



Olivier Caprasse

Professor, Universities of Liège (ULiege) and Brussels (ULB); Caprasse Arbitration; Member, Brussels Bar, Belgium

For more than twenty-five years, Olivier Caprasse (born 1972, Belgium) has been actively involved in arbitration as arbitrator, counsel and academic.

He has seated in more than 110 cases as party-appointed arbitrator, chairman or sole arbitrator, in various part of the world under various set of rules (ICC, SCC, LCIA, NAI, AFA, CEPANI, Swiss Chambers (as structured at the time), CACI, CCJA, CRCICA, UNCITRAL, *ad hoc*). He has seated in commercial as well as investment arbitrations, acting as arbitrator in domestic and in international arbitrations under classic arbitral proceedings as well as under expedited procedures or as emergency arbitrator.

The type of cases he handles covers a wide array of matters and sectors: corporate, SPA, M&A, joint venture, construction, insurance, energy, telecom, sales, commercial contracts, investments, sport.

Olivier Caprasse has been a member of the ICC Court from 2016 to 2024 and a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR for many years. He has been one of the experts for Belgium in the UNCITRAL working group II on arbitration and conciliation. He served as expert to the Minister of Justice before the Belgian Parliament in the 2013 reform of Belgian arbitration law. He was also a member of the working group to establish the 2020 CEPANI arbitration rules.

A member of the Brussels bar, he is also Professor at the Universities of Liège (ULiege) and Brussels (ULB), where he teaches arbitration, ADR and corporate law. He acted as Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Liège from 2008 to 2012. He is the author of more than 150 publications most of them relating to arbitration.

Olivier Caprasse has a PhD from Liège University and an LLM from New York University. He works in English, French, Spanish and Dutch.



Ndanga Kamau

Arbitrator, Ndanga Kamau Law, Paris

Ndanga Kamau is an independent arbitrator. She sits as arbitrator in institutional and ad hoc disputes involving states, state entities, private parties, and international organisations. Her experience spans various sectors including energy, mining, oil & gas, power, construction, technology, financial services, and tourism. She has experience with procedural and substantive laws in civil law, common law, and mixed jurisdictions. In addition, she has experience with general principles of law, including the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts, and public international law. Ndanga is a specialist in disputes related to Africa and is proficient in issues related to compensation, damages, interest, tax, and costs.

Ndanga is a former vice president of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (2018-2024) and is a member of the Council of the ICC Institute of World Business Law (2023-present). She is also a member of the ICCA Governing Board (2024-present), an honorary senior fellow and trustee of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), and a member of the editorial board of the African Journal of International and Comparative Law.

Ndanga was called to the Bar of England & Wales by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple. She is ranked by Lexology Index as “Recommended” in Arbitration (2026) and by Chambers & Partners Global: Dispute Resolution: Arbitrators – Africa-wide.



Lauro Gama

Independent Arbitrator, Lauro Gama Advogados Associados; Professor of Law, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio, Brazil

Lauro Gama Jr. graduated from the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ) in 1987 and was admitted in 1988 to the Brazilian Bar. He holds a master's degree in international relations (PUC-Rio, 1992), an LL.M degree in Comparative Law (McGill, 1999), and a Doctorate degree in International Law (Univ. São Paulo, 2004).

For over thirty years, he has been a Professor of Law at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio (PUC-Rio), where he teaches Private International Law, International Contracts and International Commercial Arbitration. He has authored books and articles published in specialized journals. He participated in the working group of the UNIDROIT Principles (2008-2010) and in the working group of the 2015 Hague Principles. Prof. Gama is a member of the CISG Advisory Council. In 2016, Prof. Gama lectured at the Hague Academy of International Law on "The UNIDROIT Principles as the law applicable to commercial contracts", later published in vol. 406 of the Collected Courses.

To this date Lauro has acted as counsel and arbitrator in more than 150 cases, under the rules of ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL and Brazilian arbitral institutions. Mr. Gama served as President of the Brazilian Arbitration Committee (CBAr) from 2013 to 2015, and as a Member of the ICC Court of International Arbitration from 2015 to 2021. He served as Member of the Council of the ICC Institute of World Business Law (2019-2025) and currently is an Emeritus Member. Since 2023, he has been a member of the working group formed by UNIDROIT and the ICC WBL Institute to develop a legal framework for international investment contracts.



Jacob Grierson

**Partner, Anima
Dispute Resolution, France; Council Member, ICC
Institute of World Business Law; Member, ICC
Arbitration Commission on Arbitration and ADR**

Jacob is an English barrister and a French lawyer.

Having started his career in the Chambers of Lord Grabiner KC at One Essex Court in London, Jacob has been based in Paris for the past 20 years and has become a French avocat while remaining an English barrister.

Jacob has acted both as counsel and as arbitrator (sole arbitrator, president and co-arbitrator) in a very large number of arbitrations subject to many different laws and seated in many different places, although predominantly in London and Paris, the two cities between which he divides his time.

He has a particular focus on disputes related to Africa (both Anglophone and Francophone) and on certain sectors, including construction, energy, mining, pharma/biotechnology and transport.

Jacob is bilingual in English and French and has conducted arbitrations in both of those languages. He also has a working knowledge of German.

He has been recognised by Who's Who Legal as one of the ten best regarded arbitration practitioners in France and by Jeune Afrique as one of the most influential lawyers active in Francophone Africa.

Jacob is the author (together with Annet van Hooft) of "Arbitrating under the 2012 ICC Rules: an Introductory Users' Guide", which has been recognised as one of the leading guides to the ICC Rules of Arbitration, on which Jacob is a leading authority.

Jacob is an Emeritus Council Member of the ICC Institute, President of the User's' Council of the Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CIMAC) and a Member of the Steering Committee of the Mauritius International Arbitration Centre (MIAC).



Hayk Kupelyants

Assistant Professor, King's College London, United Kingdom

Dr Hayk Kupelyants is an Assistant Professor at King's College London. He also maintains an independent practice as counsel and arbitrator, having previously worked with leading international law firms.

Hayk is admitted as a solicitor of England & Wales. Hayk is also a Member of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the Arbitration Council of the Arbitration and Mediation Centre of Armenia (AMCA). Hayk is also a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, the ICC UK Arbitration and ADR Committee and the ILA Committee on Conflict of Laws in International Arbitration.

Hayk holds a PhD in law from the University of Cambridge and an LLM from University College London.



Friederike Schäfer

Partner, ZEILER, Austria

Friederike Schäfer is a partner at ZEILER and works in the field of international dispute resolution with a strong focus on international arbitration.

Before joining the firm as a partner in 2022, Friederike Schäfer worked several years in private practice and as Counsel in the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. In this position, she handled hundreds of ICC proceedings scrutinized hundreds of awards.

Friederike also has experience with various other arbitration rules, such as VIAC, UNCITRAL and DIS. She advises clients at all stages of a dispute and is active as arbitrator and party representative. Since joining our firm, Friederike has focused on various aspects of the energy sector and financing matters as well as on commercial and corporate matters.

Friederike regularly lectures on international arbitration at international and national conferences. She has authored numerous publications on international arbitration, private international law and other areas of law.

Friederike heads the German Desk of our firm and is admitted to the bar in Austria and Germany. She works in English and German and speaks French fluently.



Crina Baltag

Associate Professor, International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom;

Member, ARBITRA; Member, ICC Institute of World Business Law

Dr Crina Baltag is Associate Professor in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution at Queen Mary University of London, School of International Arbitration. She is a qualified attorney-at-law and a member of ARBITRA, with more than twenty years of extensive practice in international dispute resolution.

Dr Baltag serves as Chair of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration Academic Council, is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and acts as Course Director of the CIArb Diploma in International Arbitration. She is Vice-Chair of the Board of the SCC Arbitration Institute and a Council Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law.

Dr Baltag has been appointed as presiding, sole and co-arbitrator in numerous institutional and ad hoc arbitrations. She has particular expertise in energy, construction and investment arbitrator.

She publishes extensively in the fields of investment and commercial arbitration and serves as editor and editorial board member of several leading publications, including the Journal of International Arbitration, Brill Research Perspectives in International Investment Law and Arbitration, Bloomsbury's Global Energy Law and Policy, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, etc.



Colleen Parker Bacquet

Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris

Colleen Parker Bacquet is counsel of the common law team at the ICC Secretariat managing cases arising out of the United Kingdom, Ireland, and common law jurisdictions in Africa.

Ms Parker Bacquet graduated from UCLA School of Law and Vanderbilt University in the United States, and completed a LLM in International Business Law as well as a Masters 2 in Droits des Affaires Internationales from Assas in Paris. She has previously spent time working in law firms in the US and Italy.



Annet van Hooft

Independent Arbitrator and Counsel, van Hooft, France

Annet van Hooft is an independent arbitrator based in Paris. After having practiced for more than 20 years at major U.S. and U.K. law firms in Brussels, New York, and Paris, and having been a Counsel at the ICC Court of Arbitration, she decided to set up her own law firm, focusing on international arbitration.

Annet has acted in more than 130 arbitrations either as counsel or arbitrator. She has sat as arbitrator in proceedings subject to various arbitration rules (AFA, CEPANI, CMAP, DIA, DIS, HCC, ICC, NAI, SCC, SIAC, Swiss Rules, UNCITRAL, VIAC, WIPO).

Annet is admitted to practice in both common and civil law jurisdictions and has a broad range of experience, both as counsel and as arbitrator, handling international arbitrations under various applicable laws and in a wide variety of sectors and fields, including construction & energy, IP related disputes (e.g., pharmaceuticals, life sciences, technology, and communication) and corporate law related disputes (e.g., joint-ventures, mergers & acquisitions).

Annet is a former Vice-Chair of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and a former co-chair of the Paris Bar Commission on International Arbitration. She is the co-author of 'Arbitrating under the 2012 ICC Rules: An Introductory User's Guide' (published by Kluwer Law International).