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## Educational and Professional Qualifications

### EDUCATION

Anja holds both a BA and an MA in Modern and Mediaeval Languages from Cambridge University as well as an MA in European Business Studies from Cranfield University. After obtaining a further degree in Law at the University of Law in London, Anja completed her training contract with Magic Circle firm HoganLovells and duly qualified as a UK Solicitor with admittance to the Law Society of England and Wales.

As well as being a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Asian Institute of ADR, Anja is a full member of both the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners as well as of the Chartered Institute of Linguists. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the ICC UAE Commission on Arbitration and ADR. Anja recently completed the STEP Certificate in Foundations.

### QUALIFICATIONS

#### Degrees

Postgraduate Degree in Law (LPC) from the University of Law in London  
 Degree in Law (CPL) from the University of Law in London  
 Bachelor and Master of Arts (BA & MA) in Modern and Mediaeval Languages from Cambridge University  
 Master of Arts (MA) in European Business Management from Cranfield University

#### Diplomas and Courses

STEP Certificate in Foundations  
 Diploma in Financial Strategy from the Open University  
 Negotiation Dynamics INSEAD

## Professional Experience

Anja has an excellent academic track record and holds both legal and business graduate qualifications. She developed a strong business management background as European Business Development Manager with Blockbuster Inc prior to joining the legal profession.

After qualifying as a UK solicitor and practising in the Corporate/Commercial group at the Magic Circle City of London firm HoganLovells in London and Paris for nearly a decade specialising in M&A and listings, Anja moved to join Al Tamimi in Dubai's International Financial Centre (DIFC) where she set up the respected Family Business Practice specialising in corporate structures, governance, and succession planning.

Anja moved in-house in 2009 as Group and Family General Counsel for the Lootah Group (a regional family business conglomerate). In this role, Anja managed all contentious and non-contentious legal affairs for the many companies and businesses comprising the Group ranging from banking, construction, property, real estate, insurance through to retail and structured the family's private wealth. Accordingly, Anja is also familiar with Shari'a business requirements and disputes.

From 2009 onwards Anja also gained experience as an international independent arbitrator and party representative specialising in corporate, commercial, agency, property, real estate and construction disputes.

Anja founded Bolz Arbitration in 2020 as an independent specialised arbitration practice. Accordingly, Anja has broad practical experience of all aspects of corporate, commercial litigation, construction, property, real estate and family business legal issues and combines this with a commercial, practical approach to dispute resolution.

## Arbitration Experience

### *Selective Experience as Arbitrator*

- ❖ Party nominated and ICC appointed in an ongoing large international construction arbitration under ICC Rules and Belgian law involving jurisdictional challenges and questions of international law.
- ❖ Party nominated and ADCCAD appointed in an ongoing construction arbitration involving a state-owned UAE entity focussing on performance guarantees.
- ❖ Jointly nominated as Chairperson by the Co-arbitrators in a regional construction dispute between the Employer and Main Contractor in relation to a prestigious development in Dubai, UAE. The dispute involved evidence by both quantum and delay experts as well as a lengthy discovery and hearing process. The Tribunal considered questions of capacity and forum under UAE law as preliminary matters.
- ❖ Jointly nominated as Chairperson by the Co-arbitrators in an international construction dispute between a Claimant incorporated in the UAE and a Qatari contractual joint venture in relation to a large Government infrastructure project in the State of Qatar. The dispute involved questions of defective works, variations, delay and quantum under the laws of the State of Qatar. The proceedings were seated in Dubai under DIAC rules. The Tribunal considered questions of jurisdiction, capacity, legality both under Qatari and UAE law.
- ❖ Acted as Co-Arbitrator in a DIFC-LCIA case seated in Dubai, between two Claimants and a leading UAE property developer involving completion issues, force majeure, misrepresentation and handover delays. The Tribunal considered jurisdictional objections relating to public policy under UAE law.

- ❖ Sat as Chairperson in a dispute between an Abu Dhabi and a Dubai branch of two UAE incorporated entities relating to variation orders under the terms of a high value consultancy service agreement which involved consideration of back-to-back and pay-when-paid clauses under the Civil Code and the contract. The Tribunal considered several jurisdictional objections and a challenge. UAE law applied.
- ❖ Acted as Co-Arbitrator in a high-value ADCCAC regulated dispute focussing on retentions provisions and performance guarantees requiring expert evidence both for delay and quantum issues.
- ❖ Acted as Co-Arbitrator in dispute between a UAE contractor and sub-contractor centred on two AED 20m advance and performance guarantees under UAE law with proceedings seated in Dubai under DIAC rules.
- ❖ Presided as Sole Arbitrator in a case brought by the Main Contractor against the Developer of a luxury tourist destination in Dubai under a contract valued in excess of AED 32,000,000 which considered initial questions of capacity and authority under UAE law. The dispute between the Parties raised technical questions relating to the DLP, completion milestones, effective handover, and retention guarantees.
- ❖ Acted as Sole Arbitrator in commercial case in the UAE involving the supply and delivery of commodities to several fast-food concession outlets in a leading tourism destination. Experts were retained by both parties and a large volume of evidence considered with the Final Award nevertheless being issued within six months of the Request for Arbitration.
- ❖ Presided as Co-Arbitrator in a case brought by a Kazakhstani Claimant against a key UAE developer as Respondent in respect of handover and master community delays in a freezone communities in the UAE which considered questions of escrow, force majeure, delay, completion dates and public policy under the Civil Code. UAE Law applied.
- ❖ Sat as Sole Arbitrator in a complex property dispute under DIAC Rules seated in Dubai involving questions of Strata Law and the rights of residents and a non-registered owners' association brought against a UAE registered Respondent.

#### ***Selective Experience as Party Representative/Counsel***

- ❖ Acted for a leading regional developer in ten parallel disputes focussing on the rights and obligations of parties to 'musataha' leases in an offshore development. The dispute raised questions in relation to the rights of owners in the absence of a formal owners' association and the question of service charges and the jurisdiction of RERA in relation thereto was considered. UAE law applied and the disputes were brought under DIAC rules with a Dubai seat.
- ❖ Represented an insurance company in a software dispute for breach of contract, misrepresentation and negligence which was settled through the escalation provisions of the arbitration agreement prior to a formal DIFC-LCIA arbitration request being made.

#### **Specialisation**

(Indicate five areas of specialisation)

- ❖ 1. Commercial Law (Commercial Contracts; Agency; Franchising; Distribution)
- ❖ 2. Corporate Law: (Shareholder Disputes, Company Formation, Governance, Shareholder and Minority Shareholder Rights; Corporate Finance; Mergers and Acquisitions; Shareholder Agreements; Shareholder Litigation; Corporate Restructuring)

- ❖ 3. Real Estate Law: (Private and Commercial Property Sale and Purchase, Real Estate Financing; Leasehold and Landlord Tenant Disputes; Real Estate Litigation; Owners' Association Disputes; Real Estate Brokerage and Agency Law)
- ❖ 4. Construction Law: (Construction Contracts; Construction Claims and Disputes; Construction Liens; Construction Bonds and Guarantees; Construction Defects and Warranty Claims)
- ❖ 5. Family Business Law: (Succession Disputes; Family Constitution Disputes including Ownership and Control; Shareholder Agreements; Employment and Compensation; Asset Disputes; Family Share Buy Sell Agreement Disputes; Philanthropy)

### Current Position

Founder of Bolz Arbitration and Independent Chartered Arbitrator

### Publications

#### Publications

Oxford University Press 'Trusts and Trustees' (ISSN 1363-1780) '*Waqfs and Trusts: a Comparative Study*'

### Professional Memberships

#### Professional Organisations

- ❖ Admitted as a Chartered Arbitrator (C.Arb)
- ❖ Admitted as a Chartered Marketer by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (DipM)
- ❖ Admitted to the Law Society of the UK to practice as a Solicitor
- ❖ Admitted to the Chartered Institute of Linguists as a Translator (DipL)
- ❖ Admitted to Full Membership of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (TEP)

#### Arbitration Institutions

- ❖ Member of the Steering Committee of the ICC UAE Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- ❖ Panel Arbitrator at the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
- ❖ Panel Arbitrator at the International Chamber of Commerce UAE (ICC)
- ❖ Panel Arbitrator at the Abu Dhabi ADGM Arbitration Centre (ADGMAC)
- ❖ Panel Arbitrator at the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- ❖ Panel Arbitrator at the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR)
- ❖ Panel Arbitrator at the Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA)

- ❖ Panel Arbitrator at the Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration Centre (ADCCAC)
- ❖ List Arbitrator with the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)

### **Languages**

(Indicate level of proficiency)

- ❖ English Fluent
- ❖ German Fluent
- ❖ Dutch Fluent
- ❖ Spanish Proficient
- ❖ Dutch Proficient
- ❖ Portuguese Basic
- ❖ Arabic Beginner with Basic Reading Proficiency