

**ROOPA MATHEWS**

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Nationality: Swiss

**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

**Solicitor-Advocate, England and Wales**

**September 2018**

**BPP University Law School**

**February 2016 – August 2016**

Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice

**London School of Economics and Political Science**

**September 2014 – August 2015**

LL.M. in Public International Law, Merit

**University of Bristol**

**October 2011 – June 2014**

LL.B. (Hons) Law, First Class Honours

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Associate, LALIVE**

**August 2021 –**

*Zurich, Switzerland*

**Associate, International Arbitration, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer**

**October 2018 – June 2021**

*Frankfurt am Main, Germany*

Mandates

- Representing a global industrial company in complex technical disputes with suppliers in multiple ICC arbitrations
- Representing a German chemical manufacturing company in an ad hoc post-M&A arbitration arising out of environmental liabilities in the United States
- Representing a German car manufacturer in a German law governed ICC arbitration with its distributor in Iran
- Acting as administrative secretary to the Arbitral Tribunal in a London-seated, English law ICC arbitration relating to the construction and delivery of a glass recycling plant
- Advising a global industrial company in relation to its contractual and statutory rights and obligations under English, French and German law arising out of various supply contracts
- Advising the European Investment Bank on its rights and obligations under public international law with regard to the non-recognition of a European government
- Advising intervening Member States on making oral submissions in a preliminary reference to the CJEU on EU law relating to the Bulgarian authorities' failure to issue a birth certificate to a Bulgarian national residing in Spain due to issues surrounding the child's parentage (pro bono)

### Other responsibilities

- Member of the recruitment committee for the Freshfields Frankfurt international arbitration internship programme
- Co-organising and moderating Vienna and Frankfurt team calls on topical issues with internal and external speakers

### **Trainee Solicitor, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer**

**August 2016 – August 2018**

*London, UK (August 2016 – February 2018) and Washington DC, USA (March – August 2018)*

Completed seats in the following practice groups:

- International Arbitration (12 months)
- Global Transactions – Corporate and Finance (9 months)
- Antitrust, Competition and Trade (3 months)

### **INTERNSHIPS AND OTHER EXPERIENCE**

- Researcher, International Development, Iguacu (*London, UK*) **September 2014 – February 2016**
- Intern, Genève pour les Droits de l'Homme (*Geneva, Switzerland*) **August – September 2014**
- Researcher, Centre pour les Droits Civils et Politiques (*Geneva, Switzerland*) **June – July 2014**
- Legal intern, Byrne-Sutton Bollen Kern (*Geneva, Switzerland*) **July – August 2012**

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Lecturer – Introduction to English Law, Goethe University Frankfurt

**October 2019 – present**

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- “Decolonising arbitration: Improving diversity and inclusion in counsel teams”, Conference on Sustainable Diversity, 2021 (forthcoming)
- “Balancing the benefits and burdens of blockchain on the environment: a barrier or boon for sustainability?” published in *Environmental Law and Management* (2019) Vol. 31, Issue 4

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Swiss Arbitration Association below 40 (ASA-40)
- German Arbitration Institute below 40 (DIS-40)
- Italian Arbitration Association below 40 (AIA-Arbit-40)
- London Very Young Arbitration Practitioners (London VYAP)

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

- English, French and Malayalam (native)
- Spanish (C1)
- German (B2/C1)