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Brenda is Head of International Arbitration in Australia, and has experience of arbitration across the world.

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BACKGROUND

Brenda holds a Bachelor of Arts (with honours) degree from Grinnell College, and received her Juris Doctor degree (with honours) from Columbia University School of Law in New York.

MARKET RECOGNITION

Brenda is consistently ranked in Chambers and in Global Arbitration Review's Who's Who: Legal as a leading arbitration practitioner.

"Enjoys a "strong international reputation" as a "sophisticated practitioner" in the arbitration space' - Chambers Asia Pacific 2020

KEY SERVICES

International Arbitration
Dispute Resolution

KEY SECTORS

Consumer
Energy

EXPERIENCE

Brenda specialises in international arbitration, with a particular focus on disputes involving emerging markets, and has worked from the US, Paris, Moscow, Shanghai and now Sydney.

She works with clients on complex international commercial and investment treaty arbitration matters at both the arbitration and enforcement stages, acts as counsel in matters conducted under a wide variety of arbitration rules, and also sits as an arbitrator.

Her background as a transactional lawyer provides valuable insight for clients into the underlying commercial and contractual aspects of the disputes on which she advises.

Brenda serves as President of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA), is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), and served for several years as Global Adjunct Professor of Law at New York University Law School (Shanghai campus).

She is fluent in English, French and Russian, and speaks elementary Mandarin.

Brenda's experience includes advising:

- an Australian client in pre-arbitration negotiations in relation to a dispute with a European counterparty and potential arbitration under the ICC Rules
- a Middle Eastern client in an arbitration under the JCAA Rules brought by its Asian counterparty in connection with a dispute under a long-term contract
- an Asian subsidiary of a multinational company in an arbitration under the SIAC Rules brought by its Chinese and Korean counterparties in connection with a dispute over a resource contract in the manufacturing sector, and in related proceedings in the Singapore courts
- an Asian entity in an arbitration under the ICC Rules against its Central Asian counterparty in connection with a dispute over a turnkey project in the telecommunications industry, and in related proceedings in the Chinese courts relating to the project and in Singapore with respect to an application for set-aside
- a Chinese subsidiary of a multinational company in a commercial arbitration under the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Rules against a Chinese entity, relating to a dispute in the natural resource sector

- a Chinese client in a commercial arbitration under the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) Rules, brought by a North American venture capital firm in connection with a disputed investment
- a Chinese client in a commercial arbitration under the HKIAC Rules against a North American entity, relating to a joint venture dispute in the textile industry
- a European client in a commercial arbitration under the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) Rules against a Chinese entity, relating to a technology licence agreement in the transport sector
- a Chinese subsidiary of a Hong Kong listed company in a commercial arbitration under the HKIAC Rules against a European entity, relating to a dispute arising under an equipment supply contract in the green energy sector