

Laura Azaria

Counsel, Geneva



Laura focuses on dispute resolution. She specialises in both international arbitration and litigation. She also regularly advises clients in international commercial transactions.

Laura has extensive experience in contract disputes, with a particular emphasis on infrastructure and construction projects, sales, distribution, joint venture and shareholders agreements, as well as M&A transactions. Her expertise also covers technology-related disputes, including in relation to blockchain technology and smart contracts.

She has acted as counsel, arbitrator and tribunal secretary in numerous arbitration proceedings, both ad hoc and administered. She also frequently represents parties in arbitration-related court proceedings, especially in setting aside proceedings before the Swiss Federal Supreme Court and recognition and enforcement proceedings.

Current Memberships

- + Member of the Organizing Committee of the Tel Aviv Arbitration Week
- + Member of the Executive Committee of Columbia Alumni in Arbitration
- + 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
- + Member of the International Law Association (ILA)

Career History

- + Counsel, LALIVE, Geneva, 2022 – present
- + 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
- + Spanish
- + Hebrew

Nationality

- + Spanish

Admission

- + Switzerland, 2012

Recognition

Arbitration Future Leaders, Non Partner

Who's Who Legal, 2024

Recent publications

Arbitration Tech Toolbox: Applicable Law, Choice of Courts and Enforcement Issues in Metaverse Disputes

JULIETTE ASSO (RICHARD), LAURA AZARIA, VAHID REZADOOST, PRAGYA CHOUDHARY, EMILY HAY AND PRATYUSH PANJWANI

In: Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 27 September 2023

What is it to be ?Pro-Arbitration? When Addressing Corruption at the Setting Aside and Enforcement Stages?

LAURA AZARIA, VINCENT REYNAUD

In: Pro-Arbitration Revisited: A Tribute to Professor George Bermann from his Students Over the Years, 2023

The Metaverse and International Arbitration – How to Anticipate and Resolve Web 3.0 Disputes

JULIETTE ASSO (RICHARD), LAURA AZARIA

In: Lexology online, 4 March 2022

Recent Conferences

Launch of the Columbia University in International Arbitration association

Of courage in international arbitral – revisited. How to overcome the current challenges to arbitration? A Fireside Chat between Professor George Bermann and Michael Schneider, moderated by Dr. Silja Schaffstein

LAURA AZARIA, Organiser

Geneva, 16 May 2023

Metaverse Dispute Resolution Colloquium

Online webinar organised by the Digital Law Center (University of Geneva), the Geneva Center for International Dispute Settlement (CIDS) and MetaverseLegal

LAURA AZARIA, JULIETTE ASSO (RICHARD), Speaker

Webinar, 24 March 2023

Digiweek 2023

Semaine de la Digitalisation 2023

LAURA AZARIA, Speaker Dispute Resolution, AI and the Metaverse

University of Lausanne, 9 February 2023