

International Arbitration

OUR EXPERTISE

Over the past few years, our International Arbitration team has developed a recognized expertise in the field of both national and international, independent and institutional arbitration, conducting proceedings chiefly on behalf of French and foreign companies.

With their perfect command of the national and international rules applicable to international arbitration, our lawyers counsel clients throughout the arbitration proceedings, from drawing up the arbitration clause to choosing the terms of arbitration to securing the recognition and enforcement of awards against assets located both in France and abroad. Furthermore, thanks to a perfect grasp of private international law mechanisms (conflict of law and conflict of jurisdiction rules), we are able to offer a global service and, in close contact with clients, to evolve parallel judicial strategies in complex international litigation cases.

We conduct arbitration proceedings before the major domestic and international arbitration bodies, such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), the French Arbitration Association (AFA), the Paris Centre for Mediation and Arbitration (CMAP), the arbitration centre of the Franco-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry, etc.

The team's expertise is further increased by the experience of several of the law firm's partners who regularly serve as arbitrators in arbitration proceedings.

WHAT WE DO

- We draw up, negotiate, and validate arbitration clauses and post-dispute arbitration agreements, we validate the choice of the arbitration rules or the procedural rules stipulated in the arbitration agreement.
- We prepare the implementation of arbitration clauses, we supervise their articulation with contractual mediation and conciliation clauses, we help choose and implement pre-litigation strategies.
- We control the appointment and independence of arbitrators.
- We initiate prior or parallel judicial proceedings to secure protective (seizures) or investigation (expert appraisals, bailiff's report procedures) measures, or for the appointment of the arbitration tribunal.
- We determine and implement the general litigation strategy in multiparty or complex arbitration cases after consulting with foreign lawyers.
- We secure evidence at civil or common law.
- We prepare and draw up documents (petitions, briefs, exhibits) in French, English, German, Spanish, and produce them for arbitration proceedings, oral arguments hearings, expert appraisals, and witness hearings.
- We bring claims to have awards set aside in France and abroad and conduct other proceedings in defence.
- We secure the recognition and enforcement of awards in France and abroad.



H I G H L I G H T S

ICC arbitration

- Counsel to a French maintenance company in the aeronautical sector against a Portuguese company following the sudden termination of a service contract
- Counsel to a Bulgarian toll manufacturer against an Italian sports shoes distributor in a case relating to the performance of a toll manufacturing and barter contract
- Counsel to an American company against a French leader in the chemicals sector following the breach of a letter of intent
- Counsel to a German insurance company in a case relating to the amount of commissions owed to its French general agent

ICSID arbitration

- Enforcement of an ICSID arbitration award in favour of a Belgian company providing maintenance services for aircraft chartered by an African state

AFA (French Arbitration Association) arbitration

- Counsel to an English/Swedish pharmaceutical group for the termination of a pharmaceutical co-marketing contract

FCC (Federation of Cocoa Commerce) arbitration

- Counsel to a Swiss company against a Dutch company for the termination of a cocoa supply contract

CAMP (Paris Maritime Arbitration Chamber) arbitration

- Counsel to a French charterer against an Italian carrier

Independent (*ad hoc*) arbitration proceedings

- Counsel to various purchasers availing themselves of warranties against claims
- Counsel to a French regional drinks distributor against another regional distributor in a case relating to the performance of a shareholders' agreement
- Counsel to a commercial agent against his principal concerning the promotion of milk products for children in Africa

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