

EXPERIENCE

JONES DAY, London, United Kingdom (Oct. 2021-Pres.) and Paris, France (Oct. 2019-Sept. 2021)

Associate, International Arbitration Team

Representing a French telecom group in an ICSID investment arbitration and parallel ICC and LAMC commercial arbitrations
Representing an engineering company against a state-owned oil and gas company in an ICC construction arbitration
Advising an African state on potential exposure to investment claims in connection with its revision of mining conventions
Advised a French telecom company on PIL issues resulting from its activity in the waters adjacent to Western Sahara
Represented a Spanish construction company in annulment proceedings before the Paris Court of Appeal brought by a Latin American state against a UNCITRAL investment treaty decision on jurisdiction
Representing a French government agency in domestic proceedings before the Supreme Court of a Latin American state
Represented a Middle Eastern real-estate company in an ICC commercial arbitration
Assisted in the preparation of a hearing in an SCC oil & gas arbitration
Advised a French oil company on corporations' human rights obligations in conflict-affected areas
Drafted merits reviews in commercial and investment arbitration cases

SHEARMAN & STERLING LLP, Paris, France (Jan.-June 2018)

Trainee lawyer, International Arbitration Group

Assisted in the defense of a francophone state in an ICSID investment arbitration
Assisted in the defense of a francophone state in ICSID annulment proceedings
Assisted in the defense of a Colombian company in an ICC commercial arbitration
Assisted in the preparation of a legal opinion by Professor Emmanuel Gaillard in ICSID annulment proceedings

CUATRECASAS, GONÇALVES PEREIRA, Barcelona, Spain (Jan.-June 2017)

Trainee lawyer, Litigation and International Arbitration Group

Conducted legal research in Spanish law and drafted legal memoranda on domestic litigation cases; drafted the preliminary versions of legal sections of the Statement of Claim and drafted a Redfern Schedule in a LCIA commercial arbitration in the renewable energy industry

FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER LLP, Paris, France (July-Dec. 2016)

Legal Intern, International Arbitration Group

Conducted legal research in French, English and Spanish on commercial and investment arbitration disputes; drafted parts of submissions, cross-examination questions, and attended client meetings and hearings in a commercial arbitration dispute; performed *pro bono* work

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA (2018-2019)

LL.M. Graduate (May 2019), *successfully passed the New York Bar exam* (July 2019 session)

Focus: Public International Law, International Investment Law, International Law of the Sea, Constitutional Law, Corporations

Thesis: "A Critical Study of the Right to Self-Determination in the Context of Catalonia: the Path Towards a Non-Violent Right to Secession", supervised by Prof. Naz K. Modirzadeh (Honors)

Activities: Harvard International Arbitration Law Students Association (HIALSA), Vice President of Events

PARIS BAR SCHOOL (EFB), Issy-les-Moulineaux, France (2017-2018)

Trainee lawyer, successfully passed the CAPA (September 2018)

Focus: Advanced Program in Investment Arbitration (investment arbitration lectures by academics and practitioners)

Honors: Paris Bar School Entrance Examination (C.R.F.P.A.), ranked 12th/508

Activities: Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot, First Highest Ranked Claimant Memorial (3rd/104 Highest Ranked Team in the written phase, 8th/104 Highest Ranked Team overall)

MAGISTERE JURISTE D’AFFAIRES – D.J.C.E., PARIS II PANTHEON-ASSAS, Paris, France (2014-2016)

Master’s degree in Business Law and Diplôme de Juriste Conseil d’Entreprise (July 2016)

Focus: Corporate Law, Tax Law, Banking law, International Trade Law, American Business Law

Thesis: “The international character of arbitration under French law: a single criterion?”, supervised by Prof. L. d’Avout (17/20)

Honors: High Honors, ranked 2nd/26

PARIS II PANTHEON-ASSAS, Paris, France (2011-2014)

Bachelor’s degree and Diplôme of the Collège de Droit (July 2014)

Focus: Private Law, Commercial Law, Comparative and International Law

Honors: High Honors

LANGUAGES

English (full professional proficiency, TOEFL iBT: 115/120); **Spanish** (native); **Catalan** (native); **French** (native)

PUBLICATIONS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

“Investment Arbitration Counsel’s Role in the Progressive Development of International Law”, co-authored with Elie Kleiman and Charles T. Kotuby, book chapter in Katia Fach Gómez (ed.), *Private Actors in International Investment Law*, European Yearbook of International Economic Law, Springer (published in February 2021)

American Bar Association’s The Year in Review, International Arbitration, co-authored with Elie Kleiman the French and African sections (2020 edition, forthcoming publication) and authored the African section (2019 edition, published)

“FDI Moot 2017: First Highest Ranked Claimant Memorial”, Paris Bar School Team, TDM 5(2017)

“The international character of arbitration under French law: a single criterion?”, *Business & Law Review (RD&A)*, peer-reviewed, 13th edition (2016), pp. 226-245

Delos ROAP LATAM 2021 – Participant in the oral submissions course fully conducted in Spanish

Mooting

2020 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Judge in the French Rounds

27th Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Mentoring Team Member, University of Nairobi

2017 Skadden Arp’s Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot (FDI), Team Member, First Highest Ranked Claimant Memorial (3rd/104 Highest Ranked Team in the written phase, 8th/104 Highest Ranked Team overall)

Pro Bono

Drafted the criminal law section of the French chapter of a multi-jurisdictional compendium on combatting human trafficking and modern slavery; assisted in the preparation of a legal opinion on LGBT rights under French Law (*Stonewall*); provided legal advice on the right of asylum (*La Maison du Droit*) and the termination of a commercial lease (*Adie*)

Member of Arbitral Women

Horse riding – Equestrian competition and 18 years of practice, French Championships in 2010 and 2011

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Associate in International Arbitration, Jones Day, Paris, France (October 2019-pres.)

Associate acting for a Middle Eastern real estate company in a USD 150 million ICC arbitration against a global construction company, arising out of the development of a mixed-use real estate project. Drafted the legal sections of the Statement of Defense (45 pages) and Statement of Rejoinder (75 pages) and the two witness statements of one of our factual witnesses (20 pages each). Drafted our requests and our objections to the Claimant's requests in the document production phase. Coordinated with our legal expert in the preparation of his two expert reports and his cross-examination at the hearing. Drafted the whole cross-examination of the Claimant's legal expert. Conducted mock cross-examination sessions with two of our factual witnesses. Drafted short pre-hearing submissions and prepared the opening and closing PowerPoint presentations of a five-day virtual arbitral hearing.

Associate acting for a French telecom group in a USD 600 million Lebanese Arbitration and Mediation Center arbitration and parallel ICSID and ICC arbitrations. With regard to the LAMC arbitration: drafted sections of the Statement of Reply; coordinated with our legal expert in the preparation/review of his two expert reports and his cross-examination at the hearing; conducted mock cross-examination sessions with our Banking law expert; drafted sections of the cross-examination of the Respondent's legal expert; drafted the legal sections of the opening and closing PowerPoint presentations and scripts for a five-day virtual arbitral hearing and coordinated the logistics of that hearing; drafted our costs submissions and reply costs submissions; drafted a memo outlining procedural avenues and contractual options for our client to recover its shareholder loan following the issuance of a favorable award. With regard to the ICSID arbitration: assisted in the drafting of the Request for Arbitration; performed legal research and analysis on the arbitral tribunal's jurisdiction *ratione temporis*; conducted background research on the potential candidate to be designated as president of the arbitral tribunal. With regard to the ICC arbitration: assisted in the drafting of factual and legal sections of the Statement of Claim.

Associate advising a French energy group on initiating an ICSID investment arbitration against the Kingdom of Spain as a result of the legislative and regulatory reforms of Spain's renewable energy framework and the ensuing retroactive overhaul of the former feed-in tariff regime. Reviewed the investment awards rendered to date against the Kingdom of Spain in the renewable energy sector and drafted the sections of our merits review on the breach of the FET standard arising out of the frustration of investors' legitimate expectations and the enforcement of intra-EU ECT awards in the aftermath of the ECJ's *Achmea* decision, the EU Termination Agreement and the ongoing discussions regarding the prohibition of intra-EU investment arbitration under the ECT. Reviewed factual documents shared by the client to identify relevant elements for our legal claims and discussed them in our merits review.

Associate acting for a Spanish construction company defending annulment proceedings before the Paris Court of Appeal brought by a Latin American state against a UNCITRAL investment treaty award upholding jurisdiction. Reviewed the decision on jurisdiction, procedural orders and exhibits produced in the arbitration conducted in Spanish. Drafted two sets of submissions before the Paris Court of Appeal and the *Conseiller de la Mise en Etat*. One of the arguments raised in our submissions addressed the validity of the *prima facie* test used by the arbitral tribunal on the question of attribution. Prepared for and attended the hearing before the *Conseiller de la Mise en Etat*.

Associate acting for a French government agency in coordination with local co-counsel in order to obtain the constitution of an ICC arbitral tribunal before a Latin American state's domestic courts (the proceedings are currently pending before that state's Federal Supreme Court). Reviewed the submissions prepared by the local co-counsel in Spanish and drafted an additional section of the submissions regarding the violation of the *Kompetenz-Kompetenz* principle as a result of the domestic courts' persistent refusal to proceed with the constitution of the arbitral tribunal on the ground that the procedural right to constitute the arbitral tribunal would be time-barred under domestic law.

Associate advising a French oil company operating in conflict-affected areas. Drafted the International Humanitarian Law ("IHL") section of a legal memorandum aimed at assessing corporations' human rights obligations in conflict affected-areas. One of the issues consisted in determining the binding nature of IHL

treaties towards legal entities (e.g. this question was expressly discussed in the Versailles Court of Appeal decision, *Association France-Palestine Solidarité c/ Société ALSTOM Transport SA* in which the France-Palestine Solidarity Association and the Palestine Liberation Organisation initiated legal proceedings against Alstom, Alstom Transport and Veolia Transport in order to obtain the voidance of a concession agreement for the construction of a tramway in Jerusalem on the ground that this agreement would breach several provisions of IHL treaties and therefore have an illegal cause.). Assessed the growing importance of non-legally binding standards on corporations operating in conflict-affected areas (e.g. the UN Guiding Principles' "responsibility to respect human rights).

Trainee lawyer in International Arbitration, Shearman & Sterling, Paris, France (Jan.-June 2018.)

Assisted the team acting for a francophone state in defending ICSID annulment proceedings brought by a Luxembourg-registered company attempting to revive a USD 4 billion ICSID claim. Conducted legal research and drafted legal memoranda on the standards of a serious departure from a fundamental rule of procedure (i.e. the right to be heard) and an award's failure to state the reasons on which it is based (arts 52(1)(d) and (e) of the ICSID Convention), as well as investment tribunals' right to rely on publicly available arbitral awards under the principle of *iura novit curia*.

Assisted the team acting for a francophone state in a USD 46 million ICSID arbitration brought by a Spanish construction group over a project to build prefabricated housing. Conducted legal research and drafted legal memoranda on the issues of attribution (articles 4, 5 and 8 of the ILC Articles on State Responsibility), investors' legitimate expectations under the FET standard, the breach of umbrella clauses, and the limits of the DCF methodology in the absence of historical company data.

Assisted in the preparation of a legal opinion by Prof. Emmanuel Gaillard in support of ICSID annulment proceedings brought by a Luxembourg-registered company against an ICSID award denying jurisdiction. Conducted legal research on the standard of manifest excess of powers (art. 52(1)(b) of the ICSID Convention) and drafted a section of the legal opinion contending that an investment tribunal's failure to identify the legal basis of an outcome-determinative criterion in the award would be tantamount to a manifest excess of powers under the ICSID Convention in much the same way the French Court of Cassation relies on the procedural concept of *défaut de base légale*.

Trainee lawyer in Litigation and Arbitration, Cuatrecasas, Barcelona, Spain (Jan.-June 2017.)

Assisted the team acting for a Spanish engineering company operating in the renewable energy sector in a LCIA arbitration against a Romanian contractor arising out of the latter's failure to perform its contractual obligations under an EPC contract. Conducted document review in Spanish and assisted in the drafting of our requests and replies to the Respondent's requests in the document production phase. Reviewed the legal arguments prepared by the Romanian co-counsel.

Conducted legal research on discrete topics of Spanish civil law (e.g. contract interpretation, the doctrine of estoppel known as *doctrina de los actos propios*) and drafted parts of submissions in Spanish in litigation proceedings before Spanish courts.

Trainee lawyer in International Arbitration, Freshfields, Paris, France (July-Dec. 2016.)

Assisted the team acting for the German subsidiary of a renewable energy investor in a EUR80 million claim against the Kingdom of Spain as a result of the legislative and regulatory reforms of Spain's renewable energy framework and the ensuing retroactive overhaul of the former feed-in tariff regime. Conducted factual research in Spanish newspapers and publicly available regulatory reports following the enactment of RD431/2004 and RD661/2007 to identify Spanish officials' declarations as to the stability of the feed-in tariff regime.

Assisted the team acting for two Spanish individuals defending annulment proceedings before the Paris Court of Appeal brought by the Republic of Venezuela against a UNCITRAL investment treaty award upholding jurisdiction. Conducted legal research on two specific grounds for annulment under Article 1520(1) and (5) of the French Code of Civil Procedure and drafted a preliminary version of the legal section on the tribunal's jurisdiction over dual nationals under the UNCITRAL Rules.