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Tanya Landon is a partner with Sidley Austin LLP, with nearly two decades of experience in international dispute resolution. She focuses her practice on international commercial and investment treaty arbitration.

She acts as counsel and arbitrator in a wide range of disputes before the major arbitral institutions, involving construction, infrastructure, mining, and energy projects; intellectual property; shareholder and joint venture agreements; international sales and supply agreements; and agency, distribution and licensing agreements, including those between life sciences, healthcare and medical device companies and their partners.

Tanya has been recognized by Who's Who Future Leaders – Arbitration from 2017 - 2023, and Who's Who National Leaders – Switzerland Arbitration since 2019. Clients state that she comes “*highly recommended for her outstanding work in the field and is praised by peers as ‘an excellent cross-examiner’*”. She won “Best in Commercial Arbitration” at the Europe Women in Business Law Awards 2018.

Tanya is a Fellow with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Member of the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Arbitration Centre, a Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, and a Member of the Executive Committee of the Geneva-based Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA). She regularly speaks and publishes on topics of international arbitration. She teaches a legal writing seminar at the prestigious MIDS LL.M. program in Geneva. She is fluent in English and French.

Background

Education: LL.B/B.C.L. (Bachelor of Common and Civil Law) – McGill University (2001-2004), *Distinction*
Bachelor of Arts – Columbia University (1994-1998), *Magna cum laude*

Bar Admission: New York – 2005

Citizenship: Canada (by birth); France (naturalization)

Languages: Fluent in English and French

Date of Birth: 10 February 1975

Maiden Name: Whiteside

Professional Experience

Oct. 2010 - **Sidley Austin LLP** – Geneva, Switzerland
Present *Partner (since 2014), Global Arbitration, Trade and Advocacy Group*

Representation of clients in all phases of complex, multi-jurisdictional disputes before the major arbitral institutions. Acts as arbitrator in international arbitrations in both English and French.

Nov. 2005 - **Winston & Strawn LLP** – Geneva, Switzerland
Sept. 2010 *Associate, International Arbitration Group*

Counsel in international commercial arbitration matters and complex cross-border litigation.

March 1999 – **Shearman & Sterling LLP** – Paris, France
Aug. 2001 *Paralegal Coordinator, International Arbitration and Corporate Finance Groups*

Assisted legal teams with international arbitration filings, IPO prospectuses and corporate closing documents. Translation of legal documents (English-French). Managed large team of paralegals and allocated work among team.

Representative Matters

Arbitrator

- Sole Arbitrator in international commercial arbitration under the ICC Rules with seat in Geneva in a dispute between Chinese, U.S. and Swiss parties concerning logistics and shipping of Covid-19-related medical equipment. (Governing law: Swiss law)
- Presiding arbitrator in *ad hoc* international commercial arbitration (UNCITRAL Rules) with seat in Geneva in a dispute between Canadian and French parties related to the application of a guarantee in a Share Purchase Agreement. (Governing law: French law; Language: French)
- Party-appointed arbitrator nominated by Swiss and Austrian Claimants in an ICC arbitration with seat in Vienna against a US Respondent concerning a dispute under a distribution agreement. (Governing law: Quebec law)

Tribunal Secretary

- Appointed as Administrative Secretary to assist the Sole Arbitrator in an ICC dispute with seat in Geneva between parties from the U.S. and Spain concerning a sales contract. (Governing law: CISG and US law)
- Appointed as Administrative Secretary to assist a 3-member panel in an *ad hoc* arbitration with seat in Geneva between parties from the United Kingdom, Italy, and Zambia, involving a dispute arising out of a loan agreement. (Governing law: Swiss law)

Counsel

- Representation of a U.S. biotech company in an ICC arbitration against a global life sciences company relating to a license and collaboration agreement. (Governing law: New York law)
- Representation of an Australian mining company and majority shareholder in two investment arbitrations against an Eastern European state relating to a production concession for a coal mining project.
- Representation of an investor in the media/broadcasting industry in an *ad hoc* international arbitration (UNCITRAL Rules) against a Middle Eastern state under a multilateral investment treaty (and related litigation and investigations in several jurisdictions around the world).
- Representation of a Lithuanian Claimant against Cypriot and Lithuanian Respondents concerning a shareholders' dispute under the Rules of the Vilnius Court of International Arbitration. (Governing law: Lithuanian law)
- Representation of a Brazilian medical device manufacturer in an ICDR arbitration seated in New York against a US distributor arising out of a license and distribution agreement. (Governing law: New York law)
- Representation of a Mongolian cement manufacturer in an ICC construction dispute seated in Hong Kong against a Chinese contractor under an EPC Contract. (Governing law: Mongolian law)
- Representation of a global U.S. pharmaceutical company in a post-M&A dispute against a French entity under the ICC Rules and with seat in Paris. (Governing law: French law)
- Representation of the Claimant in an ICC Arbitration seated in Geneva with € 1 billion in claims and counterclaims related to the cancellation of a nuclear power plant project in Eastern Europe. (Governing law: Bulgarian law)
- Representation of affiliates of a major aluminium company in the enforcement of successful arbitration awards in the B.V.I. and the U.S.
- Representation of a state-owned investor in a potential investor-state arbitration involving a major project in the energy sector in Turkey.
- Representation of a global health care company to enforce a favourable award issued in an ICC arbitration with seat in London concerning the termination of a License and Distribution Agreement relating to the distribution of diagnostic tests in Europe. (Governing law: Massachusetts law)
- Representation of affiliates of the world's largest aluminium company in three complex, high value arbitrations involving projects in Central Asia under the Swiss Rules, ICC, and SCC Rules. (Governing law: Swiss, English, BVI and Russian law)
- Representation of a Middle Eastern distributor in an ICC arbitration with seat in Geneva against a multinational beverage manufacturer for claims related to the termination of a long-term distribution agreement. (Governing law: Swiss law)

- Representation of a Taiwanese entity in a Swiss Rules arbitration with seat in Geneva concerning a dispute arising out of a supply agreement against companies from Italy, Sweden, and Slovakia. (Governing law: CISG and Swiss law)
- Representation of a global health care company in a Swiss Rules arbitration with seat in Zurich related to the diversion of products destined for African refugees to the U.S. grey market. (Governing law: Swiss law)
- Representation of a U.S. shipping company in an *ad hoc* arbitration with seat in London concerning a dispute over maritime insurance coverage. (Governing law: English law)
- Representation of a Bermuda fund in a series of complex, high-value arbitrations (ICC, SCC, *ad hoc*) with seats in Zurich, Geneva and Stockholm, and ancillary litigation in Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands and Russia. Amounts in dispute exceeded \$1 billion. (Governing law: English and Russian law)

Professional Activities and Affiliations

- Lecturer, Legal Writing Workshop, Masters in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS), Geneva (since 2013)
- Member, Arbitration Court, Swiss Arbitration Centre
- Member, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- Member, Executive Committee, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA)
- Member, Marketing Committee, Swiss Arbitration
- Member, ICC Canada, LCIA, Arbitral Women, ASA
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, CILS Arbitration Symposium, “Is the New ICSID/UNCITRAL Code of Conduct for Arbitrators Useful or Harmful?”, Salzburg, Austria, 6-9 June 2024
- Moderator, “A Report Card from Users – Is International Arbitration Making the Grade?”, Swiss Arbitration Summit 2024, 1 February 2024
- Co-author, “International Dispute Resolution 2.0: Innovative Tools to Empower Clients,” 20 April 2023
- Speaker, Cambridge Arbitration Day, “Appropriate Appointing Mechanisms for a Multilateral Investment Court”, 15 April 2023
- Co-author, Book Review on “The Impact of Covid on International Disputes,” *Arbitration International*, 7 January 2023
- Keynote Speaker, “Investment Arbitration and Climate Change Disputes: A certain friend in uncertain times,” MIDS Alumni Association 2nd Annual Event, Geneva, 18 November 2022

- Speaker, “Recent Reforms on Standards of Conduct, Transparency, Diversity, and Use of Technology,” ITESO Universidad Jesuit de Guadalajara Conference on Recent Trends in Commercial Arbitration, 9 November 2022
- Article, “Multi-Forum Strategies to Tackle Climate Change and Other Complex Problems: A Note from Practitioners,” EJIL Talk, 1 November 2022
- Speaker, Sidley Breakfast Symposium on “The Energy Transition – Are We Ready for the Disputes on the Horizon?,” ICCA Congress, Edinburgh, 20 September 2022
- Article, “Trends in International Arbitration: The Fallout from COVID-19,” with Dorothee Schramm, *Pharmaceutical Technology Europe*, 2 July 2022
- Lecturer, Written Advocacy in International Arbitration, Africa Arbitration Academy, London, 22 June 2022
- Lecturer, Fundamentals in Good Legal Writing, MENA Women in Law, Doha, Qatar, 19 March 2022
- Lecturer, Cross-Examination in International Arbitration and Written Advocacy in International Arbitration, Africa Arbitration Academy, 21 October 2021
- Lecturer, Practical Considerations for Pre-Arbitral and Arbitral Processes, ELSA Athens Summer Law School, August 2021
- Co-Organizer, Swiss Arbitration Launch Event, Geneva, 22 June 2021
- Speaker, “Ethical Issues for WTO Litigants,” WTO, Geneva, 11 March 2019
- Organizer, Arbitration Flash Networking event, Geneva, 1 February 2019
- Faculty Member, FIAA Workshop on Questioning of Fact Witnesses in International Arbitration, Paris, June 2018
- Faculty, Swiss Arbitration Academy, “States and State-Owned Entities,” Geneva, June 2018
- Article, “Practical Tips for Handling Construction Claims and Disputes: Managing Documentary Evidence,” Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 7 September 2018
- Speaker, SCAI / Centro de Arbitraje de México Conference on “Construction Disputes: Practical Aspects to Consider When Drafting the Contract during its Implementation and in Case of a Dispute,” Geneva and Mexico City, 24 May 2018
- Organizer, ArbitralWomen SpeedNet event, Geneva, 3 February 2017
- Moderator, In-House Counsel Seminar: Contracts and Disputes in MedTech and BioTech – Problems and Solutions, Geneva, 2 February 2017
- Speaker at Young ICCA Skills Training Workshop: “Making Your Case – Mastering Written Advocacy,” Berlin, 27 September 2016
- Lecturer, “Written Submissions in Arbitration – Drafting Pointers and Common Mistakes,” Swiss Arbitration Academy Seminar, Geneva, 6 June 2016
- Speaker, ArbIt / ASA Below 40 Conference: “Party Autonomy: Use It Wisely, Use It Efficiently,” Rome, 12 February 2016
- Workshop leader: “Managing the Hearing,” Swiss Arbitration Association Practice Seminar, Istanbul, 17 September 2015

- Speaker, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners 2015 Spring Symposium: “The Investment Chapter of the CETA between Canada and the European Union,” Paris, 25 June 2015
- Article: “Remedies for Breach of the Arbitration Agreement – Dealing with Parties That Try to Circumvent Arbitration,” with Sabine Schnyder, *The International Comparative Legal Guide to: International Arbitration* (Global Legal Group Ltd, London, 2015)
- Speaker, ASA/NY International Arbitration Center conference, “The Arbitrator as Settlement Facilitator: Welcome Assistance or Inappropriate Interference,” New York, 16 October 2014
- Moderator, ASA Below 40 Seminar: “Court Assistance in International Arbitration – How to Use it Wisely and Efficiently,” Geneva, 23 May 2014
- Article: “Corruption as a Defence in International Arbitration: Are There Limits?”, with Diana Kuitkowski, in *The International Comparative Legal Guide to International Arbitration* (Global Legal Group Ltd, London, 2014)
- Moderator, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners 2013 Fall Symposium: “The Mechanics of Third Party Funding of International Arbitration, Toronto, 24 October 2013
- Article: “A Comparative Review of Emergency Arbitrator Provisions: Opportunities and Risks,” with Marc Palay, in *The International Comparative Legal Guide to International Arbitration* (Global Legal Group Ltd, London, 2012)