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Anna is an arbitrator, adjudicator and barrister at Bankside Chambers (in Auckland and Singapore). She has extensive experience in international commercial and investment arbitration and is one of New Zealand's leading international arbitration practitioners.

Anna has been involved in over 30 international arbitrations, including acting as Tribunal Secretary/Assistant in several high profile, high value arbitrations (as indicated below). Anna's arbitration experience spans multiple jurisdictions and arbitral institutions. She has significant experience in arbitrations under the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, UNCITRAL and ICSID arbitration rules. She is also a fellow of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand (AMINZ) and of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London).

Anna is admitted in New Zealand and England and Wales. She holds dual nationality in both jurisdictions.

Prior to joining Bankside Chambers as a barrister, Anna worked with Sir David Williams KNZM, QC at Bankside Chambers. She also spent a number of years at Herbert Smith LLP in London, working in the International Arbitration team.

Anna has a PhD from the University of Cambridge in public international law, where she was a Tapp scholar at Gonville & Caius College. She has written extensively on international arbitration and is a contributing author to *Williams & Kawharu on Arbitration* (first and second editions). She has also contributed chapters/articles to a number of books and publications. Anna co-lectures a Masters level paper at the University of Auckland in international arbitration.

Representative Experience:

- An ICC arbitration between two States regarding an oil pipeline, worth over US\$30 billion (Tribunal Secretary);
- Various ICC arbitrations involving oil and gas, distribution agreements, procurement and telecommunications (both as Counsel and Tribunal Secretary);
- Various LCIA arbitrations involving joint ventures, breach of contract and international trade;

- Various UNCITRAL arbitrations, including acting as Tribunal Secretary in two arbitrations arising out of the export of coal;
- Regularly appointed as an adjudicator by the Building Disputes Tribunal under the Construction Contracts Act (NZ);
- Acting as sole arbitrator, including in a domestic dispute concerning liabilities arising under a lease agreement.