

# SEDA DUNDAR ARIF

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## BAR ADMISSION

New York State Bar, Third Department (Admitted on September 15, 2022)

## EXPERIENCE

**ICC Headquarters**, Paris, France - **Trainee, ICC International Court of Arbitration Secretariat** *Jan – March 2024*

- Assisted the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and managing counsels with different research tasks;
- Guided the French team with Turkish cases;
- Participated in Court sessions for discussions around draft awards scrutiny, arbitrator challenges, appointment of arbitrators, costs;
- Participated in weekly DRS staff meetings and reviewed agendas prepared by the case management teams;
- Accomplished presentations for ICC Conferences and conducted research re ICC arbitration in MENA, LATAM, Türkiye, the application of Unidroit Principles in ICC arbitration and investment treaty arbitration at ICC;
- Supported the staff for the 8th ICC European Conference, the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR Meeting and the ICC Vis Pre-Moot.

**ACERIS LAW**, Geneva, Switzerland (remote) - **Trainee, International Arbitration** *July – Dec 2022*

- Provided assistance to the team in an ICC arbitration between a Tunisian company and a Danish company for a dispute related to the construction of a cement plant: conducted extensive research under French law (statute of limitations issues) and drafted a memo, coordinated with an expert to draft a report on the statute of limitations issues, attended meetings with the client and opposing counsel;
- Provided assistance to the team in ICSID arbitration between a UK investor and Hungary for a dispute related to the waste management industry: drafted relevant parts of the statement claim, attended meetings with the client, opposing counsel and procedural meetings with the arbitral tribunal;
- Provided assistance to the team against a bifurcation request in energy arbitration under Georgian law;
- Concluded research (breach of contract, anticipatory repudiation, specific performance) for an ICDR arbitration under New York law between a Canadian company and a Japanese cosmetics company regarding a breach of agreement;
- Drafted relevant parts of a notice of dispute for a Middle Eastern client involving a breach of contract claim under French law;
- Drafted articles for the law firm's blog on developments in international arbitration.

**LA TOUR INTERNATIONAL**, Paris, France - **Trainee, Corporate/M&A** *April – June 2019*

- Researched french regulations related to business law and corporate law and clarified business law reforms;
- Handled drafting of bylaws, general meeting minutes, incorporation and filings;
- Performed due diligence for M&A transactions.

**LCMB & ASSOCIÉS**, Paris, France - **Trainee, International Arbitration** *March – April 2018*

- Drafted a report regarding the protection of investments between two countries;
- Researched caselaw, doctrine and statutes related to international arbitration and foreign investment law;
- Examined the UNCITRAL Rules, the ICC Rules and decisions issued by the ICSID.

## EDUCATION

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Boston, MA

Master of Law's (LL.M.) in American Law, Concentration in International Business Practice, May 2020

*Courses: Contracts, Corporations, Conflict of Laws, International Business Transactions, International Business Arbitration (Research Paper: Enforcement of Arbitral Awards Set Aside at their Seat Under Article V of the New York Convention)*

**UNIVERSITY OF MONTPELLIER SCHOOL OF LAW**, Montpellier, France

University Degree, Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) in Domestic and International Arbitration Law, June 2019

**UNIVERSITY OF PARIS (DESCARTES) SCHOOL OF LAW**, Paris, France

Master of Law's (LL.M.) in Anglo-American Business Law, June 2019

Master's Degree (Year 1) in Business Law, June 2018

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) in Civil Law, June 2017

*Activities: Legal Clinic, September - December 2016*

## CERTIFICATES

**The Hague Academy of International Law**, Online Summer Courses on Private International Law, August 2024

**Clifford Chance**, Business and Human Rights Global Virtual Internship on Forage, 2024

**Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Careers in Arbitration**, Alternative Dispute Resolution Job Simulation on Forage, 2023

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

**Technical Proficiencies:** French Databases (Daloz, LexisNexis, Lextenso, Lexbase); Anglo-American Databases (Westlaw, Practical, LexisNexis, HeinOnline); Arbitration Databases (Jus Mundi, Global Arbitration Review, Investment Arbitration Reporter, Kluwer Arbitration).

**Languages:** French (native); Turkish (native); English (fluent); Spanish (intermediate).

**Hobbies:** Reading, arts, fitness and traveling.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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***Supreme Court of Nevada, June, 2, 2022, SR Construction Inc. v. Peek Brothers Construction Inc., No. 827/86,***  
Paris Baby Arbitration Bibebron Newsletter, December Edition, 1 December 2022

***Paris Court of Appeal, Nantong Deep Sea Fisheries Co. Ltd. v. Cristal Fish SA, RG N°21/04655,***  
Lexis PSL, 24 October 2022 (coauthored with William Kirtley)

***Timebars in Construction Contracts: a Civil Law and Common Law Comparison,***  
Paris Baby Arbitration Biberon Newsletter, Paris Arbitration Week Special Edition, 1 April 2022 (coauthored with Elizabeth Ebelechukwu Arubalueze)

## **REFERENCES**

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