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Dr. Toms Krūmiņš is a Senior Associate at COBALT working in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group. He is a renowned arbitration expert in Latvia, specializing in International and European Law, particularly Private International Law and International Civil Procedure, Commercial and Investment Arbitration, as well as Human Rights Law and Constitutional Law. Toms has represented clients in numerous international (for example, ICC) and national arbitration proceedings, and successfully acted before the Constitutional Court of Latvia, the Supreme Court of Latvia, the Court of Justice of the European Union, as well as helped clients to succeed before the European Court of Human Rights.

Toms holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Copenhagen. His research focused on the dichotomy between arbitration and human rights, in particular the interplay between setting-aside proceedings and parties' procedural human rights under the European Convention on Human Rights.

Toms has authored or co-authored many publications, including a monograph 'Arbitration and Human Rights' (2020) published by Springer. He regularly speaks on topics related to arbitration, private international law and international civil procedure.

Areas of expertise

- Arbitration & Mediation
- Cross-Border Disputes and Enforcement
- Administrative & Constitutional Law
- Human Rights Law
- International & European Union Law
- Litigation
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- White Collar

Languages

- Latvian
- English

Memberships

- Latvian Bar Association
- Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe (ArbCEE)
- ICC Young Arbitration and ADR Forum (YAAF)

Education

- Ph.D. University of Copenhagen (2019)
- International Academy for Arbitration Law (scholarship recipient), Paris, France (2017)
- The Hague Academy of International Law: Private International Law Summer Course (2015)
- LL.M (*cum laude*) in International and Comparative Private Law, University of Groningen, Faculty of Law, Groningen, the Netherlands (2014)
- LL.B in European and International Law, Maastricht University, European Law School, Faculty of Law, Maastricht, the Netherlands (2013)



Work experience

- Senior Associate, attorney at law (*zvērināts advokāts*) at COBALT Latvia (2014–Present)
- Lecturer (Private International Law & Arbitration), Riga Graduate School of Law (2015–Present)
- Secretariat of the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union (2014–2015)

Publications

Monographs

- Krūmiņš T., Arbitration and Human Rights: Approaches to Excluding the Annulment of Arbitral Awards and Their Compatibility with the ECHR, Springer, 2020

Others

- Krūmiņš, T., Gusts, R., ANO Konvencijas par starptautiskajiem preču pirkuma-pārdevuma līgumiem mijiedarbība ar šķīrējtiesu [Interaction between the CISG and Arbitration], Jurista Vārds, No. 14 (1384), pp. 35–39, (2025)
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- Krūmiņš, T., Chapter on Latvia, in Clifford Chance Unilateral Option Clauses Survey, (2024)
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- Krūmiņš, T., *et al.*, Nepieciešamie uzlabojumi Latvijas šķīrējtiesu regulējumā [Necessary Improvements in Latvian Arbitration Law], Jurista Vārds, No. 20 (1286), pp. 7–13, (2023)
- Krūmiņš, T., Tipaine, M., Latvian Constitutional Court: Absence of a Mechanism for Setting Aside of Arbitral Awards Violates the Rights to a Fair Trial, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 22 March 2023, (2023)
- Krūmiņš, T., Vai Satversmes tiesai jābūt panacejai visām Latvijas šķīrējtiesu regulējuma kaitēm? [Does the Constitutional Court have to be a Panacea for all Deficiencies of Latvian Arbitration Law?], Jurista Vārds, 27 February 2023, (2023)
- Krūmiņš, T., Absence of the Set-Aside Action under Latvian Law: A Comparative and Historical Perspective, Arbitražas: teorija ir praktika (2021, VII)
- Krūmiņš T., Zukova G., Chapter on Latvia, in Austrian Yearbook of International Arbitration, (2021)
- Krūmiņš, T., Chapter on Latvia, in Clifford Chance Unilateral Option Clauses Survey, (2021)



- Krūmiņš, T., Pēc breksita: jurisdikcija, piemērojamās tiesības, spriedumu atzīšana un izpilde [Post Brexit: Jurisdiction, Applicable Law and Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments], *Jurista Vārds*, No. 3 (1165), (2021)
- Krūmiņš, T., Zīle K., Application of the EU Succession Regulation - A Lesson Still to be Learned, *Jurista Vārds*, No. 47 (1105), pp. 18–27, (2019)
- Krūmiņš, T., Application of the EU Succession Regulation in practice: The case of Latvia and beyond, 15(2) *Journal of Private International Law*, (2019)
- Krūmiņš, T., et al (co-authors), Chapter 17: Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Latvia, in *Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the EU Member States* (F. Petillion ed.), pp. 721–756 (Intersentia 2019)
- Krūmiņš T., Eiropas Savienības Tiesas spriedums Achmea lietā [Judgment of the CJEU in the Achmea case], *Jurista Vārds*, No. 11 (1017), (2018)
- Krūmiņš, T., Hāgas konvencija par tiesas izvēles līgumiem – vai nopietns sāncensis Nujorkas konvencijai? [The Hague Convention on the Choice of Court Agreements – a Serious Competitor to the New York Convention?], *Jurista Vārds*, No. 45 (999), (2017)
- Krūmiņš, T., Arbitration in Latvia: A Cautionary Tale?, 34(2) *Journal of International Arbitration*, pp. 303–331, (2017)
- Krūmiņš, T., Jurista Vizītkarte [Lawyer's Business Card (interview)] *Jurista Vārds*, No. 51 (954), p. 62, (2016)
- Krūmiņš, T., Eiropas Savienības Tiesas secinājumi Gazprom lietā [Ruling of the Court of Justice of the European Union in the Gazprom case], *Jurista Vārds*, No. 23 (875), pp. 10–15, (2015)
- Krūmiņš, T., Šķīrējtiesas izņēmums Briseles režīmā [Arbitration Exclusion in the Brussels Regime], *Jurista Vārds*, No. 39 (841), pp. 20–28, (2014)

Recent speaking engagements

- Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe "Enforcing Arbitration Agreements and Court Assistance to Arbitration in Central and Eastern Europe", 26.09.2025, Budapest, Hungary
- Copenhagen Arbitration Days – Lunch Seminar "Arbitration and Human Rights", 04.09.2025, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe "Court Assistance to Arbitration in the Central and Eastern Europe", Baltic Arbitration Days, 15.06.2025, Riga, Latvia
- Seminar: "Recent Trends on the Setting-aside and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in Latvia", 25.04.2025, Riga, Latvia
- European Banking Federation (EBF) – European Court of Justice: Access to requests for preliminary ruling for interested third parties, 17.10.2024, Brussels, Belgium
- Application of the Succession Regulation in Practice: Recent Trends, Lecture to 100+ Latvian judges, Latvian Judicial Training Centre, 11.10.2024, Riga, Latvia
- Vilnius University: "Arbitration in the Baltics: Distinctiveness vs. Global Conformity", 12.09.2024, Vilnius, Lithuania
- Seminar: "Arbitration Reform in Latvia", 14.08.2024, Riga, Latvia
- Seminar: "Annulment of Arbitral Awards and Other Improvements in Latvian Arbitration Law", 27.03.2024, Riga, Latvia
- LAMPA festival, Discussion "Is there a place for private property in independent Latvia?", 09.06.2024, Cēsis, Latvia



- Riga Graduate School of Law: "The Road to the Setting-Aside of Arbitral Awards in Latvia", 09.06.2023, Riga, Latvia
- University of Latvia, Conference "Assessment of the Effectiveness of Amendments to Regulatory Acts from the Point of View of the Latvian Bar Association", 21.03.2023, Riga, Latvia
- Seminar: "When a Handshake is not Enough – Purchase Transactions with a Foreign Partner", 11.05.2022, Riga, Latvia
- Seminar: "Frequently Asked Legal Questions regarding Russia's Invasion of Ukraine", 14.04.2022, Riga, Latvia
- Seminar: "Impact of the War in Ukraine on the Performance of Contracts", 30.03.2022, Riga, Latvia
- Seminar: "Investment Protection Disputes between an EU investor and an EU Member State", 25.05.2021, Riga, Latvia
- Multilateral and Bilateral State Treaties & the EU Succession Regulation, Lecture to 100+ Latvian judges, Latvian Judicial Training Centre, 15.05.2021, Riga, Latvia

Recent experience

- Represented one of the largest peat extraction and processing companies in Latvia in domestic arbitration proceedings relating to unjustified increase of lease payments
- Assisted with representation of Riga International Airport in ICSID Case No. ARB/16/38 [Staur Eiendom et. al. / Republic of Latvia] (claim value ca. EUR 44 million)
- Represented majority shareholders of a large food wholesaler in ICC arbitration (Paris) (claim value c. EUR 4 million) and subsequent enforcement proceedings in Latvian courts
- Assisted a client in attempts to refuse the enforcement of an ICSID award in the United States
- Represented a major renewable energy investor in arbitration before the Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in a case relating to alleged non-fulfilment of payment obligations under concluded share purchase agreement
- Represented one of the largest Lithuanian retailers in arbitration in Latvia in connection with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the obligation to pay lease
- Represented various Latvian environmental organisations before the Latvian Constitutional Court to secure a historical victory at the Constitutional Court, challenging a legal framework that allowed the cutting down of smaller-diameter trees in Latvian forests
- Represented a financial institution at the Latvian Constitutional Court challenging constitutionality of the provisions of Latvian law that failed to provide ordinary jurisdiction courts with the right to set aside (annul) arbitral awards. Following the Constitutional Court's judgment, Dr. Toms Krūmiņš was part of the Ministry of Justice Working Group drafting amendments to the Latvian arbitration law
- Represented a leading Latvian packaging manufacturer in arbitration proceedings before the Vietnam International Arbitration Centre
- Represented a Latvian resident before the Latvian Supreme Court, securing non-enforcement of a Russian court judgment in Latvia
- Represented several biogas power plants before the Latvian Constitutional Court in a case concerning specific requirements for the efficient use of thermal energy under mandatory procurement
- Represented a client before the European Court of Human Rights in a case regarding arbitrary eviction pending legal dispute over an apartment



- Represented a client – an Italian citizen who lives in Latvia – before the Grand Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Union in relation to accessibility of state financed medical care to an economically inactive national of a Member State residing legally in the territory of another Member State
- Represented various Local Authorities of the United Kingdom in matters relating to the application in Latvia of the 1996 Hague Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children

Miscellaneous

- Member of the Working Group on the Latvian Arbitration Law (under the auspices of the Ministry of Justice) (2023-Present)
- Member for Latvia of the Europe Committee of the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations
- Member of the Advisory Board for the LLM International Commercial Law at the University of Groningen, Faculty of Law, the Netherlands