

Laura Azaria Partner, Geneva



Laura specialises in both international arbitration and litigation. She has extensive experience with disputes, particularly those arising out of infrastructure and construction projects, sales, distribution, joint venture and shareholders agreements, as well as M&A transactions and technology-related disputes, including in relation to blockchain technology and smart contracts.

She also routinely represents clients in set aside proceedings before the Swiss Federal Supreme Court, as well as recognition and enforcement proceedings.

Current professional memberships

- + Member of the Organizing Committee of the Geneva International Legal Association (GILA) and Geneva International Legal Week (GILW)
- + Ambassador of Tel Aviv Arbitration Week (TLVAW)
- + Member of the Executive Committee of Columbia Alumni in Arbitration
- + Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)'s Ambassador for Israel
- + Member of the Geneva Bar Association
- + Member of the Swiss Federation of Lawyers
- + Member of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- + Member of ASA below 40
- + Member of ArbitralWomen

Career history

- + Partner, LALIVE, Geneva, 2026 – present
- + Counsel, LALIVE, Geneva, 2022 – 2025
- + Associate, LALIVE, Geneva, 2014 – 2021
- + Research Assistant to Professor George Bermann, Columbia Law School, New York, 2013 – 2014
- + Associate, Eversheds, Geneva, 2012 – 2013
- + Trainee, Eversheds, Geneva, 2010 – 2012

Academic qualifications

- + LLM, Columbia Law School (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar), 2013 – 2014
- + Certificate of Advanced Studies in Legal Professions, University of Geneva, 2011
- + Master of Laws in Economic Law, University of Geneva, 2010
- + Bachelor of Laws, University of Geneva, 2009

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Practices

- + Arbitration - International Commercial
- + Arbitration - Investment Treaty
- + Commercial Litigation

Sectors

- + Construction & Infrastructure
- + Energy
- + Mining
- + Sports
- + Technology

Languages

- + English
- + French
- + German
- + Hebrew
- + Spanish

Nationality

- + Spanish

Admission

- + Switzerland, 2012

Recognition

Arbitration Future Leader

Lexology Index, Arbitration, Non-Partners, 2025

Arbitration Future Leader

Who's Who Legal, Non-Partners, 2024

Recent publications

Libye c. Gargour : L'inaction de l'autorité de nomination à l'épreuve du pragmatisme du Tribunal fédéral suisse

LAURA AZARIA, MAËL DESCHAMPS

In: Cahiers de l'Arbitrage 04/2025, Mai 2026

Chapter 17: FIDIC Contracts and Swiss Law

BERND EHLE, SAM MOSS, LAURA AZARIA

In: Friedrich Jakob Rosenfeld and Franco Ferrari (eds), The FIDIC Conditions of Contract and Domestic Construction Law: A Guide for Global Dispute Resolution, 2025, pp. 377-394

You Won! Now What? How to Enforce Awards Against States in Switzerland

LAURA AZARIA CHRISTIAN EXNER, ANTON VALLÉLIAN

In: ASA – Swiss Arbitration Association Bulletin 2/2025, published by Wolters Kluwer: International Arbitration & Mediation, June 2025

Recent conferences

Paris Arbitration Week (PAW) - FIDIC contracts, national laws, and international arbitration

LAURA AZARIA, Role: Speaker

Paris, 23 March 2026

Basel Winter Arbitration School - 2026

LAURA AZARIA, Role: Speaker, Enforcement of arbitral awards

Basel, 4 February 2026

Israeli Bar Association - International Mediation Certificate Course

LAURA AZARIA, Role: Speaker, WIPO Mediation

Webinar, 19 January 2026