

Andrea Carska-Sheppard is a lawyer, solicitor, arbitrator and an **international authority in the field of business law and sports law**. The founder of Sports Law Solutions (part of the Belveders Group) she is **specializing in international business advice and sport dispute resolution services focusing primarily on North America and Europe**.

Originally from Slovakia and a licensed lawyer in United States, United Kingdom, Canada and the Czech Republic she has global expertise in management and corporate governance as general counsel of a global company operating in 200 countries and territories while serving over 100,000 organizations, including Fortune 500 companies and sports organizations. She is a go-to advisor for the CEOs and boards on laws and regulations as well as public policy, ethics and legal risks.

Andrea is a **member for the Court of Arbitration for Sports** and served as arbitrator at the Ad-Hoc Division for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Her legal career was launched with clerkship at the Federal Court of Canada and then working on the investor-State arbitration for the Canadian government. Her experience in sports and law coupled with her fluency in several languages led her work as research assistant for Professor Paul Weiler in Sports and Comparative Law, Harvard Law School (2004-2006) where she co-authored two **articles on doping** *Back on Track 2: Corrective Justice for Performance Enhancing Malpractice in Sports,* 2 *Pace I.P. Sports & Ent. L.F.* 137(2012). While living in Prague, she also joined the Court of Arbitration attached to Czech Chamber of Commerce (2008-2018) and Vienna International Arbitration Center. During this time, she pioneered the first article related to complex issues of termination of international treaties. Her article *"Issues Relevant to the Termination of Bilateral Investment Treaties,"* 26 *Journal of International Arbitration*, 755-771 (2009) was submitted for publication a year before the Lisbon Treaty came to effect..

Thoroughly committed to the development and strengthening the integrity of international sports, she is **one of the members of the working group that assisted the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to charter a new course in prevention of harassment and abuse in sports**. Before #Me-Too was established, she co-authored *the IOC's Consensus Statement on Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sports*, published by the British Journal of Sports Medicine (YEAR) and continues to be active in the context of implementation of the IOC Tool on Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sports and gender equality in international sports. On a local level, she is involved in the professional and community activities as a member of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), Organization for Women for International Trade (OWIT) member of the Advisory Board of Triangle Chapter, Charlotte International Arbitration Society, member of the Executive Board of the British American Business Council in Triangle (BABC-NC) and other organizations. She regularly participates as mentor to legal externs and speaker at the Universities such as Duke Law School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, speaks at CLE events for chief legal officers such as Global General Counsel Summit and supports the International Olympic Committee's global work in gender equality in sports.

In addition to being fluent in English and Slovak, she reviews contracts and other legal documents in French, Russian, Czech, Polish and understands basic Italian. She is admitted to the New York State Bar, the Law Society of Ontario, the Law Society of England and Wales as Solicitor, and to the Czech Bar Association. Andrea graduated with degrees in common law and civil law from McGill University Faculty of Law, Canada (2002). Prior she completed a M.A in Cultural Studies from Comenius University Slovakia (1991), Scholarship Study at University of Rome (La Sapienza), Diploma in International Relations from Center of Diplomatic and Strategic Studies, France (1998); Legal Research: Harvard Law School (2004-2006).

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