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COUNSEL & ARBITRATOR

BIOGRAPHY

Sabrina Aïnouz is a partner in the International Dispute Resolution Practice Group of Squire Patton Boggs, based in the Paris office. She advises and represents states, state-owned entities, and private sector companies in investor-state and commercial arbitrations across diverse sectors, including oil and gas, mining, construction, telecommunications, and general commercial disputes.

Her extensive experience includes arbitrations conducted under all major institutional rules, such as ICC, ICSID, SCC, and UNCITRAL. Additionally, she serves as counsel in proceedings before French courts, focusing on the enforcement and annulment of international arbitral awards.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Sabrina is currently the vice-chair of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR (2014-2027).
- Sabrina served as a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration from 2018-2024, representing Algeria.
- Sabrina is an ambassador of the ICC Africa Commission.
- Since December 2021, Sabrina has been vice president of the Paris Arbitration Week. .

BAR ADMISSION

2006: Paris Bar

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PARTNER

SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS

Sabrina has been ranked as a Future Leader by Who's Who Legal: Arbitration and as one of the ten Next Generation Partners in France by Legal 500 in 2022. Sabrina has been recognised by peers and clients as a "real fighter with expertise in investment arbitration", a "hard working professional", and a "star in the field (including treaty arbitration)", with "specialist knowledge of public international law", a "phenomenal" capacity for work and "an unbeatable intellect".

RECENT EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

- Counsel for Algeria in a US\$3.6 billion ICSID arbitration initiated by a Danish oil company, under the Algeria-Denmark BIT, in connection with the alleged expropriation of its rights under a production sharing agreement.
- Counsel for Sonatrach, the Algerian national oil company, in a US\$12 billion UNCITRAL arbitration initiated by US and Danish oil companies in connection with the alleged breach of tax provisions in a production sharing agreement (arbitration in French and English; Algerian law applicable).
- Counsel for the Republic of Benin in a US\$35 million ICSID arbitration initiated by seven companies under Benin's foreign investment laws, in connection with the construction of a hotel complex.
- Counsel for the Russian Federation in a US\$1 billion UNCITRAL arbitration initiated by a US oil major in connection with the alleged breach of profit tax provisions in a production sharing agreement.
- Counsel for the Republic of Kazakhstan in a multibillion UNCITRAL arbitration arising out of a consortium of oil majors' alleged failure to develop an oil field, recovery of costs in breach of their obligations under a production sharing agreement and multiple breaches of their environmental obligations.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

PARIS X (PARIS, FRANCE)

Master II in International Dispute Resolution | 1993-1994

PARIS X (PARIS, FRANCE)

Master I in Political Science | 2003

PARIS X (PARIS, FRANCE)

Master I in Business Law | 2002

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Energy Transition and Renewables in MENA: Key Drivers and Future Prospects for the Dispute Resolution Landscape", The Oath Legal Magazine, May 2023.
- Author, "Diverse but not Diverse: Stakes and Challenges of Diversity in International Arbitration", Options Droit & Affaires, March 2022
- Co-author, "Commercial Arbitration: France", GAR Know-How, 2018-2020
- Co-author, "ICSID Tribunal's *ratione materiae* jurisdiction in light of 50 years of ICSID African Jurisprudence", LGDJ, 2019.
- Co-author, "Mining Arbitration in Central Asia", GAR Guide to Mining Arbitration, 2019.