

Nicolas PRALICA

Associate

Admission

Paris, 2016

Barrister, England and Wales, 2018

New York, 2021 (pending)

Nationality

French

Languages

English, French,

Spanish

Practices

Investment Arbitration

Public International Law

International Commercial Arbitration

Areas of focus

Construction & Infrastructure

Energy & Mining

Technology & Telecom

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BIOGRAPHY

Nicolas Pralica joined LALIVE in 2021 and specialises in investment treaty arbitration, commercial arbitration, and public international law. He has acted as counsel for investors and States in several investment treaty disputes and in commercial arbitration cases under ICSID, ICC, LCIA, SCC, UNCITRAL and IACP rules governed by a variety of substantive and procedural laws including English, French, and Spanish laws. He has particular experience in international disputes in the mining, construction, oil and gas, telecommunications sectors. Nicolas Pralica also has acted as arbitral secretary in half a dozen arbitration cases, mainly in the construction sector.

Nicolas Pralica has been acting as Director of the Advanced Programme in Investment Programme (APIA) at the Paris Bar School where he has been lecturing on investment treaty arbitration and coaching his students in the Skadden Arp's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Moot since 2017.

Before joining LALIVE, Nicolas Pralica trained with Cleary Gottlieb and Three Crowns in Paris (2015-2016) and went on to work as an associate at Dechert in Paris (2017-2018). He subsequently worked as an arbitral secretary in three high-value construction cases seated in Geneva and Miami, along with other arbitration cases in the retail and aviation industries seated in Paris (2018-2021).

Nicolas Pralica holds a Master in Economic Law from *Sciences Po Paris* (2014) and a Master in International Arbitration, Commercial Litigation and ADR (with distinction) from Paris II Panthéon-Assas University (2015). Nicolas Pralica earned a Graduate Diploma in Law (with commendation) and passed the BTT/BPTC ('very competent') with BPP Law School (2018-2019). He also graduated with an LLM (with honours) from Harvard Law School (2019-2020). During his studies, Nicolas was part of the team which represented the Paris Bar School in the 2016 Skadden Arp's FDI Moot and won the Global Rounds in Buenos Aires. Nicolas was awarded the Prize for Best Advocate in the Final Hearing Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler, Guido S. Tawil and Raúl Vinuesa.

Nicolas Pralica originally graduated with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics and physics, and a Master of Science in financial mathematics, economics, and computer science from *Ecole Polytechnique* (2014) with a Master in Corporate Finance and Microeconomics from *Ecole Nationale de Statistiques et Administration Economique* (2015). He worked as a financial analyst for EY and Natixis Corporate and Investment Banking in Paris, France, and Safran Morpho in Sydney, Australia.

CONFERENCES

Eötvös Loránd University

Valuation of damages in investment arbitration
Budapest, 12 Octobre 2019
Organiser

Eötvös Loránd University

Fork-in-the-road clauses in investment treaty disputes
Budapest, 10 October 2018
Organiser

COLLOQUIUM “International Investment Law and the Law of Armed Conflict” – Athens Public International Law Center (AthensPIL) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Faculty of Law

Contributory fault and armed conflicts in investment disputes
Athens, 5-6 October 2017
Organiser

Russian Arbitration Center (Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration) and St Petersburg State University

Treaty interpretation and discrete public international law issues in investment arbitration
Saint Petersburg, 29 September 2017
Organiser

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Director/Lecturer

Paris Bar School (Ecole de Formation des Barreaux de Paris)
Advanced Programme in Investment Arbitration
2017 – Present

Selected Topics:

- Rules of attribution
- Treaty interpretation
- Contributory fault
- Denial of benefits clauses in investment treaties
- Tax carve-outs in investment treaties
- Umbrella clauses in investment treaty arbitration
- Illegality of the investment

Prize for Excellence in Law Teaching (Fondation du Droit pour la Société)

LALIVE

Lecturer in English Contract Law

Paris Bar School (Ecole de Formation des Barreaux de Paris)
Advanced Programme in Investment Arbitration
2017 – Present

Lecturer in English Contract Law

Paris Bar School (Ecole de Formation des Barreaux de Paris)
Continuing Legal Education for lawyers and judges
40-hour course on the English law of contracts to the newly appointed judges to the International Chamber of the Paris Court of Appeals and Paris Commercial Court.
2019
