

Biography

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Nadia Darwazeh is Head of Arbitration at our Paris office.

Nadia has extensive experience acting as counsel and sitting as arbitrator in commercial and investor-state arbitrations under the auspices of all major arbitral institutions.

Before joining Clyde & Co, Nadia practised for fifteen years in the International Arbitration Groups of leading international law firms in Paris, Shanghai, Frankfurt and London. She also headed up the Europe, Middle-East, Africa team at the ICC International Court of Arbitration for a period of three years during which she supervised as Counsel over 400 arbitrations.

Clients have described Nadia as an 'excellent lawyer with a pragmatic and commercial approach, a strategic thinker and a very strong cross-examiner' (Chambers Global) and have praised her 'remarkable intelligence and dynamism' (Who's Who Legal). She has also been recognized as one of Who's Who Legal's Future Leaders.

Nadia is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration,

the ICC Taskforce on Maximizing the Probative Value of Witness Evidence and is one of three members of the DIS Appointing Committee.

Nadia earned her LLM in International Public Law from the University of Cambridge and her LLB from the University of Warwick. She conducts arbitrations in French, German and English and speaks Dutch and Mandarin Chinese.

Selected Matters as Counsel

- Representing the Republic of Cameroon in ICSID arbitration ARB/15/18 relating to the restructuring of the Commercial Bank of Cameroon.
- Defending Arkema in a post-M&A ICC arbitration brought by the Klesch Group relating to the sale of Arkema's vinyl business.
- Acting for a West-African company in an OHADA arbitration against a bank relating to letters of guarantee.
- Acting for a European State-owned electricity company in an ICC arbitration relating to a construction contract for a hydro-power plant.

- Representing a Turkish construction company in an ICC arbitration relating to the construction of a shopping mall in Turkey.
- Representing a German company in a SIAC arbitration related to a joint venture agreement dispute.
- Acting for a North-African state entity in an ICC arbitration concerning a dispute with a European architecture firm related to the construction of a high-rise building.
- Representing a US multinational in a post-M&A arbitration under the HKIAC rules.
- Representing a US pharmaceutical company in a dispute conducted under the DIS rules relating to a pharmaceutical licensing and distribution agreement.
- Defending a US chemical manufacturer in a consolidated multi-jurisdictional ICC construction arbitration.
- Representing Daimler-Chrysler against Bombardier in a complex ICC arbitration arising out of an M&A transaction.

Selected Matters as Arbitrator

- President of the Tribunal in a CEPANI dispute relating to an M&A transaction.
- Co-arbitrator in two ICC disputes relating to the supply of oil and gas products in sub-Saharan Africa.
- President of the Tribunal in a LMAA dispute relating to the sale of an oil tanker vessel.
- Sole Arbitrator in an LCIA dispute relating to the construction of a methanol fuel plant.
- Sole arbitrator in an ICC dispute relating to the supply and purchase of polypropylene film.
- Co-arbitrator in an ICC dispute relating to a distribution agreement concerning medical equipment in the Middle-East.

Publications

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- "Disclosure and Security for Costs or How to Address Imbalances Created by Third-Party Funding," *Journal of International Arbitration*, 33(2) (2016).
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- "No One's Credit Is As Good As Cash: Awards and Orders for the Payment of the ICC Advance on Costs," *Journal of International Arbitration*, 31(5) (2014).
- "Joint Nominations in Multi-Party Arbitration: The Exercise of the ICC Court's Discretionary Power to Appoint the Entire Arbitral Tribunal Post-Dutco," *ICC Bulletin*, 23(1) (December 2012).
- "Le "Jerusalem Arbitration Center", une réussite de la coopération économique israélo-palestinienne," *Le Monde* (30 janvier 2014).
- "ICC arbitration in China or 'to know the road ahead, ask those coming back'" *Concerto Arbitral en Trois Mouvements pour Pierre Tercier*, Schulthess Verlag (2013).