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Sylvia is a partner in the international arbitration group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, based in London, having previously worked in Paris and New York. She has represented corporations and states in numerous commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, including under the rules of ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, LCIA and AAA. Her practice currently focuses on investor-state disputes in the energy, natural resources and telecoms sectors in emerging markets. Sylvia represented BG Group, National Grid, Total and CMS in their treaty arbitrations against the Government of Argentina arising from its 2002 economic emergency measures, leading to four favourable awards against Argentina. She also recently secured a favourable ICSID award for Vestey Group in a treaty arbitration against the Government of Venezuela. Sylvia currently represents Anglo American in a further treaty arbitration against the Government of Venezuela, Deutsche Telekom in its treaty arbitration against the Government of India and Tullow Group in its ICSID arbitration against the Government of Uganda. She also advises clients on commercial disputes and public international law issues, including sanctions.

Sylvia is a member of the Board of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Arbitration Committee of the ICC UK (Selections Subcommittee), and the Founder and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge.

Sylvia has spoken and published widely in the field of arbitration. She is ranked in Legal 500, Chambers and LATIN LAWYER 250. Sylvia was selected as one of the 45 leading figures of the international arbitration bar under the age of 45 (“GAR 45 under 45”) and featured in The Lawyer’s “Hot 100” lawyers in 2011.

Sylvia holds a first class law degree from Cambridge University where she was awarded the Clive Parry Scholarship for Public International Law. She is fluent in Spanish and also speaks French.