

## Domitille BAIZEAU

Partner



### Admission

England & Wales

Switzerland

(First admitted in New Zealand in 1996)

### Nationality

French, New Zealander

### Languages

English, French, Spanish

### Practices

International Commercial Arbitration

Investment Arbitration

Public International Law

### Areas of focus

Energy and Mining

Pharma and Biotechnology

Technology and Telecom

Construction and Infrastructure

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## BIOGRAPHY

Domitille Baizeau joined LALIVE in 2004 and has been practising dispute resolution for over 25 years, exclusively in international arbitration (commercial and investment) since 2001. She has acted in more than 100 international disputes, as counsel and arbitrator (including presiding arbitrator), in administered arbitrations (including ICC, LCIA, SCC, Swiss Rules, UNCITRAL, ICSID, SIAC, FAI, CEPANI, WIPO) and ad hoc proceedings, governed by various procedural and substantive laws, both common law and civil law, including English, Swiss, French, American, and by international law.

Her areas of specialization include joint venture, M&A, shareholders, sales, distribution and investment disputes in the energy (oil & gas, solar), mining, telecommunications, commodity trading, infrastructure projects and pharmaceutical sectors.

Domitille Baizeau is currently a member of the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC, the Council and Proceedings Committee of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) and the Governing Board and Governance Committee of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), and Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Swiss Arbitration Centre (formerly SCAI). She previously held various other positions, including on the Arbitration Court of SCAI, at ASA (Swiss Arbitration Association), the LCIA and CIArb. She is listed on several panel of arbitrators and regularly speaks at conferences and publishes in international arbitration.

She has been ranked for many years by Chambers (Global-wide, Europe-wide and Switzerland) for International Arbitration, as counsel and arbitrator and by The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration. In 2018, she received the GAR ART award of the Best Prepared and Most Responsive Arbitrator.

Before joining LALIVE, Domitille Baizeau practiced in litigation and arbitration in New Zealand with a leading business law firm and in Paris with a top tier global firm. She graduated from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand in 1995 (LL.B. First Class Honours) and also holds a Diploma in French law from the Université Paris II Assas-Panthéon.

## RECENT RECOMMENDATIONS

"She is extremely slick and very impressive."

Chambers Global, Arbitration (International): Most in Demand Arbitrators – Europe-wide, 2023

A source describes Domitille Baizeau as, "I consider her to be top drawer of Europe-based arbitrators."

Chambers Global, Arbitration (International): Most in Demand Arbitrators – Europe-wide, 2022

"She has done enough cases as presiding arbitrator with very experienced co-arbitrators to have the same level of experience as many of the top names."

Chambers Global, Arbitration (International): Arbitration Counsel and Arbitrators Switzerland, Europe-wide, 2022

Domitille Baizeau is ranked among the most recognized global practitioners in the field.

Who's Who Legal, Thought Leader – Arbitration, 2022

Domitille Baizeau is deemed to be "the cleverest arbitration lawyer in Switzerland" by one source, who adds: "I would recommend her in a nanosecond; she is excellent."

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

Domitille Baizeau is hailed as a star of the arbitration market.

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Leading Firms, 2020

The "excellent" Domitille Baizeau is "outstanding as both counsel and arbitrator."

Who's Who Legal, Arbitration 2020

Domitille Baizeau is "certainly one of the most in-demand practitioners in Switzerland for her generation." She is hailed as "very dynamic with the advantage of combining common and civil law expertise."

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration 2020

She is "razor sharp in case management and decision-making."

Chambers Global, Arbitration (International): Most in Demand Arbitrators – Global and Europe-wide, 2020

She is "very well prepared and in control of proceedings."

Chambers Global, Switzerland, Dispute Resolution: Arbitration Counsel and Arbitrators, 2020

Domitille Baizeau is "an outstanding strategist who leaves no stone unturned" as well as a "powerful and effective" advocate.

Client comment in GAR 30, 2019

Domitille Baizeau "impresses with the quality of her preparation and her proactive approach", say interviewees.

Who's Who Legal, Most Highly Regarded in Arbitration, Switzerland, 2019

Sources say that Domitille Baizeau is "incredible to watch" in tribunals as well as "super well prepared." She is also reputed in the international market for her work as counsel in high-profile arbitrations in the energy, telecoms and pharmaceutical sectors.

Chambers Global, Arbitration (International): Most in Demand Arbitrators - Europe-wide, 2019

## SELECTION OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### **Insolvency and Arbitration – National Report on Switzerland**

Domitille Baizeau, Alexandre Schwab, 2021

In: IBA Toolkit on Insolvency and Arbitration 2021, IBA Arbitration Committee

### **Quick Answers on State Immunity – Switzerland**

Domitille Baizeau, Sandrine Giroud, Anton Vallélian, 2020

Quick Answers, Kluwer Law International, December 2020

### **Quick Answers on Appointment and Challenge of Arbitrators– Switzerland**

Domitille Baizeau, Catherine Anne Kunz, 2020

Quick Answers, Kluwer Law International, December 2020

### **Quick Answers on Drafting Arbitration Agreements – Switzerland**

Domitille Baizeau, Catherine Anne Kunz, 2020

Quick Answers, Kluwer Law International, December 2020

### **Appointment and Challenge of Arbitrators - Drafting arbitration agreements - Sovereign immunity - Swiss Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Switzerland)**

Domitille Baizeau, Catherine Anne Kunz, Sandrine Giroud, Bernd Ehle (since 2010)

In: A. Sheppard (Ed.), *Comparative Smart Charts*, Kluwer Law International Practice Tools, since 2010

### **Commentary on Articles 192 of the Swiss Private International Law Act**

Domitille Baizeau, 2018

In: Manuel Arroyo (Ed.), *Arbitration in Switzerland - The Practitioner's Guide: Commentary*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Kluwer Law International, 2018, pp. 376-391

### **Multi-tiered and Hybrid Arbitration Clauses**

Domitille Baizeau, Anne-Marie Loong, 2018

In: Manuel Arroyo (Ed.), *Arbitration in Switzerland - The Practitioner's Guide: Commentary*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Kluwer Law International, 2018, pp. 2781-2798

### **Various entries in Enciclopedia del Arbitraje**

Domitille Baizeau, Jaime Gallego, 2018

J. L. Collantes González (Ed), Domitille Baizeau, Jaime Gallego *et al.* (Coord.), *Biblioteca de Arbitraje del Estudio Mario Castillo Freyre*, Vols. 47-48, Lima, 2018

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## SELECTION OF RECENT CONFERENCES

### **ICC Institute of World Business Law**

Training: The Conduct of the Proceedings and Case Management: the Arbitrator's Perspective  
Paris, 29 March 2023

Speaker

### **ARBinBRIEF**

Season 2, Episode 8: One size fits all or tailor-made?

Online, 8 February 2023

Speaker

## **GAR Live Women in Arbitration 2022**

London, 1 December 2022

Co-Chair

## **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb - European Branch) & TGS Baltic**

Keeping corruption out of international arbitration: practical considerations

Online, 9 March 2021

Panellist

## **GAR Interactive: Damages 2021**

Presentation of damages: what arbitrators want from lawyers and experts

Online, 4 February 2021

Panellist

## **GAR Interactive Women in Arbitration 2021**

Online, 2 February 2021

Co-Chair

## **Vienna Arbitration Center (VIAC) / Arbitration Austria (ArbAut)**

Vienna Arbitration Days 2020: Arbitration and Public Law

Vienna, 21 February 2020

Moderator: Competition and Insolvency

## **Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CIMAC)**

Casablanca Arbitration days

Casablanca, 5-6 December 2019

Speaker: Proliferation of arbitral institutions in Africa: for better or for worse?

## **World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) & Conseil National des Barreaux (CNB, Paris)**

WIPO Mediation and Arbitration Workshop

Paris, 7 November 2019

Speaker: Awards

## **Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) / Hong Kong International arbitration Center (HKIAC)**

Arbitration Practice Seminar

Da Nang, Vietnam, 24-26 May 2019

Discussion leader

## **London International Disputes Week 2019 – ICC, LCIA, CIArb, Law Society of England & Wales**

LIDW 2019 Flagship Event

London, 8 May 2019

Panellist: The Future of International Arbitration in London

## **Juris conferences LLC**

Fifteenth Annual Leading Arbitrators' Symposium on the Conduct of International arbitration

Vienna, 15 April 2019

Speaker:

Working session 1: Initial organisation of the arbitral proceedings and pre-hearing activities

Working session 3: Effective presentation of evidence

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For a full list of recommendations, publications and conferences please go to [www.lalive.law](http://www.lalive.law)