

## 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 professional 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

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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



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## Recognition

### **Arbitration Future Leader**

Lexology Index, Arbitration, Non-Partners, 2025

### **Arbitration Future Leader**

Who's Who Legal, Non-Partners, 2024

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## Recent publications

### **Challenging Investment Treaty Awards in Switzerland: Mission (Almost) Impossible? A review of the Swiss Supreme Court decisions rendered over the period 2019-2024**

MATTHIAS SCHERER, CATHERINE A. KUNZ, LAURA AZARIA

*In: 42 ASA Bulletin 4/2024 (December)*

### **Arbitration in Switzerland 2023**

MATTHIAS SCHERER, LAURA AZARIA

*In: IBA Arbitration Country Guide – Switzerland, October 2023 (20 pages)*

### **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*

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## Recent conferences

### **L'Arbitrage : Qui ? Quoi ? Comment ? – Tour d'horizon des bases en arbitrage pour les non-spécialistes organised by l'Ordre des Avocats de Genève**

LAURA AZARIA, Speaker

Geneva, 29 August 2024

### **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