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PERSONAL DETAILS

Nationality: Polish
Admission to the Bar: Advocate (Poland, 2020); Solicitor (England and Wales, 2026)
Languages: Polish (native), English (C2), German (C1), Spanish (C1), Italian (B1)

PROFILE

International Counsel, Arbitrator and Tribunal Secretary

Piotr is an international disputes lawyer, dual-qualified in civil law and common law, who advises on the avoidance and resolution of disputes in Poland and internationally. His practice covers arbitration and litigation in commercial matters, including M&A transactions and international trade.

Acts as an arbitrator recommended by arbitral institutions around the world (i.a. DIAC in Dubai, WIPO AMC in Geneva; Court of Arbitration Lewiatan in Warsaw). Represents clients as counsel in domestic and international arbitration proceedings, as well as in court proceedings. Serves as a secretary to the tribunal or arbitrator's assistant in arbitration proceedings. Has experience in disputes conducted, among others, under the ICC, VIAC, SAC, ICSID, LMAA, SA KIG (Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce) and Court of Arbitration Lewiatan rules of procedure, in the context of various applicable laws and involving various arbitration seats.

Advises on all stages of disputes, including pre-arbitration and post-award phases concerning the recognition, enforcement and challenge of arbitral awards.

Shares his knowledge and experience by speaking at conferences, conducting workshops, providing advice in mentoring programs and participating in international arbitration, mediation and negotiation competitions as an arbitrator and competition judge. He is a certified mediator. Acts as a Board Member of the Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe (ArbCEE). Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law. Served as an ICC YAAF Representative for Europe and Central Asia (2024 – 2026).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 2026	Founder, Paprota Arbitration, Warsaw, Poland
Since 2026	Board Member of the Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe (ArbCEE)
2024 – 2026	ICC YAAF Representative for Europe and Central Asia
2022 – 2026	Senior associate, advocate, GESSEL Attorneys at law, Warsaw, Poland
2017 – 2021	Senior associate, associate, junior associate (advocate and advocate trainee), FKA Furtek Komosa Aleksandrowicz, Warsaw, Poland

2016	Visiting associate, Schoenherr Attorneys at law, Vienna, Austria
2016	Intern, Vienna International Arbitral Centre of the AFEC (VIAC), Vienna, Austria
2012 – 2015	Intern, Kubas Kos Gałkowski, Baker & McKenzie Krzyżowski i Wspólnicy, Regional Court in Cracow (Common law), AKGK Kostański Gradzi Kuczara; Szczeszek i Wspólnicy, Warsaw and Cracow, Poland

EDUCATION

2017 – 2019	Warsaw Bar Training
2016 – 2017	LL.M. postgraduate studies at the Faculty of Law of Ruprecht-Karls-Universität in Heidelberg (thesis on the law applicable to the arbitration agreement)
2015 – 2016	Law and philosophy at the University of Vienna, Erasmus+ program (included course on international commercial arbitration)
2010 – 2015	Philosophy studies at the Institute of Philosophy of Jagiellonian University
2010 – 2015	Legal studies at the Faculty of Law and Administration of Jagiellonian University (included workshops on international investment and commercial arbitration)

SELECTED COURSES

2026	CIArb Accelerated Route to Fellowship in International Arbitration (successfully passed all the assessments; currently awaiting peer interview)
2025 – 2026	ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy in Western Europe (currently ongoing)
2022 – 2023	DELOS Remote Oral Advocacy Programme EMEA: Oral submissions (2022) and cross-examination (2023)
2017 – 2018	School of Spanish Law organized by the Polish-Spanish Foundation for Cooperation and Development, Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha and Warsaw University
2016	The Hague Academy of International Law (scholar of the *Stichting ter bevordering van het Internationaal Privaatrecht*)
2015	The International Academy for International Arbitration Law in Paris (edition dedicated to ISDS; scholar of the International Arbitration Institute in Paris)
2014 – 2015	ICC Arbitration and ADR Training Programme: the ICC Court of Arbitration, the Polish National Committee of the ICC and Jagiellonian University
2014 – 2015	School of German Law organized by Jagiellonian University in cooperation with the Universities of Heidelberg and Mainz
2014 – 2015	School of American Law organized by Jagiellonian University in cooperation with the Catholic University of America in Washington

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

As arbitrator (1)

- Presiding arbitrator in arbitration proceedings concerning post-M&A dispute between two Polish entities in the construction sector, conducted under the rules of Court of Arbitration Lewiatan (Polish law, Warsaw seat);

As counsel (7)

- Representation of a Polish company in the energy sector in disputes with Czech and Polish contractors, in the post-M&A context, in two separate ICC arbitration proceedings (Polish and Czech law, Vienna seat);
- Representation of a Polish company engaged in the mining support and machinery industry in the dispute with commodities distributor, in the post-M&A context, in the ICC arbitration proceedings (Polish law, Vienna seat);
- Representation of a Polish company engaged in the mining support and machinery industry in the post-M&A dispute with Czech and Cypriot sellers in the ICC arbitration proceedings (Polish law, Vienna seat);
- Representation of Polish charterers in a maritime dispute with the owners seated in the Marshall Islands in ad hoc arbitration proceedings conducted under the LMAA Terms 2021 (English law, London seat);
- Representation of a French company from the sector of environmental cleanup and recycling services in a post-M&A dispute with Hong Kong contractor in the proceedings before the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw (Polish law, Warsaw seat);
- Representation of foreign and Polish entities in enforcement proceedings concerning foreign and domestic arbitral awards in Poland and in setting aside proceedings concerning domestic arbitral awards;
- Advising a Polish company from the wheat trading sector on the pre-arbitration and arbitration (GAFTA 125) stage of the disputes with counterparties from various European countries (including Ukraine, Spain, Belgium) relating to the sale of wheat (English law, London seat);

As administrative secretary or arbitrator's assistant (15)

- Acting as a secretary to the tribunal or arbitrator's assistant in fifteen (15) arbitration proceedings before the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw involving disputes concerning commercial transactions, contracts for supply of goods (e.g. liquid helium) or services, construction of industrial facilities and fibre optic infrastructure, internet research services, investment financing, and other forms of transactions. Six (6) of these arbitrations were international (cross-border disputes) and nine (9) were domestic;

As a member of the team supporting counsel in the following cases (5)

- Representation of a Polish research institute in a dispute with a Ukrainian contractor over a laboratory testing contract in proceedings before the Swiss Arbitration Centre (Ukrainian law, Geneva seat);
- Representation of the investor in the case Kunsttrans Holding GmbH and Kunsttrans d.o.o. Beograd v. Republic of Serbia, ICSID Case No. ARB/16/10;
- Representation of the State in the case Zbigniew Piotr Grot and others v. Republic of Moldova, ICSID Case No. ARB/16/8;
- Representation of the State in the case CEAC Holdings Limited v. Montenegro, ICSID Case No. ARB/14/8;
- Representation of a company organized under the laws of Kosovo from the telecommunication sector against the state-owned mobile network operator in the

highly publicised ICC international commercial arbitration proceedings (Kosovan law, London seat).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Publications (3)

- Co-author, *Types of State Action Leading to Climate-Related Investor Claims* (with B. Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz and M. Frontczak) [in:] A. Ipp, A. Magnussion (eds), Investment Arbitration and Climate Change, Kluwer Law International, 2023
- Author, *The framework for greener arbitration*, Contact Magazine 56 (151), British Polish Chamber of Commerce, 2022
- Co-author, Polish edition of the *Schlechtriem and Schwenzer: Commentary on the UN Convention of the International Sale of Goods (CISG)*, 2021

Speaking engagements (40)

- Speaker, *Emergency Arbitrator*, Arbitration Bullettin of the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw, Podcast, Warsaw, October 2026
- Speaker, intervention on the *controversies related to the principle of iura novit arbiter in international commercial arbitration* as part of the event on *the challenges of contemporary arbitration*, AFM and Poland VYAP, Warsaw, October 2026
- Co-moderator, *Dispute Resolution All Stars: Global Edition*, ICC YAAF Global, London, October 2026
- Co-organiser and co-moderator of the event, *Surely, This Is Debatable*, ICC YAAF, Talllinn, October 2026
- Co-organiser and co-moderator of the event, *Connect Better*, ArbCEE Match, Talllinn, October 2026
- Speaker, *Thriving Under Pressure: Rethinking Performance and Well-Being in International Arbitration*, Berlin Dispute Resolution Days, Berlin, October 2026
- Organiser and moderator of the event, *Behind Closed Doors – How Arbitral Tribunals Really Operate and Decide*, Vilnius, September 2026
- Co-organiser and co-moderator of the event, *The Art of Persuasion and Effectiveness in International Arbitration*, 4th ArbCEE Arbitration Retreat, Sopot, September 2026
- Organiser and moderator of the event, *Meet Your Counsel — Insights from Within the ICC Secretariat*, ICC YAAF, Warsaw, September 2026
- Speaker, *No Surprise Awards: Iura Novit Arbiter, Party Autonomy and Rule-of-Law Limits in Commercial Arbitration*, The World Atlas of Arbitration Symposium, Faculty of Law, Charles University, Prague, September 2026
- Organiser and moderator of the webinar, *A World of Arbitration in a Grain of Sand – Tour of Regional Developments*, ICC YAAF, global webinar, July 2026
- Speaker, *Boundaries of arbitral authority: Addressing prejudicial issues and jurisdictional limitations*, *Navigating the legal crossroads between consensus and the greater good*, 16th AIJA Annual International Arbitration Conference, Helsinki, June 2026
- Organiser and moderator of the event, *Arbitrating Defence and Cybersecurity Disputes in Times of Rising Geopolitical Tensions*, ICC YAAF, Helsinki, June 2026

- Co-organiser and co-moderator of the event, Baltic Arbitration Days Young Arbitrators Forum, Riga, June 2026
- Co-moderator, *Dispute Avoidance: What In-house Lawyers Wish They Knew Earlier*, Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce and Polish In-house Lawyers Association (PILA), Warsaw Disputes Days, Warsaw, June 2026
- Moderator, *Litigation Funding: Funder Criteria and Deal Structures*, Asset Recovery CEE, Warsaw, June 2026
- Organiser and moderator of the event, *Third Party-Funding – Every Penny of It*, ICC YAAF, Warsaw, June 2026
- Organiser and moderator of the event, *The Great Beauty at Issue – Art and Arbitration*, ICC YAAF, Warsaw, May 2026
- Organiser and moderator of the event, *Arbitrating for Justice or Peace? Settlement Facilitation in International Arbitration*, ICC YAAF, Kraków, April 2026
- Speaker, *Careers in International Arbitration*, ArbCEE, Kraków, April 2026
- Co-organiser and moderator of the event, *Stories from Big Law, Boutiques & Independent Arbitration Practice*, ICC YAAF, Prague, April 2026
- Interviewer, *In Conversation with Fernando Mantilla-Serrano*, ICC YAAF, Madrid, April 2026
- Co-organiser and co-moderator of the event, *The Long and Winding Road to Arbitration? Multi-tiered Dispute Clauses*, ICC YAAF, Madrid, February 2026
- Organiser and moderator of the event, *In the Matter of You – Your Brand, Your Business, Your Community*, ICC YAAF, Warsaw, December 2025
- Speaker, *Safe Harbour in Turbulent Waters: Maritime Arbitration in a Transforming World*, AIJA Half-Year December Conference, Hamburg, December 2025
- Organiser and moderator of the event, *The Art of Oral Advocacy*, ICC YAAF, Warsaw, October 2025
- Co-organiser and moderator of the event, *From Finality to Fragility – The Setting Aside of Arbitral Awards*, ICC YAAF, Budapest, September 2025
- Organiser and moderator of the event, *Take the Witness (Lithuanian edition)*, ICC YAAF, Vilnius, September 2025
- Moderator, *All Eyes on Arbitrators*, ICC YAAF, Baltic Arbitration Days Young Arbitrators Forum, Riga, June 2025
- Interviewer, *In Conversation with Claudia Salomon*, ICC YAAF, Warsaw, May 2025
- Moderator, *Blockchain – The Opportunity to Reopen Old Fraud Cases*, Asset Recovery CEE, April 2025
- Moderator, *Blockchain and Crypto Disputes Decoded*, Warsaw Disputes Days, Warsaw, April 2025
- Organiser and moderator of the event, *Enforcement of Arbitral Awards – Keep Your Eyes on the Prize*, ICC YAAF, Warsaw, April 2025
- Organiser and moderator of the event, *Making Sense of Artificial Intelligence and Dispute Resolution at the Break of Dawn*, ICC YAAF, Warsaw, December 2024
- Moderator, *Becoming an arbitrator*, ICC YAAF, Jagiellonian University, Cracow, November 2024
- Co-lecturer, *ESG Disputes and Arbitration – Opportunities and Challenges*, workshop at the occasion of *2nd US-CEE Connection Weekend: US and EU Perspectives on*

ESG: Towards a sustainable world or a dangerous utopia?, organised by the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków and Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., Cracow, June 2024

- Speaker, *Decoding the ESG: Passing Buzzword or Future Frontier for Dispute Lawyers?*, at the occasion of the *2024 Dispute Resolution in M&A Transactions*, Warsaw, May 2024
- Co-lecturer, *The principles of arbitration proceedings*, webinar organised by Academy for Leaders in Innovation and Entrepreneurship Dr. Bogusław Feder Foundation, April 2024
- Co-lecturer, *Conclusion of contracts in international trade*, online event organized by Rzeczpospolita, January 2023
- Co-lecturer, *Green arbitration – on climate-related claims in arbitration proceedings*, workshop, Scientific Circle of Mediation, Negotiation and Arbitration at the University of Warsaw, December 2022

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS, MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Arbitrator rosters

- Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) Arbitrator List (Dubai)
- World Intellectual Property Organization Arbitration and Mediation Center (WIPO AMC) List of Arbitrators (Geneva)
- List of Arbitrators Recommended by Court of Arbitration Lewiatan (Warsaw)

Memberships

- Board Member of the Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe (ArbCEE)
- Representative for Europe and Central Asia (ICC YAAF)
- Member of the Arbitration Commission of the Polish National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Poland)
- Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law
- Member of the Polish Arbitration Association
- Member of the Club Español e Iberoamericano del Arbitraje (CEIA-40)
- Member of the Arbitration Commission of the International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)
- Member of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member of the Young Arbitration Forum under the auspices of the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce (AFM below 40)
- Member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Young ICCA)
- Member of the Young Institute for Transnational Arbitration (Young ITA)

Activities

- Arbitrator in moot arbitration competitions (The W.C. Vis Moot Int'l Comm. Arb. Moot in Vienna: 2016 – 2026; KAL Moot in Warsaw: 2020 – 2022; UW Moot in Warsaw: 2018 – 2019, 2026)

- Judge, mediation supervisor and participant (quarter-finalist) in the ICC Int'l Comm. Mediation Competition in Paris, 2014 – 2023
- Group Advisor in the Young ICCA Mentoring Programme, 2024 – 2025
- Mentee in the Mentoring Programs of Young ICCA and Young ITA, 2018 – 2020
- Member of the Jagiellonian University team for the 7th Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot, 2016
- Event team member in the IBA/VIAC Mediation and Negotiation Competition in Vienna, 2016