

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

Recognition

Arbitration Future Leader

Lexology Index, Arbitration, Non-Partners, 2025

Arbitration Future Leader

Who's Who Legal, Non-Partners, 2024

Recent publications

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

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)

Recent conferences

Ordre des Avocats Genève (ODA) - L'Arbitrage: Qui ? Quoi ? Comment ? - Tour d'horizon des bases en arbitrage pour les non-spécialistes

LAURA AZARIA, Role: Speaker

Geneva, 29 August 2024

Columbia University in International Arbitration association - Of courage in international arbitrational – revisited.

LAURA AZARIA, Role: Co-organiser, How to overcome the current challenges to arbitration? - A Fireside Chat between Professor George Bermann and Michael Schneider, moderated by Dr. Silja Schaffstein

Geneva, 16 May 2023

CIDS, MetaverseLegal - Metaverse Dispute Resolution Colloquium

LAURA AZARIA, Role: Speaker, Applicable Law and Choice of Courts in Metaverse Disputes

Online, 24 March 2023