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Roopa specialises in international commercial and investment arbitration. She advises and represents clients in complex disputes in various industry sectors, including aerospace, chemical manufacturing, construction, and energy. Roopa has acted as counsel and tribunal secretary in arbitrations under various procedural rules, including the ICC, ICSID, LCIA and FAI Arbitration Rules.

Roopa is a lecturer in English law at Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany.

Current professional memberships

- + Member of the Steering Committee, Young Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration
- + Member of the International Nuclear Law Association (INLA)
- + Member of DIS and DIS40
- + Member of ASA and ASA below 40

Career history

- + Senior Associate, LALIVE, Zurich, 2024 – present
- + Associate, LALIVE, Zurich, 2021 – 2023
- + Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Frankfurt, 2018 – 2021
- + Trainee Solicitor, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, London and Washington, DC, 2016 – 2018

Academic qualifications

- + Master of Laws in Public International Law, London School of Economics, 2015
- + Bachelor of Laws, University of Bristol (First Class Honours), 2014

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Practices

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

Sectors

- + Construction & Infrastructure
- + Energy
- + Technology

Languages

- + English
- + French
- + German
- + Malayalam
- + Spanish

Nationality

- + Swiss

Admission

- + England & Wales, Solicitor-Advocate, 2021
- + Ireland, 2021
- + England & Wales, 2018

Recent publications

The India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement: what does it mean for Swiss businesses?

SAM MOSS, ROOPA MATHEWS, PULOMA MUKHERJEE

In: LALIVE Insights, 26 June 2025

Navigating the Evolving Landscape: Safety and Regulation in the Nuclear Industry

ROOPA MATHEWS, MAROOF MITTHA, COLLEEN SPAPENS

In: DISE Energy, 1 October 2024

Managing risk in nuclear construction projects

MELISSA MAGLIANA, ROOPA MATHEWS

In: Construction Law International, 26 July 2024 and LALIVE Blog, 06 May 2024

Recent conferences

Young MCIA - Arbitration in India: The in-house counsel's perspective

ROOPA MATHEWS, Role: Moderator, Arbitration in India: The in-house counsel's perspective

Online, 3 December 2024

INLA - International Nuclear Law Association Inter Jura Congress 2024

ROOPA MATHEWS, Role: Speaker, Survey of recent international licensing harmonization and improvement efforts

Warsaw, Poland, 5 November 2024

ASA below 40 - Spring Seminar

ROOPA MATHEWS, Role: Speaker, Early Dismissal & Preliminary Determination – Good or Bad Idea?

Geneva, 14 June 2024