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Lalive promotes four counsel

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Lalive has promoted **Riccardo Loschi** in Zurich, **Isabella Cannatà** in Geneva and **Robert Denison** and **Devon Robertson** in London to counsel in its international arbitration practice.

The promotions from senior associate take effect in the new year.

Loschi is on the Lalive team that helped Finland's Fennovoima win a **€606 million ICC award** last month against Russia's Rosatom over the terminated Hanhikivi-1 nuclear power plant project.

He also helped Panama **defeat** an ICSID claim earlier this year by Venezuela-based banking group Banesco over bonds issued to guarantee public works contracts.

Loschi also advises on space, engineering, construction, and finance disputes and national security matters.

He previously worked at Freshfields and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton before joining Lalive in 2020.

Paolo Bertoli of Cleary Gottlieb says Loschi has "exceptional legal skills, sound judgment and dedication to clients. He is a talented arbitration practitioner and a valued colleague, and we are delighted to see him reach this well-deserved milestone."

Loschi is admitted to practise in Switzerland, New York and Italy.

Italian-qualified Cannatà was on the Lalive team that defended Latvia in an ICSID claim brought by a Ukrainian investor in a metallurgical plant that was **discontinued** in 2021. She is currently defending Latvia in another ICSID **claim** brought by an insolvent Latvian bank and its UK shareholders.

She also advises on construction, energy, banking, mining and pharma disputes, as well as public international law matters.

Cannatà joined Lalive's Geneva office in 2018.

Patrizia Tanzola, group legal director at consulting group Wood, says Cannatà brings "structure and clarity to challenging matters, distils diverse perspectives into a coherent strategy and communicates with exceptional effectiveness".

Veijo Heiskanen, who **left** Lalive in 2024 to practise as an independent arbitrator at Arbitra International, adds: "Isabella is one of an increasingly rare breed: a practising lawyer who pairs sharp professional skills with academic excellence."

Denison was on the Lalive team that helped Australian mining company Indiana Resources win a **US$110 million ICSID award** against Tanzania in 2023. He also advised Vancouver-based Winshear Gold as it **settled** its ICSID claim against the same state later that year.

He is currently advising US investor Ruby River Capital in a US$20 billion NAFTA legacy **claim** against Canada over a liquefied natural gas facility.

Vivek Bidwai of Ruby River Capital says Denison "quickly masters complex information, makes excellent contributions to written submissions and oral pleadings, and has an uncommon ability to put clients, witnesses, and colleagues at ease."

Lorraine de Germiny, who recently left Lalive to join mineral supplier Falcon Energy Materials as general counsel, says: "Robbie is simply stellar… and is a delight to work with."

Denison joined Lalive in 2019. He is admitted to practise in England and Wales.

Robertson spent five years as an associate at White & Case in Paris before joining Lalive as an associate in 2022.

She advises on energy and infrastructure disputes, including acting for Montenegro in a dispute with China Road and Bridge Corporation over the construction of a motorway.

Robertson was also on the White & Case team that helped the Georgian roads authority **defeat** an ICC claim by Italian contractor Astaldi. The contractor was ordered to pay US$22 million in damages and costs.

Michael Polkinghorne of White & Case says: “Devon was consistently one of our star performers and clearly things have not changed since her move! She clearly deserves this promotion.”

Melissa Magliana, co-chair of Lalive’s international arbitration practice, says: “Isabella, Robert, Riccardo and Devon are outstanding lawyers who have each made a significant contribution to our practice and to our clients.”

Lalive has also **promoted** **Kevin Huber** in London and **Luis Miguel Velarde Saffer** in Geneva to partner, effective in January.



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