages**

English, German, Spanish, Arabic

### **Nationality**

Austria, Bahamas

### **Education**

University of Law, United Kingdom (LL.M, current)

University of London, United Kingdom (LL.B, 2020)

WTO Regional Trade Policy Course, Barbados (Diploma, 2014)

University of Bradford, United Kingdom (M.B.A., 2013)

Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Austria, Executive Programme for Junior Diplomats, European and International Affairs (2012)

Vassar College, NY, USA (B.A. International Studies (Political Science/Economics), 2007)

American University in Cairo, Egypt (Middle Eastern Politics / Economic Development , 2006)

### **Professional Associations**

Regional Representative for Western Europe (Young ICCA)

Vice-Chair of R.E.A.L. (Racial Equality for Arbitration Lawyers)

Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (ACI Arb)

### **Other Qualifications**

Rita specializes in public international law and investment and commercial arbitration. She has been a member of the counsel team and has acted as tribunal secretary in proceedings under various institutional arbitration rules (ICSID, ICC, VIAC, UNCITRAL, DIAC, FAI and *sui generis*). She has specific experience in disputes relating to construction, energy, manufacturing and shareholder agreements.

She started her career in The Bahamas diplomatic service where she was engaged in International Human Rights Law and sat on The Bahamas National Committee for Trafficking in Persons. Later, specialized as an International Trade Advisor, she established and led a Trade Agreement Implementation Unit and negotiated agreements bilaterally and multilaterally.

Rita is Vice-Chair of R.E.A.L. (Racial Equality for Arbitration Lawyers) Newsletter & Blog Committee, Regional Representative for Western Europe for Young ICCA and an associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). Along with a legal internship at UNCITRAL, Rita holds an MBA and has experience in International Trade Policy and Law.