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### Areas of Work:

Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution,  
Dispute Resolution, Corporate & Commercial,  
M&A

Foreign languages: English, Croatian, Serbian

Katarina Kresal is a distinguished attorney specializing in corporate and commercial law with an emphasis on mergers & acquisitions and international transactions. As Managing Partner of Law Firm Senica & Partners, she combines transactional experience with deep knowledge of corporate structures gained as a general legal counsel and member of the senior management team in an international corporation.

She is also an internationally renowned authority in alternative dispute resolution; she founded and serves as President of the European Centre for Dispute Resolution (ECDR), through which she has developed national and regional mediation programmes and established Slovenia's permanent sports arbitration tribunal.

Her arbitration credentials are significant. The International Council of Arbitration for Sport appointed her as an arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in 2021, she chairs the Slovenian permanent sports arbitration body, and has been the Slovenian member of the Mediterranean Women Mediators Network since 2017.

Beyond her legal and ADR work, Ms Kresal's public-sector experience adds a valuable dimension to her practice. She served as Slovenia's Minister of the Interior, chaired the parliamentary party, vice-chaired Liberal International and served as the member of the National Assembly. This experience, together with her experiences on supervisory boards and her leadership roles within Andersen Global's European Board and Global Management Committee, gives her a nuanced understanding of governance, regulation and international cooperation.

A committed educator and advocate, Ms Kresal has designed mediation training programmes for government agencies, advised on ADR frameworks across South-Eastern Europe, and regularly speaks at international conferences.

The combination of corporate expertise, public-sector insight and proven neutrality underpins her ability to resolve complex, cross-border sports and commercial disputes.

## **EXPERIENCE**

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| 2025 – | Member of Advisory Board, NOTHREAT LIMITED, London, United Kingdom |
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| 2019 –      | Country Managing Partner, Andersen in Slovenia                                                                  |
| 2022 –      | Andersen CEE Subregional Coordinator, Andersen Global, San Francisco                                            |
| 2023 –      | Member of Andersen European Management Committee, Andersen Global, San Francisco                                |
| 2023 –      | Member of Andersen Global Management Committee, Andersen Global, San Francisco                                  |
| 2021 –      | Arbiter, Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Lausanne                                                         |
| 2020 –      | Managing Partner, Law Firm Senica & Partners, Ltd.                                                              |
| 2019 –      | Co-Chair Slovenian hub of the European Law Institute (ELI)                                                      |
| 2017 –      | Slovenian Member Mediterranean Women Mediators Network (MWMN)                                                   |
| 2017 – 2020 | Member of the Board, Globalaw, Brussels                                                                         |
| 2016 – 2020 | Partner, Law firm Senica & Partners, Ltd.                                                                       |
| 2012 –      | President, Founder and International Consultant, European Centre for Dispute Resolution (ECDR), Ljubljana       |
| 2008 – 2011 | Minister of the Interior, Ministry of the Interior, Republic of Slovenia                                        |
| 2008        | Member of the Parliament, National Assembly, Republic of Slovenia                                               |
| 2007 – 2012 | President, Liberal Democracy of Slovenia                                                                        |
| 2003 – 2007 | Deputy Head of Office, Head of Commercial and International Law Department,<br>Law firm Senica & Partners, Ltd. |
| 2001 – 2003 | Director of the Legal Department, Western Wireless International Ltd.                                           |
| 2000 – 2001 | Independent Advisor for Legal Affairs, Kapitalska družba, d.d., Ljubljana                                       |
| 1999 – 2000 | Judicial Clerk, Commercial Department of the District Court of Ljubljana                                        |
| 1996 – 1998 | Clerk Trainee, Ljubljana Higher Court                                                                           |

## EDUCATION

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|------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1996 | Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, ( <i>cum laude</i> ) |
| 1999 | Slovenian State Bar Exam                                      |