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Education

Legal Practice Course, BPP University, 2002

Post Graduate Diploma In Law, BPP Law School, 2001

B.A., University College London, 2000 (Honors)

Bar Admissions

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Kate Jackson-McGill KC is head of Skadden's Europe International Litigation and Arbitration Group. Her practice focuses on complex, cross-border litigation and commercial and investment treaty arbitration (ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, SIAC, LMAA, ICSID, PCA), with extensive experience in arbitrations seated in and under the governing laws of both common and civil law jurisdictions, as well as public international law. She also regularly acts for clients before the English court and in offshore litigation.

Ms. Jackson-McGill represents clients at all stages of international and cross-border disputes. She has particular experience in solving complex, multijurisdictional and multifaceted disputes where all stages of litigation and/or arbitration (from interim relief to trial and final award/judgment) are just one of a number of tools deployed to achieve her client's objectives. Her experience spans sectors, including crypto, technology, energy, telecommunications, mining, pharmaceutical, automotive and construction. She also sits as arbitrator on single- and three-member tribunals.

Ms. Jackson-McGill recently served as secretary to the International Bar Association's Arbitration Committee and on the ICC Task Force considering dispute resolution in the context of climate change and the Paris Agreement, and is a former member of the ICC U.K. Appointments Committee. She also sits on the Executive Committee of the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy and was co-chair of the 2022 Institute for Transnational Arbitration Workshop. She is a former YIAG (LCIA) co-chair.

In recognition of her work, Ms. Jackson-McGill was named Woman Litigator of the Year at *Benchmark Litigation's* 2025 Europe Awards. She was also honored as *Best Lawyers' 2024* London International Arbitration Lawyer of the Year. She has been repeatedly recognized by *Chambers Global* and *Chambers UK*, in which clients have described her as "absolutely phenomenal" and "a comprehensive lawyer" who "gets every aspect of the case." She also has been named a Global Leader in *Lexology Index* (formerly *Who's Who Legal*) *Arbitration*, recognized in *The Legal 500* for International Arbitration and Public International Law and ranked in *The Legal 500's* U.K. Private Practice Arbitration Powerlist and U.K. International Arbitration Powerlist. Additionally, she has been named one of *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Global Litigators.

Since joining Skadden, Ms Jackson-McGill has represented:

- a multinational oil and gas corporation in an ICC arbitration concerning the client's preferential rights under a joint operating agreement to develop an offshore oil prospect in South America
- an international energy company and its trading arm in securing the settlement of an LCIA arbitration with an Indian natural gas company two weeks before the scheduled hearing of contract claims brought in relation to an LNG sale and purchase agreement
- an international natural gas exploration and production company in a London-seated LCIA arbitration concerning a post-M&A dispute following the unsuccessful completion of a \$945 million transaction, successfully resisting urgent interim relief sought at the outset of the arbitration
- a British Virgin Islands company in an ICC arbitration and related English High Court anti-suit injunction proceedings concerning a dispute between the shareholders of a major African telecommunications company

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- a Salvadoran company and a British Virgin Islands company in a multijurisdictional dispute over a bitcoin mining joint venture
 - a Salvadoran company in a potential ICC arbitration and offshore litigation over disputed consultancy fees
 - a cryptocurrency exchange in connection with a Singapore-seated, SIAC arbitration regarding the disputed acquisition of an India-based cryptocurrency exchange
 - a multinational conglomerate and UHNW family office in a multijurisdictional shareholder dispute involving a worldwide freezing injunction, offshore litigation, LCIA arbitration and M&A transaction
 - an international mining company in a dispute over its licensing rights in a gold mine in a West African jurisdiction
 - a mining company in a dispute relating to its mining rights in a West African jurisdiction

Prior to joining Skadden, Ms. Jackson-McGill represented:

- a major mobile telecommunications operator in a long-running joint venture dispute with its minority shareholder in an African jurisdiction relating to ownership of a disputed interest in the company as well as the group's transfer pricing practices
- a global data and information technology company in relation to a FRAND dispute (ICC rules, English law, English seat) arising out of a license for the use of standard essential patents
- a PE fund in relation to a €2 billion post-M&A dispute arising out of the sale of a multinational pharmaceutical business
- an oil and gas company in a series of disputes under different contracts with different entities all arising out of the delayed delivery of infrastructure for an exploration and production project due to the impact of COVID-19
- a major offshore drilling and engineering contractor in a multifaceted dispute with a supplier of components for oil rigs, subject to LCIA arbitration proceedings (also including parallel proceedings and a successful application for an anti-suit injunction in the English High Court)
- a global oil and gas exploration and production company in a series of multibillion-dollar ICC arbitrations arising from the onshore works at one of the world's largest LNG projects
- a European state as respondent in Paris-seated ICC arbitration proceedings brought by a major bank against the client and two financial institutions. The claim arose under a consortium agreement following the takeover of a major European financial institution in the wake of the 2008 global financial crisis. The

tribunal dismissed the claimant's claims in their entirety. Most unusually, the client was awarded 100% of its costs. Ms. Jackson-McGill carried out the advocacy at the jurisdictional and final merits hearings in this case

- International Finance Corporation and OPEC Fund for International Development in a successful LCIA arbitration arising from the cancellation of loans for a project in Ghana
- a litigation funder in London-seated LCIA arbitration proceedings against three Spanish entities, in relation to a funding agreement allowing the Spanish entities to bring an ICSID claim against a South American state and secure a multimillion-dollar award
- one of the world's leading waste management companies in four disputes arising under EPC contracts, extensions of time and additional sums sought under the agreements, including a £120 million dispute relating to a facility in the U.K., which is subject to adjudication over certain defects
- a major international shipbuilding concern in multiple disputes arising out of the construction of one of the world's largest, and most expensive, super yachts
- a Brazil-based manufacturing company in a Paris-seated ICC arbitration relating to a suite of share sale, technology transfer and distribution agreements (with related litigation in France, Brazil and the U.S.)
- a Europe-based telecommunications company in a long-running ICC arbitration with a France-based corporation arising out of a joint venture located in Eastern Europe, with several billion euros in dispute

Public International Law Cases

- The Islamic Republic of Pakistan in:
 - an ICSID investment treaty arbitration relating to the Reko Diq copper and gold mining project, brought by the Australia-based company Tethyan Copper Company (TCC), a joint venture between Barrick Gold and Antofagasta
 - an investment treaty claim, brought by a Turkey-based company, arising from Pakistan's power rental programme (in excess of \$2 billion in damages claimed). The claim settled without any payment by Pakistan
 - an ICC commercial arbitration
- The Sudan People's Liberation Movement (of southern Sudan) in its dispute with the Government of Sudan at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague, regarding the delimitation of the Abyei region of central Sudan