



## Mouhamed Kébé

**Managing Partner, Geni and Kebe, Senegal;  
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Mouhamed Kébé is Managing Partner of Geni & Kebe, a member of DLA Piper Africa. He is admitted to practice in Cote d'Ivoire and Senegal.

He has over 30 years of experience in the field of commercial arbitration, investment arbitration, and domestic litigation in Africa.

He acts for states and their entities, as well as for corporate clients in all types of disputes, focusing on energy and natural resources, infrastructure, telecommunications, banking and finance.

He sits also as arbitrator serving as tribunal chair, sole arbitrator, and co-arbitrator with arbitrator appointments under the rules of ICC,

ICSID, UNCITRAL, CCJA...

He holds a LLM in Business law from the University of Dakar Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal, a LLM in International law from the University of Essex, United Kingdom, a Certificate in Commercial and Investment Arbitration from the University of London, and a SEPA certificate from the Harvard Business School.

He has lectured and published extensively on questions dealing with investment treaties, including a recent book on "the African Continental Free Trade Area and the Future of Investor-State Dispute Settlement in Africa."

He is a former member of the Court of Arbitration of the ICC, a member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law, a member of the panel of arbitrators of the ICSID, the CCJA of OHADA, and a member of the panel of arbitrators of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC).



## Girgis Abd El-Shahid

### Managing Partner, Shahid Law Firm, Egypt

Girgis Abd El-Shahid is a distinguished arbitration expert with over 20 years of experience, renowned for handling high-profile, multiparty disputes across various jurisdictions. As the head of arbitration at

Shahid Law Firm, he has led cases before ICC, ICSID, CRCICA, DIAC, SIAC and LCIA achieving significant victories in oil and gas, media, telecommunications, investment, construction and real estate sectors.

Girgis specializes in dispute settlement, with a particular focus on disputes emanating from investor-state relations, energy; transactions, such as M&A; finance and telecommunication.

Girgis also has significant experience in advising clients in non-contentious mandates in various industries such as logistics, aviation, pharmaceuticals, foodstuffs, construction, energy, oil and gas as well as project finance and banking.

Girgis is one of the youngest Egyptian lawyers to be appointed to complex arbitration cases in Egypt and the Middle East, covering commercial arbitration, investment treaty arbitration and international law. He also serves as sole arbitrator, presiding arbitrator, and co-arbitrator in major disputes, reinforcing his reputation as a leading figure in the field.

Girgis is a former public prosecutor before moving to private practice, was a member of the International Court of Arbitration, of the ICC, and currently serves as a member of Advisory Committee of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA).

Girgis holds an LLM from Georgetown University, an LLB from Cairo University, and a BA in Economics from The American University in Cairo "AUC". Frequently speaking at global conferences, he also teaches The Legal Aspects of Finance at AUC.

Recognised by The Legal 500, Chambers and Partners, IFLR1000, Who's Who Legal and GAR100, Girgis continues to shape the future of arbitration in the region and beyond.



## Babatunde Ajibade

### **Managing Partner, SPA Ajibade & Co., Nigeria**

Babatunde Ajibade is the managing partner of S. P. A. Ajibade & Co, a leading corporate and commercial law firm with offices in Lagos, Ibadan and Abuja, Nigeria.

He is a dispute resolution specialist and has substantial expertise in various aspects of commercial litigation and international commercial arbitration. He has acted as counsel in both ad hoc and institutional arbitration proceedings and sits as an arbitrator.

He is the Chairman of the International Bar Association's Section on Public and Professional Interest, was a Vice-President of the International Chamber of Commerce ("ICC") Arbitration Commission's Steering Committee until June 2024, a member of the ICC's Africa Commission, a Director of ICC Nigeria, a Director of the

Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC), and a member of the Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA).

He was the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association for two consecutive terms ending in August 2024.

Ajibade was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1989. He obtained a LLM degree in corporate and commercial law in 1990 and a PhD in private international law in 1996, both from King's College London. He was elevated to the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria in December 2007. He was awarded the International Practice Fellowship of the International Bar Association in Madrid in October 2009 and became a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK in January 2015.



## Živa Filipič

### **Managing Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris**

As Managing Counsel of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, Živa oversees and coordinates the work of the ICC Court Secretariat's case management teams in Paris, New York, Hong Kong, Sao Paulo, Singapore and Abu Dhabi.

She previously acted as Counsel in charge of the case management team dealing predominantly with cases from the Eastern Mediterranean and the Gulf regions, which followed her work in the Eastern European and North American ICC case management teams. Prior to joining ICC, she worked as a clerk at the Ljubljana district court, as legal assistant to Professor Martin Hunter at Essex Court Chambers in London, as an associate in the Banking and Finance team at Schoenherr Rechtsanwälte Attorneys at Law in Vienna, and as legal counsel at the Bank of Slovenia. She is a qualified Slovenian lawyer and holds an L.L.M. in International Business and Commercial Law from King's College London (KCL). She was a member of the first KCL's team for the VIS Moot and KCL team's main coach during the oral rounds in 2010, which the team won.

She is fluent in English, Italian, Spanish and French, and also speaks German, Croatian and Serbian.



## Sofia Martins

### **Partner, Co-Head of Disputes Practise, Miranda & Associados, Portugal**

Sofia joined Miranda & Associados, a Portuguese-based law firm with international reach, especially in the African continent, and founding member of the Miranda Alliance, in 2014, where she co-heads the disputes practice. With over 25 years of experience, her practice is focused on Litigation & Arbitration.

Sofia has extensive experience in representing clients in a wide range of civil, commercial and investment disputes, ranging from construction to energy, in Portugal and abroad. She also regularly sits as an arbitrator, both in domestic and international disputes, conducted in Portuguese, English and Spanish, under the auspices of many major institutions, such as the ICC, CAM-CCBC, ICSID or the PCA.

She is currently the President of the Board of the Portuguese Arbitration Association, currently serving her second two-year term. She is also a member of the ICC Court, to which she was appointed in June 2024, as well as of the Arbitration and ADR Committee. In July 2024, she was designated to ICSID's list of arbitrators. Previously, she was an officer of the IBA Arbitration Committee and co-editor of the IBA International Arbitration Guide (2017 and 2022). Sofia also served as chair of the board of the Arbitration Center of Concórdia (2020–2022), having also sat on the board of the Arbitration Centre of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2012–2019).

She is recognized by leading publications, such as Chambers, Legal 500 and WWL-Lexology. Sofia participates regularly in industry conferences as a speaker, in Portugal and abroad, and lectures in several courses at the main law schools in Portugal, also frequently writing on arbitration-related matters.

## Priyesh Daya

**Partner, Webber Wentzel, South Africa**



Priyesh is an expert in all aspects of dispute resolution with a specific focus on corporate and commercial litigation. He also advises on arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. His clients include both private corporations and public, parastatal entities and he has worked across numerous sectors including mining, oil and gas, and financial services. He has deep expertise in the telecommunications and construction and engineering sectors. He has also conducted workshops and seminars and given presentations on construction-related dispute resolution, the Companies Act and the

King Code on Corporate Governance (focused on compliance & managing stakeholder relationships including alternative dispute resolution).