

## Melissa Magliana

### Partner, Zurich



**Melissa specialises in international arbitration. She has experience in both common and civil law jurisdictions, holds legal degrees in US and Swiss law, and advises and represents clients in ad hoc and institutional arbitration proceedings under all major rules of arbitration.**

Melissa also acts as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and chair of arbitral tribunals and advises on other forms of dispute resolution and related proceedings, such as mediation and international legal assistance. She “boils complex matters down into manageable, bite-sized pieces and gives clear and rational argumentation”, *Chambers Global, Arbitration Counsel, 2023*.

Her expertise spans different industry sectors with a particular focus on highly complex construction and engineering disputes as well as shareholder, partnership and joint venture disputes arising in a post-M&A context.

#### Current Memberships

- + Member of the Board of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- + Representative of Switzerland in the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) working group dedicated to dispute settlement (Working Group II)
- + Co-chair of the CPR Task Force on the Arbitration of Life Sciences Disputes

#### Career History

- + Partner, LALIVE, 2018 – present
- + Counsel, Homburger, 2012 – 2018
- + Associate, Homburger, 2005 – 2011

#### Academic Qualifications

- + MLaw, University of Lucerne School of Law (magna cum laude), 2014
- + Juris Doctor (JD), Columbia University School of Law (James Kent Scholar), 2004
- + Bachelor of Arts (BA), Princeton University (magna cum laude), 1999

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#### Practices

- + Arbitration - International Commercial

#### Sectors

- + Construction & Infrastructure
- + Energy
- + Mining
- + Pharma
- + Sports

#### Languages

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

#### Nationality

- + Italian
- + Swiss

#### Admission

- + New York, 2005

**“A standout name in Zurich”**

*Who's Who Legal National Leaders, Arbitration, 2023*

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## Recognition

“She is an eloquent speaker and presenter who presents persuasive arguments.”

**Chambers Global, Arbitration Counsel, 2023**

Ranked Band 3

**Chambers Europe, Arbitration Counsel, 2023**

Ranked as “Next Generation Partner”

**Legal 500 EMEA, Dispute Resolution, Arbitration, 2023**

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## Recent publications

**Dispensing with written consent – or consent altogether – in third party extensions under the New York Convention: A critical examination of the recent Swiss and U.S. Supreme Court decisions in B. Suisse and GE Energy**

MELISSA MAGLIANA, PHILIPPE HOVAGUIMIAN,

*In: b-Arbitra, Belgian Review of Arbitration, February 2021*

**Commentary of Articles 188-189 PILA**

MELISSA MAGLIANA, MARKUS WIRTH

*In: Basler Kommentar (Honsell et al. eds.), 2021*

**Arbitration in Switzerland**

MELISSA MAGLIANA, ROMAN RICHERS

*In: International Commercial Arbitration: Practitioner’s Guide (Balthasar, 2d Ed.), 2020*

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## Recent Conferences

**ASA Annual Conference**

**Laureate Panel: Excellence in Advocacy, today and beyond**

MELISSA MAGLIANA, Speaker

*Geneva, 2 February 2024*

**Belgian Economic Mission to Switzerland**

**Arbitrator Panel: Hot Topics in International Arbitration**

MELISSA MAGLIANA, Speaker

*Geneva, 22 November 2023*

**ICC YAF: Workshop for In-House Counsel**

**Drafting Arbitration Clauses**

MELISSA MAGLIANA, Speaker

*Basel, 31 October 2023*

**GAR Academy Fundamentals of International Arbitration**

**Guerilla Tactics in International Arbitration**

MELISSA MAGLIANA, Faculty

*Online, 2023*