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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

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, 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

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