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Domitille Baizeau
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Domitille has nearly 30 years of experience in dispute resolution and specialises in both international commercial arbitration and investment treaty arbitration. She has been involved in over 100 international disputes, in both ad hoc and administered arbitrations, including under the rules of UNCITRAL, the ICC, LCIA, Swiss Arbitration Centre, SCC Arbitration Institute, ICSID and SIAC, governed by various arbitration and substantive laws, both common law and civil law, and international law.

Hailed as “among the most recognised global practitioners in the field” in *Who’s Who Thought Leaders, Arbitration, 2022*, Domitille brings a strategic 360-degree view to every case thanks to her extensive experience as arbitrator, including presiding arbitrator. She focuses on commercial and investment disputes across different sectors, in particular energy, mining, pharma and technology. Domitille also advises clients on the challenge of arbitral awards before state courts and other arbitration-related applications.

Current professional memberships

- Co-Chair of the Council Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Member of Governing Board and Governance Committee of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Swiss Arbitration Centre (formerly SCAI)
- Member of the Council of the Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration
- Immediate past member of International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), 2018-2024

Career history

- Partner, LALIVE, Geneva, 2008 – present (Managing Partner 2015-2024)
- Associate, LALIVE, Geneva, 2004 – 2008
- Senior Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Paris, 2001 – 2004
- Solicitor, Lane Neave, New Zealand, 1995 – 2000

Academic qualifications

- LLB (First Class Honours), University of Canterbury, New Zealand, 1995
- Diploma French Law, Université Paris II Assas-Panthéon, 1989

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Practices

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

Sectors

- Energy
- Mining
- Pharma
- Technology

Languages

- English
- French
- Spanish

Nationality

- French
- New Zealander

Admission

- Geneva, Switzerland, 2006
- England and Wales, 2003
- New Zealand, 1995 (Barrister & Solicitor)

“…whatever she does is quality.”

Chambers Europe Guide - International Arbitration: Most In Demand Arbitrators, 2026

Recognition

“Domitille Baizeau is excellent and whatever she does is quality. If you have her on a tribunal, things will go right. She has high standards and is a class act.”
Chambers Global & Europe Guides 2026 – International Arbitration: Most In Demand Arbitrators, Band 1

“Domitille Baizeau is really impressive, both in written and oral advocacy. We are really impressed by what she comes up with.”
Chambers Europe Guide 2026 – Arbitrators – Switzerland, Band 2

“Domitille Baizeau is an outstanding counsel. Both her written and oral advocacy skills are most impressive. She knows her files perfectly and leaves no stone unturned.”
Legal 500 EMEA Guide 2026 – Dispute Resolution: Arbitration, Tier 1

Recent publications

Insolvency and Arbitration – National Report on Switzerland
DOMITILLE BAIZEAU, ALEXANDRE SCHWAB
In: IBA Toolkit on Insolvency and Arbitration, IBA Arbitration Committee, since 2021

Quick Answers– Switzerland – Drafting Arbitration Agreements, Appointment and Challenge of Arbitrators, State Immunity
DOMITILLE BAIZEAU, ET AL.
In: Quick Answers (previously Comparative Smart Charts), Kluwer Law International, since 2010

Recent conferences

Global Arbitration Review (GAR) - GAR Live: Women in Arbitration Asia 2026
DOMITILLE BAIZEAU, Role: Panellist, Two traditions, one tribunal: navigating the common law-civil law divide
Hong Kong, 23 October 2026

HKIAC– ADR in Asia 2026 - Arbitration: Recalibrating for the Future
DOMITILLE BAIZEAU, Role: Keynote address, The future of arbitration : harmonisation or diversity?
Hong Kong, 22 October 2026

Hong Kong Arbitration Week - Temple Chambers - Arbitration in the Asian Century
DOMITILLE BAIZEAU, Role: Speaker, Should there be reform to the system of party-nominated arbitrator?
Hong Kong, 20 October 2026