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Admission

England & Wales
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Nationality

French,
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International Commercial Arbitration
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Biography

Domitille Baizeau joined LALIVE in 2004 and has been practising dispute resolution for 25 years, exclusively in international arbitration (commercial and investment) since 2001. She has acted in more than 85 international disputes, as counsel and arbitrator (including presiding arbitrator), in administered arbitrations (including ICC, LCIA, Swiss Rules, SCC, SIAC, UNCITRAL, CEPANI, WIPO and ICSID) and ad hoc proceedings, governed by various procedural and substantive laws, both common law and civil law, including English, Swiss, French, American, Swedish and Singaporean, and by international law.

Her areas of specialization include joint venture, M&A, shareholders, sales, distribution and investment disputes in the energy (oil & gas, solar, mining), telecommunications, infrastructure projects and pharmaceutical sectors.

Domitille Baizeau is a member of the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC, the Council and Proceedings Committee of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) and the Governing Board and Governance Committee of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA). Until 2019, she was: Vice-President of the Arbitration Court of SCAI (Swiss Rules), member of the Board of ASA, the Swiss Arbitration Association, and officer of the European Users' Council of the LCIA. She is listed on the panel of arbitrators of the ICC New Zealand Arbitration Committee, the ICC French National Committee and the ICDR. She is regularly speaks at conferences and publishes in international arbitration and is a past member of the Editorial Boards of the ASA Bulletin and the ICC Bulletin.

Before joining LALIVE, Domitille Baizeau practiced in litigation and arbitration in New Zealand with a leading business law firm and in France with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Paris. She graduated from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand in 1995 (LL.B. First Class Honours) and also holds a Diploma in French law from the Université Paris II Assas-Panthéon.

Recent recommendations

Domitille Baizeau received the GAR ART award of the **Best Prepared and Most Responsive Arbitrator** in 2018 following a peer-review process conducted by Global Arbitration Review.

She has been ranked for many years by legal directories, including **Chambers & Partners** (Global-wide, Europe-wide and Switzerland) for International Arbitration, as counsel and arbitrator (including Most in Demand Arbitrators, Europe, Band 2), and The International **Who's Who of Arbitration**.

Domitille Baizeau is "highly experienced in international, commercial and investment arbitration" and is widely regarded as "one of the very best in the business". Who's Who Legal: Arbitration, 2021

She is "razor sharp in case management and decision-making". Chambers Global, Arbitration (International): Most in Demand Arbitrators – Global and Europe-wide, 2020

She is "very well prepared and in control of proceedings". Chambers Global, Switzerland, Dispute Resolution: Arbitration Counsel and Arbitrators, 2020

Sources note Domitille Baizeau 's activity as arbitrator, often in major commercial cases, and say that she is "incredible to watch" in tribunals as well as "super well prepared." Chambers Global, Arbitration, Europe-wide, 2019

Domitille Baizeau is "certainly one of the most in-demand practitioners in Switzerland for her generation". She is hailed as "very dynamic with the advantage of combining common and civil law expertise". Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration 2020

"An absolutely amazing chair" who draws praise for "her high-level organisation throughout the entire procedure, her precision and great attention to detail." Commentators add, "She is very good at managing both parties." Who's Who Legal, Arbitration, 2019

Domitille Baizeau "impresses with the quality of her preparation and her proactive approach", say interviewees. Who's Who Legal, Most Highly Regarded in Arbitration, Switzerland, 2019

Selection of recent publications

Quick Answers: State Immunity, Appointment and Challenge of Arbitrators, Drafting Arbitration Agreements (Switzerland)

Domitille Baizeau, Sandrine Giroud, Catherine Anne Kunz, Anton Vallélian, 2020

Quick Answers, Kluwer Law International, December 2020

Commentary on Articles 192 of the Swiss Private International Law Act

Domitille Baizeau, 2018

In: Manuel Arroyo (Ed.), Arbitration in Switzerland - The Practitioner's Guide: Commentary, 2nd edition, Kluwer Law International, 2018, pp. 376-391

Multi-tiered and Hybrid Arbitration Clauses

Domitille Baizeau, Anne-Marie Loong, 2018

In: Manuel Arroyo (Ed.), Arbitration in Switzerland - The Practitioner's Guide: Commentary, 2nd edition, Kluwer Law International, 2018, pp. 2781-2798

Various entries in Enciclopedia del Arbitraje

Domitille Baizeau, Jaime Gallego, 2018

J. L. Collantes González (Ed), Domitille Baizeau, Jaime Gallego *et al.* (Coord.), Biblioteca de Arbitraje del Estudio Mario Castillo Freyre, Vols. 47-48, Lima, 2018

The Arbitral Tribunal's Duty and Power to Address Corruption Sua Sponte

Domitille Baizeau, Tessa Hayes, 2017

In: Andrea Menaker (Ed.), *International Arbitration and the Rule of Law: Contribution and Conformity*, ICCA Congress Series No. 19, Wolters Kluwer, 2017, pp. 225-265

Selection of recent conferences

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb - European Branch) & TGS Baltic

Online, 9 March 2021

Keeping corruption out of international arbitration: practical considerations

Panellist

GAR Interactive: Damages 2021

Online, 4 February 2021

Panellist: Presentation of damages: what arbitrators want from lawyers and experts

Vienna Arbitration Center (VIAC) / Arbitration Austria (ArbAut)

Vienna Arbitration Days 2020: Arbitration and Public Law

Vienna, 21 February 2020

Moderator: Competition and Insolvency

Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CIMAC)

Casablanca Arbitration days

Casablanca, 5 December 2019

Speaker: Proliferation of arbitral institutions in Africa: for better or for worse?

Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) / Hong Kong International arbitration Center (HKIAC)

Arbitration Practice Seminar

Da Nang (Vietnam), 25 May 2019

Discussion leader

ICC, LCIA, CIArb, Law Society of England & Wales: London International Disputes Week 2019

LIDW 2019 Flagship Event

London, 8 May 2019

Panellist: The Future of International Arbitration in London

Juris conferences LLC

Fifteenth Annual Leading Arbitrators' Symposium on the Conduct of International arbitration

Vienna, 15 April 2019

Working session 1: Initial organisation of the arbitral proceedings and pre-hearing activities

Working session 3: Effective presentation of evidence

School of International Arbitration (Queen Mary University of London) and ICC Institute of World Business Law

33rd Annual Joint Symposium of Arbitrators: Ethics in International Arbitration

London, 12 March 2018

Speaker: Ethical Rules and Duties for Party Representatives in International Arbitration

International Bar Association (IBA)

3rd Annual Investing in Africa Conference

Paris, 22-23 June 2017

Speaker: Challenges for investors in Africa: managing legal risks

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