

Ex-Quinn Emanuel lawyer launches London practice

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Hanna Roos

Hanna Roos has left her role as of counsel at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan to launch an independent practice in London.

Roos left Quinn Emanuel in London in June after nearly three years to launch Hanna Roos Dispute Resolution.

At her new practice, she acts as counsel in commercial and investment treaty arbitration, including as co-counsel with WilmerHale's **Gary Born** and **Sarah Ganz** on a multimillion-dollar ICC case.

Born says: "Hanna is one of Europe's rising international arbitration stars, with enormous talent, experience and energy".

Roos will also sit as arbitrator and advise on litigation, with a focus on energy, pharmaceuticals and biotech, technology and financial disputes.

She says practising independently will offer client and team leadership opportunities, flexibility to work with the best co-counsel suited to particular cases, and the ability to innovate including on fee-models.

Roos says she is "indebted to the fabulous women in arbitration who have inspired me to pursue my vision with courage over the years," including **Monica Carss-Frisk QC** of Blackstone Chambers, **Philippa Charles** of Stewarts Law, **Jane Davies Evans**

of 3 Verulam Buildings, UK arbitrator **Lucy Greenwood** and LCIA director general **Jacomijn van Haersolte-van Hof**.

A Finnish national, Roos is a solicitor-advocate in England and Wales and also qualified in Ireland.

She spent six years at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and five years at Latham & Watkins, where she was promoted to senior associate before joining Quinn Emanuel as of counsel in 2018.

Her ICSID experience includes acting for Dubai investment company Rasie FZE in a US\$300 million claim against Armenia over an expropriated rail and road project; and Belgrade-based Serbia Broadband on a [claim](#) against Serbia over alleged harassment by state authorities.

While at Latham, Roos acted in a number of high-value gas pricing disputes under ICC rules, and pharmaceutical disputes including an investigation into wrongful conduct of employees and doctors running a compromised multi-drug clinical trial. She also acted for a French insurer in [an ICC claim](#) against the Bank of Cyprus.

Latham partner **Philip Clifford QC** says "Hanna's drive and determination is sure to serve her well in her exciting new venture."

At Freshfields, Roos represented Kenya as it assisted the Mau Mau population in their High Court claim against the UK for alleged torture during Kenya's fight for independence, resulting in a £20 million settlement.

She worked principally with former Freshfields partner **Constantine Partasides QC**, now of Three Crowns, who says: "More than just a talented and dedicated client lawyer, Hanna has had chutzpah since the beginning of her career. She deserves congratulations for her new endeavour, and I am one of many in our community that will be wishing her great success."

Roos has contributed to the ICCA-CPR-New York City Bar working group that released a draft cybersecurity protocol for international arbitration for consultation. The protocol was awarded the 2018 GAR "best development" award.

She is also the author of a [diversity checklist](#) designed to make arbitration more inclusive. At Latham, she co-founded the global Parent Lawyers Group to ensure that fathers and mothers can progress in the law. Roos thanks her husband for being "my greatest champion and holding the fort of two little boys and a puppy" so that she can focus on her arbitration practice.

John Ellison at FTI Consulting says he has worked with Roos in two large international arbitrations and that she is "an exceptionally able and hard-working lawyer, fantastically good at drafting, who is also pleasant to work with. A total star – the best of her generation."

Roos is an external professor at the Mario Negri Institute in Lombardy, Italy, where she lectures for a master's programme in clinical pharmacology run jointly with the University of Milan and Novartis.

She has a degree in PPE from Oxford and and a law degree from Cambridge University.

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