

# Catherine Anne Kunz

## Partner, Geneva



Catherine specialises in international commercial arbitration and other forms of international dispute resolution. Dual-qualified in both civil and common law jurisdictions, she acts as counsel and serves as arbitrator in both ad hoc and institutional arbitration proceedings, with a focus on the energy, construction and technology sectors.

Her experience spans commercial disputes arising out of construction and engineering contracts, M&A, shareholder and joint venture agreements, as well as sales and distribution contracts. In addition, she regularly advises international organisations on immunities and privileges, internal dispute resolution mechanisms, regulatory and compliance issues.

Ranked as a Global Elite Thought Leader – under 45 and quoted as “one of the best cross examiners of her age”, *Who’s Who Legal, Arbitration 2023*, Catherine also represents parties in arbitration-related court proceedings, especially in the challenge of arbitral awards before the Swiss Supreme Court, including investment treaty awards. In parallel, she routinely assists clients with dispute prevention and settlement, including in negotiations and mediation proceedings.

### Current professional memberships

- + Member of the editorial board of the ASA Bulletin, the journal of the Swiss Arbitration Association
- + Member of the ICC Swiss Commission of Arbitration and ADR
- + Co-chair of the ASA/Swiss Arbitration Marketing Committee
- + Member of the ERA Young Practitioners Subcommittee
- + Member of the ADR Commission of the Geneva Bar Association
- + Co-founder of Mute Off Thursdays, a virtual knowledge-sharing platform for senior female arbitration practitioners (GAR Award for Best Diversity Initiative, 2020)

### Career history

- + Partner, LALIVE, 2020 – present
- + Counsel, LALIVE, 2018 – 2019
- + Associate, LALIVE, 2016 – 2017
- + Associate, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP, London, 2014 – 2015
- + Associate, LALIVE, Geneva, 2010 – 2014

### Academic qualifications

- + QLTS – Solicitors Qualifying Examination, London, 2015

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### Practices

- + Arbitration - International Commercial
- + Commercial Litigation
- + Public International Law

### Sectors

- + Construction & Infrastructure
- + Energy
- + Technology

### Languages

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

### Nationality

- + British
- + Swiss

### Admission

- + England & Wales, 2016
- + Switzerland, 2010

**“A future star in commercial and investment disputes”**

*Who’s Who Legal, Arbitration, Future Leaders - Partners, 2022*

- + Bilingual French-German Bachelor & Master of Law, with major in European Law, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, 2007
- + Certificate of International Business Transactions with Chinese Characteristics, Cornell-Bucerius Summer Law Institute, Suzhou, China 2007

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## Recognition

Ranked as one of the “Most highly regarded individuals” EMEA

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***Who’s Who Legal, Arbitration, Thought Leaders Global Elite, Under 45, 2023***

Catherine Anne Kunz is “an incredibly talented and inspiring arbitration lawyer” with “amazing advocacy skills.”

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## Recent publications

**Challenging Investment Treaty Awards in Switzerland: Mission (Almost) Impossible? A review of the Swiss Supreme Court decisions rendered over the period 2019-2024**

MATTHIAS SCHERER, CATHERINE A. KUNZ, LAURA AZARIA

*In: 42 ASA Bulletin 4/2024 (December)*

**International Arbitration: Switzerland chapter**

CATHERINE A. KUNZ, COURTNEY FURNER

*In: Global Legal Insights, International Arbitration, 2024*

**New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration**

CATHERINE A. KUNZ

*In: Christoph Müller, Sébastien Besson, Antonio Rigozzi (Eds), New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration, Stämpfli Editions Bern, pp. 131-165, 2020*

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## Recent conferences

**GAR Live Vienna - GAR Live 2023: What would you do?**

CATHERINE ANNE KUNZ , Role: Panellist, Do we need a uniform standard for independence and impartiality for experts in international arbitration? How diverging is the approach and how dangerous is it to the integrity of the proceedings?

*Vienna, 13 October 2023*

**ASA Town Hall 2023 - Conflicts of Interest and Disclosure**

CATHERINE ANNE KUNZ , Role: Moderator, Roundtable dealing with social media

*Bern, 29 September 2023*

**DIS40 - Spring Conference - Is this the end?! – Arbitration in the post-award stage, Setting aside of arbitral awards**

CATHERINE ANNE KUNZ , Role: Panellist

*Webinar, 4 May 2023*