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Ema Vidak Friedman is an independent arbitrator and counsel based in New York, specializing in international arbitration and public international law. Before founding her independent practice, Ema practiced in leading international law firms including King & Spalding (London and New York), Baker McKenzie (Vienna), and Omnia Strategy under Cherie Blair QC (London). Ema has a mixed civil/common law background. She holds a law degree with honors from Harvard Law School and is triple-qualified in New York, England & Wales, and Croatia. Throughout her career, Ema represented clients in around 50 commercial and investment arbitrations under all major arbitral rules, including ICC, LCIA, SCC, AAA, HKIAC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, and SAS HGK. Ema has sat as arbitrator in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations. She is appointed to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and on rosters/databases of all major arbitral institutions. She is recognized by WWL Arbitration (2019-2023) as "*a true star*", "*an extremely bright and sharp mind*", and "*a role model for the new generation of arbitrators and one to watch*". Ema is committed to thought leadership in her professional field. She teaches a course on 'Strategy and Advocacy in International Arbitration' at McGill University alongside Prof. A. Bjorklund and frequently publishes and gives talks on international disputes topics. She is the founder of Mute Off Thursdays — a virtual forum for senior women in arbitration, which won the GAR ERA Pledge Award 2021 for the best diversity initiative of the year. Ema is also a member of the VIAC Advisory Board and Tech Committee, LCIA Users' Council, CPR Y-ADR Steering Committee, ICC Working Group for Low Value Disputes and IBA Arbitration Committee. See more at: <http://www.vidakarbitration.com>