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Nadja Al Kanawati is a counsel in the Litigation/Controversy Department and a member of the International Arbitration Practice Group.

Ms. Al Kanawati has experience of arbitrations under a variety of institutional and ad hoc rules, including the ICC, Swiss and AAA/ICDR rules.

Prior to joining WilmerHale, Ms. Al Kanawati worked as an associate in the dispute resolution practice of a leading Swiss law firm.

Professional Activities

Ms. Al Kanawati is the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) below 40 Group's International co-chair. She also served as the regional representative of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS) below 40 Group in London from 2020-2023. Additionally, she is a member of a number of arbitration practitioner groups, including Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration, ICC Young Arbitrators Forum, Young International Arbitration Group (LCIA – YIAG) and ArbitralWomen.

Ms. Al Kanawati co-teaches a course on international commercial arbitration in the master's program of the Université Catholique de Lille.

Solutions

International Arbitration

Experience

- Representing a Middle Eastern state entity in a consolidated LCIA dispute against UK-domiciled international energy company relating to the termination of two Production Sharing Contracts in the Middle Eastern state of our client. Seated in London, subject to English law.
- Representing a US mining consortium in an arbitration against an African company and its US parent company relating to shipping rights allegedly transferred to the former by a West African State.
- Representing a supplier of refractory products in an AAA arbitration against a procurement logistics provider and a steel services company relating to a contract which could not be performed as a result of sanctions against a Central American state.

Recognition

- Selected for recognition as a leading arbitration practitioner in the 2024 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration*.

Credentials

EDUCATION

LLM, Columbia Law School,
2020

*James Kent Scholar, Fulbright
Scholar, Co-Chair, Columbia
Arbitration Day, Parker School
Certificate for Achievement in
International and Comparative
Law*

MLaw, University of Fribourg,
2014

summa cum laude

*Co-Founder and Editor in Chief,
Quid? Fribourg Law Review*

BLaw, Bilingual (German /
French), University of Fribourg,
2012

magna cum laude

ADMISSIONS

Switzerland

New York

LANGUAGES

English

German

French

Italian