

Samaa A. Haridi

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Biography

Samaa Haridi is a civil and common law-trained, trilingual lawyer who represents corporations and financial institutions from all over the world in international commercial and investment arbitration, under the rules of all major arbitral institutions. She also frequently sits as an arbitrator in international disputes.

Samaa has been ranked by clients and peers in *Chambers USA* and *Chambers Global* for International Arbitration. She has been singled out by clients for her "brilliant," "no-nonsense and impressive" approach. Sources also acknowledge her as being "hard-working and very entrepreneurial," as well as a "unique practitioner with unique skills" who delivers "clear and intelligent arguments." She is also recognized by *The Legal 500* and by *Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders – Arbitration 2020*.

Born in Switzerland, Samaa grew up in Belgium, Egypt, Morocco, and France. She holds a Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies in Private International Law and International Business Transactions from the University of Paris I (Sorbonne), and an LL.M. in Comparative Law from the University of San Diego School of Law, where she was a Sorbonne Scholar.

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Languages

English
French
Spanish
Arabic

Practices

Energy Disputes
Litigation Services
Technology Litigation

Industries

Automotive
Consumer

England & Wales bars. She is fluent in French and Arabic and is also conversant in Spanish.

Representative experience

Advising U.S. investors in potential ICSID arbitration proceedings against the Kingdom of Morocco in connection with the expropriation of waste management contract.

Representing U.S. retailer in DIFC-LCIA arbitration proceedings under Saudi and Yemeni laws involving allegations of unlawful termination of distribution relationship in Yemen.

Representing Canadian construction company in UNCITRAL construction arbitration under Saudi law, involving allegations of delay in performance of project.

Representing large international organization in UNCITRAL arbitration involving a contractual dispute with an aircraft vendor servicing South Sudan.

Representing a Japanese telecommunications company in ICC arbitration under English law with a service provider involving alleged breaches of international agreements.

Representing Hungary in an ICSID arbitration under the Hungary-Portugal BIT in relation to the bankruptcy of the investor.

Representing a Spanish contractor in a Paris-based ICC arbitration under Greek law involving a large project in Greece.

Representing a Polish chemical manufacturer in a London-based ICC arbitration under New York law relating to termination of a supply agreement.

Representing a Hungarian energy company in an ICSID arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) involving the company's investments in Croatia.

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Real Estate

TMT

Areas of focus

Public International Law

Education and admissions

Education

LL.M., University of San Diego, 1999

D.E.A., University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 1998

Maîtrise en Droit, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, with honors, 1997

Memberships

Member, ICC Court of Arbitration

Senior Vice Chair, Arbitration Committee, International Bar Association

Vice President, LCIA Arab Users' Council

Co-Editor-in-Chief, ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin

Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge, Steering Committee Member

Advising an American investor in an ICSID arbitration proceeding against the government of Egypt under the U.S.-Egypt bilateral investment treaty.

Representing a hotel management company in a London-based ICC arbitration under the laws of the United Arab Emirates relating to a hotel in the UAE.

Representing a large international organization in an ad hoc arbitration proceeding under the UNCITRAL rules, involving a breach of contract.

Representing a Fortune 500 company in a Paris-based ICC arbitration relating to a hospitality project in Lebanon under the laws of Lebanon.

Awards and rankings

- International Arbitration (USA), *Chambers Global*, 2015-2020
- International Arbitration (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2015-2020
- Thought Leaders – Arbitration, *Who's Who Legal*, 2017-2019
- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration, Next Generation Partner, *Legal 500 US*, 2020
- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration, *Legal 500 US*, 2015, 2017
- Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2015
- Burton Award for Legal Achievement (Excellence in Legal Writing), *Burton Foundation*, 2009

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Litigation Landscape: managing your COVID-19 risk *Podcast*
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells announces changes to office, practice area and industry sector leadership roles

Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA)

Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (AAA/ICDR)

Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Dubai International Arbitration Center (DIAC)

Member, Advisory Council of Africa Arbitration (AA)

Editorial Board Member, Kluwer Journal of International Arbitration

Member, Arbitral Women

Member, New York International Arbitration Club

Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

California

Solicitor, England and Wales

Accolades

The "brilliant" Samaa Haridi is commended for her "no-nonsense and impressive" approach, and is particularly praised for her "clear and intelligent arguments."

Chambers USA 2017 (International Arbitration)

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Hogan Lovells Protocol for the use of technology in virtual international arbitration hearings
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - In rapidly changing circumstances, look to arbitration for flexible interim relief *Emergency Arbitration Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - COVID-19: will State measures give rise to a new set of investment claims?
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Arbitration of international disputes by universities *Education Alert*