



Courtney Lotfi amassed nearly 20 years of experience in “Big Law” before launching her solo practice as arbitrator, counsel and consultant in 2025.

A US trained and qualified attorney, Ms. Lotfi has developed a diverse international disputes practice which spans energy, construction, industrial engineering, life sciences, automotive, aviation, and technology sectors. She also has significant experience in corporate matters, handling post-M&A, shareholder, and joint venture disputes.

Ms. Lotfi’s arbitration career began at Freshfields in Vienna, where she successfully represented a European energy company in a series of groundbreaking arbitrations, including a market-leading price review that led to the rewriting of a purchase price formula to include hub indexation in a long-term natural gas supply contract (novel at the time), as well as a contentious take-or-pay dispute involving the legality of certain provisions under EU competition law. As a young practitioner, Ms. Lotfi also acted as secretary to the sole arbitrator in the first case where the Swiss Federal Supreme Court held that English-language awards need not be translated in order to be enforced.

In more recent years, Ms. Lotfi represented contractors in arbitrations related to the construction of LNG re-gasification plants, data centers and blast furnaces, and advised on post-M&A disputes in the energy and engineering sectors. She has also acted on joint venture disputes regarding company management and accounting, and provided counsel on issues related to Russian sanctions and counter-sanctions.

She acts as sole, co- and presiding arbitrator in commercial arbitrations.

Ms. Lotfi’s scholarship extends to publishing and lecturing. She is an editor and contributing author to “International Arbitration in Practice,” a 2025 publication emphasizing the practice of international arbitration from the perspective of counsel, arbitrators, and institutions. She teaches courses Humboldt University of Berlin (Summers) and the University of Bonn (Winter Semesters).

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