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After graduating from university, Clarisse started her career in 2002 with a major commercial law firm in Zurich, and then moved to Beijing in 2005, where she worked as a lawyer advising and representing foreign (primarily European) and Chinese companies in cross-border arbitrations and litigations in the fields of general contract law, joint ventures, and other FDI projects, as well as IP disputes. In recent years, Clarisse has also been increasingly involved as administrative secretary of various arbitral tribunals in international commercial and investment arbitrations.

In 2010, Clarisse obtained her PhD degree from the University of Fribourg on a topic relating to arbitration in China, and was appointed lecturer at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) and at the University Institute of European Studies of Turin (Italy), where she teaches contract and arbitration law. She is also author and co-author of several articles on arbitration law in China, and an occasional speaker at conferences.

Through her experience as dispute resolution lawyer, Clarisse has gained extensive insight of the various risks and challenges of cross-border operations. When founding WunschARB, Clarisse decided to put her experience to the service of her clients by providing advisory services focused on preventing and managing risks in order to minimize the likelihood of disputes and resolve existing disputes efficiently.

Working Languages:

French, German, English, Mandarin, Spanish

Degrees:

Dr. iur. (2010, Fribourg, Switzerland) with predicate 'summa cum laude' Admission to the Bar (2004, Zurich, Switzerland) lic. iur. (2001, Fribourg Switzerland) with predicate 'summa cum laude' Georgetown University Summer School (2001, Florence, Italy)

Memberships & Extracurricular Activities:

Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) International Bar Association (IBA) European China Law Association (ECLA) China European Arbitration Centre (CEAC) (Ambassador of Young CEAC in Beijing) Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce Beijing (Secretary General 2008/2009, 2010/2011)



Professional Experience:

Since Nov. 2010	Founding Partner of WunschARB Sàrl, Zurich, Switzerland and Beijing, China
2009 –2010	External Foreign Legal Advisor to Jones Day (International Arbitration and Litigation Department), Beijing, China, and independent advisor to Prof. Pierre Tercier, Fribourg, Switzerland
2008 – 2009	Associate with Jones Day (International Arbitration and Litigation Department under the direction of Jingzhou Tao), Beijing, China
2006 –2007	Associate with DLA Piper UK LPP (International Arbitration and Litigation Department under the direction of Jingzhou Tao), Beijing, China
2005 –2006	Legal Counsel and Vice President of Eric Beijing Blue Star Beauty & Hairdressing Ltd. Co., Beijing, China

Selected Published Works:

- The CIETAC Feud Why it's a mess, and how to avoid being caught in the middle, Asian Dispute Review, July 2013 (co-author with Lear Liu);
- *Pierre Tercier L'homo arbiter et sa méthode*, Concerto arbitral en trois mouvements pour Pierre Tercier, Lara Hammoud/Marie-Noëlle Zen-Ruffienen/Clarisse von Wunschheim (eds), Schulthess, Zurich 2013;
- Recent Trends Regarding Enforcement Of Arbitral Awards by Chinese Courts, Transnational Dispute Management Journal, China Special, Volume 9, issue #04, August 2012;
- *Enforcement of Commercial Arbitral Awards in China*, Thomson West (ed.), 3rd Edition, 2012;
- *How can Chinese lawyers fit into International Arbitration*, in Fangyuan Magazine, September 2011;
- Recent Developments Regarding Enforcement Of Arbitral Awards In China, Transnational Dispute Management Journal, China Special, Volume 7, issue #04, December 2010;
- Enforcement in China of Foreign Judgments and Awards, El Comercio Con China OportunidadesEmpresariales, IncertidumbresJurídicas, Aurelio Lopez-Tarruella Martinez (ed.), 2010;
- Arbitrating in China: The Rules of the Game. Practical Recommendations for In-house Counsel concerning Arbitration in China, 26 ASA Bulletin 1/2008 (co-author with Fan Kun);
- Arts. 16 and 18 of the PRC Arbitration Law: The Great Wall of China for Foreign Arbitration Institutions, Arbitration International, Vol. 23 Issue 2 (2007) (co-author with Jingzhou Tao);
- Foreign Creditors receive a Boost: New Cooperation between Hong Kong and Mainland promises Banks greater Security, International Financial Law Review, September 2006 (co-author with Jingzhou Tao).



Selected Speeches & Conferences:

- Arbitration and other Dispute Resolution Methods in China Challenges facing the 21st Century. Presentation held at the Swiss Institute for Comparative Law in Lausanne on 7 December 2012;
- How can Chinese Parties better Adapt to the Standards of International Arbitration?: Presentation held (in Chinese) at the Jiangsu Chamber of Commerce in Nanjing on July 18, 2012;
- How to Prevent and Efficiently Manage your Dispute with your Chinese Partner. Presentation held at the Seminar on 'La Gestione del Business in Cina' of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Torino, in Torino on November 24, 2011;
- Introduction to the Practice of International Arbitration. Presentation held in Chinese at the People's University of Beijing for the Lawyer College of the People's University, on August 18, 2011;
- Dispute Resolution in China Related Business The Latest on Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and Foreign Judgments in China: Presentation held in the form of a Webinar organized by the State Bar of California, International Law Section, on June 23, 2010;
- Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in China Recent Developments: Presentation held at the 6th Biennial Symposium on Arbitration and Mediation of the Center for International Legal Studies in Salzburg on June 11, 2010;
- Schiedsverfahren und –Gerichte, sowie Vollstreckung von Schiesdurteilen in China: Presentation held at the Zurich Bar Association / ASA Zurich Group meeting in Zurich on March 2, 2010;
- *L'arbitrage Commercial en Chine Cequ'ilfaut savoir*. Presentation held at the ASA Geneva Group meeting in Geneva on December 9, 2009;
- Anti-Arbitration Injunctions in China. Speech given at a conference on 'The Place of Arbitration: Does it Matter?' jointly organized by CIArb/ICC in Tunis on October 23, 2009;
- *Managing Legal Risks Challenges of Legal Consulting in China*: Speech held at the Swiss Embassy in Beijing on January 19, 2009.