

Domitille Baizeau

Partner, Geneva



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

- + Member 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)

“Widely recognised as one of the best”

Who’s Who Legal Arbitration, 2021

Recognition

“She is extremely slick and impressive.”

Chambers Global, Arbitration International, Most in Demand Arbitrators (Band 2), 2023

Domitille Baizeau is “highly experienced in international, commercial and investment arbitration” and is widely regarded as “one of the very best in the business.”

Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration, 2021

The “fantastic” Domitille Baizeau is highlighted for her impressive experience in arbitration, acting as both counsel and arbitrator. A source enthuses: “She has a great international reputation and cases.”

Chambers Global, Arbitration (International): Arbitration Counsel and Arbitrators Switzerland, Europe-wide, 2021

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

Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA) - Revolutions and Solutions: Future-Proofing Arbitration

DOMITILLE BAIZEAU, Role: Speaker, Around the World and Back
Sydney. Australia, 13 October 2025

London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) - Tylney Hall Symposium

DOMITILLE BAIZEAU, Role: Co-chair, Appointments, Disclosure and Challenges

Tylney Hall, UK, 10 May 2025

Swiss Arbitration Summit - ASA below 40

DOMITILLE BAIZEAU, Role: Speaker, Oral advocacy workshop
Zurich, 30 January 2025