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Admitted to the Paris Bar, Zoé specializes in international commercial and investment treaty arbitration. Her practice also focuses on commercial litigation across a variety of sectors and jurisdictions, and she has developed particular expertise in litigation and arbitration disputes involving shareholders.

Zoé completed a PhD at the Paris-Panthéon-Assas University, with a thesis focused on shareholder damages, for which she was awarded France-Amériques Prize (2020), Pierre Coppens Prize (2020) and Cercle Montesquieu Prize (2023). She also has a master's degree in international business law from the Paris-Panthéon-Assas University, in which her thesis focused on class arbitration of shareholder disputes, and an honours law degree focused on International and European law from the Panthéon-Sorbonne University.

Zoé regularly publishes articles on corporate law and international commercial law in both French and international legal journals. Doctor of Law, she is also qualified by the French National Council of Universities to the position of Assistant Professor ("Maître de conférences"). She teaches business law and international commercial law at the Panthéon-Assas University. She also teaches business law and international commercial law at the Panthéon-Assas University.

Zoé speaks English, French and Turkish at a bilingual level and Spanish at an advanced level.

Prior to joining Gide Paris, Zoé has worked for international law firms where her practice focused on International Commercial and Investment Arbitration (representation of States and Investors in several ICSID and UNCITRAL investor-state arbitrations).

Zoé Can Koray's arbitration experience includes:

- Counsel to Turkish and Tunisian companies in an ICC arbitration concerning the performance of an airport concession contract in Tunisia (ongoing)
- Counsel to an Algerian company in an ICC arbitration concerning the management of a cement plant (ongoing)
- Counsel to an Algerian company in the annulment of an ICC award relating to the transfer of shares (ongoing)
- Counsel to Latvian investors in the first ever investment treaty claim against the Kingdom of Norway in an ICSID arbitration under the Latvia-Norway bilateral investment treaty in the fisheries sector
- Counsel for a Canadian company in an ICSID arbitration under the Canada-Costa Rica BIT in the mining sector
- Counsel to the Republic of Latvia in an ICSID arbitration under the UK-Latvia Bilateral Investment Treaty in the banking sector
- Counsel to Romania in the defence of UNCITRAL claims arising under the Canada-Romania BIT, the US-Romania BIT and the Turkey-Romania BIT concerning a claim for compensation and restitution of film production studios

- Counsel to a German investor in an appeal against the exequatur order of a Moscow arbitration award in the beverage manufacturing sector
- Counsel to a Cameroonian company in an ICC arbitration concerning a legal assistance contract
- Counsel to a Middle Eastern company in an ICC arbitration concerning the breach of contractual obligations by a major international pharmaceutical producer
- Counsel to a Middle Eastern company in an ICC arbitration concerning several breaches of contractual obligations by a public authority in connection with a construction project
- Counsel to a Canadian company in an ICSID arbitration under the Canada-Costa Rica BIT in the mining sector.
- Advising various third-party funders on chances of success of potential arbitrations and claims, both on the merits and on enforcement prospects
- Secretary to the Arbitral Tribunal in numerous ICC arbitrations
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Qualifications and Professional Experience

Associate, Arbitrage, Gide Loyrette Nouel, Paris (since 2022)
Associate, Arbitration, Savoie Laporte Law Firm (2021-2022 (2 years))
Admitted to the Paris Bar (since 2021)
Qualified by the National Council of Universities for the Associate Professor Position (2019)
Jurist, Litigation, Mayer Brown, Paris (2020)
Jurist, corporate and securities Law, Sanofi, Paris (2019)
Academic Lecturer, Tenure (business law, international commercial law and civil law) (since 2013)
Research Assistant (Investment), TUSIAD and Institut du Bosphore, under the supervision of Serap Atan, Paris (2011)
PhD Thesis on Shareholder Damages, under the supervision of Prof. Daniel Cohen, University Paris-Panthéon-Assas, France Amériques, summa cum laude, Prizes (Thesis Prize, Pierre Coppens Corporate Law Prize, Cercle Montesquieu Prize as the Best Business Law Book of the Year) (2018)
Master 2 International Business Law, University Paris-Panthéon-Assas (2013)
Master 1 International Business Law, University Panthéon-Sorbonne (2011)
Bachelor Degree International and European Law, University Panthéon-Sorbonne (2010)

Rankings and quotes

- ◆ Thesis award 2023 : Thesis Award of the Cercle Montesquieu for the best business law book in France
- ◆ Thesis award 2020 : Thesis Award Pierre Coppens for the best thesis in Company Law
- ◆ Thesis award 2019 : Thesis Award France Amériques
- ◆ Thesis award 2019 : Thesis award Panthéon Assas

Miscellaneous (Works Published, Professional Associations, etc...)

- ◆ Admitted by the French National Council of University as qualified for the position of "Maître de conférences" - Courses: Business Law (Corporate Law, Insolvency Law, Payment and Credit Instruments), Civil Law (contract and liability), International Business Law
- ◆ Le préjudice de l'actionnaire ("Shareholder Damages"), thèse dir. D. Cohen, Editions Larcier, 2022;
- ◆ La tierce opposition de l'actionnaire. Approche critique; (Third party opposition of the shareholder. Critical Approach), JCP G 2023, p. 755
- ◆ Blockchain, Smart Contracts and Alternative Dispute Resolution, Gide Publication, 2023;
- ◆ Le préjudice de l'actionnaire; ("Shareholder Damages"), RPS-TRV 2021/2, p. 178;
- ◆ Le dirigeant d'une EURL ou d'une SAS n'est pas commerçant : la clause attributive de juridiction n'est pas valable même insérée dans un acte portant cession de contrôle ("The director of a EURL or SAS is not a trader: the jurisdiction clause is not valid even if it is inserted in a deed transferring control"), Cass. com. 29 janv. 2020, n° 19-12.584, Recueil Dalloz 2020, p. 868;
- ◆ Spoliation d'oeuvres d'art et droit international; ("Spoliation of Art Works and International Law"), Dalloz Chronique 2019, p. 1615;
- ◆ Compte courant d'associé, action paulienne et libéralisation de la pratique; ("Current Account of the Shareholder, Paulian Action and Liberalization of the Practice"), Cass. com. 15 mai 2019, n° 18-10.403, JCP E 2019, 1562;
- ◆ Liquidation judiciaire, violation du délai raisonnable et préjudice réparable; ("Judicial Liquidation, Violation of the Reasonable Time, Reparable Damage"), Cass. com. 14 nov. 2019, n°17-16.058), Bulletin Joly Entreprises en difficulté 2020, n° 1, p. 26;
- ◆ Demandes reconventionnelles et arbitrage d'investissement; ("Counterclaims and Investment Arbitration") at the annual colloquium of the Master 2 Business Law of the Université Panthéon-Assas, on the theme of "the consideration of environmental issues by companies", 31 March 2023;
- ◆ Le préjudice de l'actionnaire; ("Shareholder Damages") in the framework of the IRDA conferences, under the direction of Professors France Drummond and Daniel Cohen, Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas, November 2020;
- ◆ Le préjudice de l'actionnaire ("Shareholder Damages") before the Turkish Market Authority, under the supervision of President Bora Oruc, April 2019
- ◆ Member of the Foundation for Art Law (Geneva)

Languages

French, English, Turkish and Spanish