

# Teresa Giovannini

## Senior Counsel, Geneva



Teresa, a LALIVE founding partner, specialises in international commercial arbitration and art law. She has been involved over 220 international arbitrations (including over 100 as arbitrator, mainly as presiding or sole arbitrator) and is widely recognized for her “a wealth of experience in commercial arbitration” in *Who’s Who Legal National Leaders, Arbitration, 2022*.

Her expertise encompasses both ad hoc and administered arbitrations, under all the major arbitration rules including of UNCITRAL, the AAA/ICDR, ICC, LCIA, SCC Arbitration Institute, Milan Chamber of Arbitration, Chamber of Commerce of Venice and Swiss Rules, as well as the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance (ICHEIC). She also has extensive experience as counsel in setting aside proceedings before the Swiss Supreme Court.

Teresa's practice spans a wide range of sectors including disputes arising out of construction and infrastructure projects, sales contracts, intellectual property and licensing agreements, agency and distribution agreements, as well as joint ventures and shareholder agreements.

### Current professional memberships

- + Member of the ICC Swiss National Committee and ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- + Council Emeritus Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law
- + Member of the Beijing Arbitration Commission (BAC)
- + Club Member of the Milan Chamber of Arbitration
- + Member of the Advisory Board of the Transnational Arbitration Association
- + Member of the International Law Association Committee on Arbitration
- + Board Member of Francarbi

### Career history

- + Senior Counsel, LALIVE, Geneva, 2020 – present
- + Founder and Partner, LALIVE, Geneva, 1994 – 2020
- + Associate / Partner, Lalive, Budin & Partners, Geneva, 1985 – 1994
- + Associate, Chiomenti & Partners, Rome, 1983 – 1985
- + Associate, Turrettini & L’Huillier, Geneva, 1981 – 1983
- + Legal Counsel, University Hospital, Geneva, 1977 – 1981
- + Legal Counsel, State Department of Health, Fribourg, 1974 – 1977

### Academic qualifications

### Contact

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### Practices

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

### Sectors

- + Art & Cultural Property
- + Construction & Infrastructure
- + Energy
- + Mining
- + Pharma

### Languages

- + English
- + French
- + German
- + Italian

### Nationality

- + Swiss

### Admission

- + Switzerland, 1983

“Guarantees the highest possible quality for any client”

*Legal 500, EMEA, Arbitration, 2022*

+ Master in Law, University of Freiburg

+ Certificate, The Royal Hague Academy of International Law, 1974

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## Recognition

Ranked as a “leading global practitioner.”

***Who’s Who Legal, Thought Leaders, Arbitration 2022 (and since 2018).***

“Well regarded by all who have seen her in action.”

***Who’s Who Legal, Arbitration, 2016***

“Exceedingly well versed in international arbitration” and wins praise for her great “dedication and professionalism.”

***Who’s Who Legal, Arbitration, 2017***

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## Recent publications

### Legitimacy of the Arbitral Process

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*In: ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin 2024 No. 3, December 2024*

### Immunity of Arbitrators

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*In: The Plurality and Synergies of Legal Traditions in International Arbitration, Chapter 36, Wolters Kluwer, Nayla Comair-Obeid, Stavros Brekoulakis (Eds), April 2024*

### Reasoning in Arbitral Awards, Why? How? Control and Sanction under Swiss law

TERESA GIOVANNINI

*In: International Chamber of Commerce, Publication Explaining why you lose: Reasoning in Arbitration, Chapter 6, July 2020*

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## Recent conferences

### **GAR Live - Turkish Region: First Edition**

TERESA GIOVANNINI , Role: Speaker, Hot Topics in International Arbitration  
*Almaty, 15 May 2025*

### **ICC - 40th ICC QMUL Annual Joint Symposium of Arbitrators**

TERESA GIOVANNINI , Role: Panellist, What is the impact, if any, of procedural matters on the way in which international arbitrators decide cases? May the adoption of a particular arbitral procedure affect the outcome of the case as decided by international arbitrators?  
*Paris , 27 March 2025*

### **ASA - Winter Conference**

TERESA GIOVANNINI , Role: Panellist, Extending Arbitration Clauses: Special Applications (Extensions to Funders, States, Subcontractors, Parent Companies)  
*Zurich, 31 January 2025*