



## **Sophie Lamb** **Partner**

Sophie Lamb is a partner in the International Dispute Resolution Group at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP in London, and co-chair of the firm's Energy Disputes Group. Her practice focuses on commercial arbitration, investment treaty arbitration and public international law, where she represents both private and sovereign clients. She is an acknowledged leader in each of these fields.

Ms. Lamb is also an accomplished advocate, often retained for complex litigation in the English and overseas courts, including in business and human rights cases. She has full rights of audience in the superior English courts and has appeared as advocate at every level, including the UK Supreme Court.

### **Investor-State Arbitration and Public International Law**

Ms. Lamb has counselled investors and sovereigns in numerous investment disputes arising in Europe/CIS, North America, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. These complex and sensitive disputes, often concerning assets valued in the multiple \$billions, arise at the intersection of international law, commercial law, public law, constitutional law, criminal law, tax law, environmental law and human rights law.

Ms. Lamb has handled disputes involving investment agreements, production sharing or concession agreements, taxation treaties and fiscal stability agreements, national investment laws and mining codes, bilateral investment treaties and multilateral treaties including the NAFTA and the

Energy Charter Treaty. She acts as counsel for investors and for states in arbitrations under the ICSID Convention, including the ICSID Additional Facility, and in Uncitral arbitrations administered by the Permanent Court of Arbitration. Ms. Lamb has also been counsel and sat as arbitrator in inter-state arbitrations, including those concerning access to essential resources or energy supply or transit issues.

### **Commercial Arbitration**

Ms. Lamb has acted as adviser and/or advocate in more than 100 international commercial arbitrations in proceedings involving long term supply relationships, tax stabilisation clauses, price re-openers, LNG supply contracts, gas pipeline and consortium issues, cost recovery disputes, take or pay obligations, hardship/fairness clauses, M&A including earn-out disputes, JOA, JSBA, joint venture disputes, shareholder agreements, pre-emption rights, share purchase agreements, warranty/indemnity claims and technology licensing rights, among many others.

Ms. Lamb is an officer of the IBA Oil & Gas Committee, the UK alternate member on the ICC International Court of Arbitration, a member of the SIAC users council and an International Board Member of the Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce.

Ms Lamb has been ranked as a leading individual in international arbitration in each of *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Europe* and *Chambers UK* for many years. She is also recognised as a leading public international law practitioner in *Chambers UK* and *Legal 500 UK*, which also ranks her for international arbitration and for her energy and natural resources expertise.

- *Chambers UK* (2016) – “attracts mandates from around the globe thanks to her ‘polished’ and ‘persuasive manner’”, “brings her extensive commercial arbitration expertise to the PIL market, representing major companies on high-value investment treaty arbitrations.”
- *Legal 500 UK* (2015) – “fights for her clients.”
- *Chambers Europe* (2014) – “an exceptional lawyer, highly dedicated and completely committed to her work.”

Ms. Lamb has spoken at conferences and roundtables on evolving treaty practice, boundary disputes impacting oil and gas exploration, inter-state disputes, the treatment of environmental claims in arbitration, ethics and transparency in arbitration, strategic objectives behind preliminary measures in arbitration, the evolution of customary international law and the contribution of arbitration to the rule of law. Recent publications include “The future of investor-state dispute settlement in the energy sector: engaging with climate change, human rights and the rule of law,” *The Journal of World Energy Law & Business* (March, 2015).