

Domitille BAIZEAU

Partner



Admission

England & Wales

Geneva

(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

Technology and Telecom

Energy and Mining

Pharma and Biotechnology

Construction and Infrastructure

tel: +41 58 105 2000

email: dbaizeau@lalive.law

Rue de la Mairie 35

PO Box 6569

1211 Geneva 6 - Switzerland

BIOGRAPHY

Domitille Baizeau joined LALIVE in 2004 and has been practising dispute resolution for 25 years, exclusively in international arbitration (commercial and investment) since 2001. She has acted in more than 85 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 a member of the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC (re-appointed in 2021), 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). Until 2019, she was: Vice-President of the Arbitration Court of SCAI (Swiss Rules), member of the Board of ASA, the Swiss Arbitration Association, and officer of the European Users' Council of the LCIA. She is also a member of the IBA (Arbitration Committee) and an Associate Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law. She is listed on the panel of arbitrators of the ICC New Zealand Arbitration Committee, the ICC French National Committee and the ICDR. She regularly speaks at conferences and publishes in international arbitration and is a past member of the Editorial Boards of the ASA Bulletin and the ICC Bulletin.

Domitille Baizeau has been ranked for several 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 France with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Paris. 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

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 A. Kunz, 2020

Quick Answers, Kluwer Law International, December 2020

Quick Answers on Drafting Arbitration Agreements – Switzerland

Domitille Baizeau, Catherine A. 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*, 2nd 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*, 2nd 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

The Arbitral Tribunal's Duty and Power to Address Corruption Sua Sponte

Domitille Baizeau, Tessa Hayes, 2017

In: Andrea Menaker (Ed.), *International Arbitration and the Rule of Law: Contribution and Conformity*, ICCA Congress Series No. 19, Wolters Kluwer, 2017, pp. 225-265

The Arbitrators' Initiative: When, Why and How Should It Be Used?

Domitille Baizeau, 2016

In: D. Baizeau and F. Spoorenberg (Eds.), *The Arbitrators' Initiative: When, Why and How Should it be used?*, ASA Special Series No. 45, Juris, 2016

Addressing the Issue of Confidentiality in Arbitration - Proceedings: How Is This Done in Practice?

Domitille Baizeau, Juliette Richard, 2016

In: Elliott Geisinger (Ed.), *Confidential and Restricted Access Information in International Arbitration*, ASA Special Series No. 43, 2016, Chapter 4, pp. 53-78

The IBA Guidelines on Party Representation in International Arbitration: A Plea for Caution

Domitille Baizeau, 2015

BCDR International Arbitration Review 2, No. 2 (2015), pp.343–356

SELECTION OF RECENT CONFERENCES

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

School of International Arbitration (Queen Mary University of London) and ICC Institute of World Business Law

33rd Annual Joint Symposium of Arbitrators: Ethics in International Arbitration
London, 12 March 2018

Speaker: Ethical Rules and Duties for Party Representatives in International Arbitration

Procuraduría General del Estado - Ecuador

V Seminario de Derecho Público y de Derecho Internacional/Vth Seminar on Public Law and International Law

Quito, 5 October 2017

Speaker: Options available upon the termination of Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs)

International Bar Association (IBA)

3rd Annual Investing in Africa Conference

Paris, 22-23 June 2017

Speaker: Challenges for investors in Africa: managing legal risks

Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) / London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

Arbitration Practice Seminar

Villars-sur-Ollons, 9-11 June 2017

Co-chair

Swedish Arbitration Association (SAA) / Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC)

Arbitrators Training Course

Stockholm, 2 May 2017

Speaker / Moderator: The conduct of the proceedings in international arbitration

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

ICC UK Annual Arbitration Conference – Arbitration in a Changing World

London, 30 November 2016

Panellist: Brexit: Implications for London as a Seat and for English Law

International Bar Association (IBA)

Annual Conference - Hot topics in International Arbitration

Washington, 19-23 September 2016

Speaker: Deafening Silences in International Arbitration: Sua Sponte Corruption Inquiries in Commercial Arbitration

ICCA 2016 Congress

International Arbitration and Its Contribution to the Rule of Law

Port Louis, Mauritius, 8-11 May 2016

Speaker: The Arbitrator's Duty and Power to Raise the Corruption Defence and Investigate Corruption *Sua Sponte*

London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) African Users' Council Symposium

Dispute Resolution in Africa

Balaclava, Mauritius, 7-8 May 2016

Co-chair: Arbitration Efficiency: Cost and Duration

For a full list of recommendations, publications and conferences please go to www.lalive.law