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## PRACTICE AND EXPERIENCE

Helen practises in the Dispute Resolution group of Hannes Snellman's Helsinki office, focusing mainly on commercial arbitration and litigation. Her experience involves disputes relating to e.g. engineering, international trade, product liability and product safety, as well as general contract law and regulatory issues. She has experience of arbitrations conducted under the rules of various institutes, such as the SCC, ICC, SIAC, FAI and the Swiss Rules.

Helen has completed a secondment at the Finland Arbitration Institute (FAI) and trained on the bench of the District Court of Ostrobothnia. She has also lectured on both arbitration and civil litigation, and is currently the chair of the board of the Young Arbitration Club Finland (YACF).

## RECENT REFERENCES

- > Represented an international manufacturer against a Nordic company in a multibillion SEK dispute arbitrated in Stockholm under the SCC Rules and Swedish applicable law
- > Represented a Finnish listed company against one of the largest Danish corporations in a high-value engineering dispute mediated and arbitrated in Copenhagen under the DIA Rules and Danish applicable law
- > Represented a NASDAQ-listed U.S. corporation in a large-scale product liability case against Finnish companies and authorities
- > Represented clients in several interim measures proceedings aimed at freezing the counterparties' receivables from Finnish banks, based on first demand guarantees issued by said banks
- > Represented a Finnish supplier against an Asian buyer in a dispute arbitrated under the SIAC Rules and the laws of Singapore

## MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS OF TRUST

- > Chair of the board of Young Arbitration Club Finland (YACF)
- > Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- > Member of the Finnish Bar Association
- > Member of the Association of Finnish Lawyers
- > Member of Young ICCA
- > Member of the Finnish Arbitration Association

- > Member of AIJA – the International Association of Young Lawyers
- > Member of ICC YAF
- > Member of SWAN – Swedish Women in Arbitration Network

## PUBLICATIONS

- > Getting the Deal Through: Arbitration, Finland Chapter together with Järvinen, Tamminen and Tyynysniemi, 2019
- > Hannes Snellman Blog | Suomi tarvitsee UNCITRALin mallilain, 2018
- > Hannes Snellman Blog | Two Current Trends in Dispute Resolution, 2018

## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- > Senior Associate, Hannes Snellman, 2015
- > Trained on the Bench, District Court of Pohjanmaa, 2015
- > Secondment, The Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce, 2013
- > Associate Lawyer, Hannes Snellman, 2011
- > Master of Laws, University of Turku, 2011
- > Associate Trainee, Hannes Snellman, 2011
- > Diploma in Innovation and Communications Law, University of Turku, 2010
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