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Senior Associate, Geneva



Isabella specialises in international commercial and investment treaty arbitration, as well as public international law. She has acted as counsel or tribunal secretary in arbitral proceedings under numerous procedural rules, including the ICSID, ICC, PCA, and CAM Arbitration Rules, and governed by various substantive and procedural laws, including Italian, Swiss, Iraqi, New York and public international law. Her experience spans a range of sectors, including energy, construction, banking and finance and pharma. Isabella has also advised international organisations and private entities on public international law matters.

Current professional memberships

- + Co-Chair of AIA-Arbit-40
- + Secretary of the Swiss Chapter of the Spanish Arbitration Club
- + Member of Young ICCA
- + Member of ASA below 40

Career history

- + Senior Associate, LALIVE, Geneva, 2024 – present
- + Associate, LALIVE, Geneva, 2018 – 2023
- + Teaching Assistant, University of Turin, 2017 – 2019
- + Intern, LALIVE, Geneva, 2016
- + Foreign Associate, Julio César Rivera Abogados, Buenos Aires, 2014 – 2015
- + Intern, Clifford Chance, Paris, 2014

Academic qualifications

- + LLM in International Legal Studies, New York University (Dean's Graduate Award), 2017
- + Laurea Magistrale, University of Turin (magna cum laude), 2013

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Practices

- + Arbitration - International Commercial
- + Arbitration - Investment Treaty
- + Public International Law

Sectors

- + Banking & Finance
- + Construction & Infrastructure
- + Energy
- + Pharma

Languages

- + English
- + French
- + Spanish
- + Italian

Nationality

- + Italian

Admission

- + Italy, 2016

Recent publications

The IBA Task Force on Privilege in International Arbitration: Taking on the “Pick and Mix” Approach

HELENE TABERLET, ISABELLA CANNATÀ

In: Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 15 June 2024

Settlement of ISDS disputes: Can State Avoid Arbitration?

ISABELLA CANNATÀ, RICCARDO LOSCHI

In: Columbia FDI Perspectives No. 357, 2023

Expropiación, trato nacional y trato de la nación más favorecida

LUIS MIGUEL VELARDE SAFFER, ISABELLA CANNATÀ

In: Investment Arbitration Guide, pp. 179-199 (Arbanza), 2022

Recent conferences

GIAC Arbitration Days – Disputes in Armed Conflicts: New Global and Regional Developments

ISABELLA CANNATÀ, Panellist

Tbilisi, 11-13 October 2023

ASA Below 40 Spring Seminar – The Swiss Arbitration Centre’s Practice Note: What Stands Out?

ISABELLA CANNATÀ, Moderator

Geneva, 9 June 2023

Ukrainian Bar Association – International law for in-house lawyers: Talks about the most important (Chapter 2. Litigation and enforcement abroad)

ISABELLA CANNATÀ, Panellist

Webinar, 6 December 2022