



Dutch Arbitration Day 2026

The Future of European Arbitration

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Dutch Arbitration Day 2026

Today, we will step away from our day-to-day practices and explore the challenges and opportunities for the future of European arbitration.

The Organising Committee is delighted to welcome you to the 2026 edition of the Dutch Arbitration Day ('DAD'). This year, we will delve into the evolving interplay between EU law and arbitration.

Throughout today's programme, leading experts from the fields of arbitration and EU law – academics, arbitrators and practitioners – will share their insights, challenging us to actively engage in their reflections and consider how to deal with the future developments in the field. Key initiatives to strengthen the framework for arbitration across the EU, the critical role of Member States' courts in effectively supporting and facilitating arbitral proceedings, and the growing impact of sanctions will, of course, also be an integral part of the discussion.

As always, there is more to the DAD than inspiring panels and presentations: today is an excellent opportunity to (re)connect with other members from the Dutch and international arbitration community – be it over a cup of coffee, during the breakfast, on the Amsterdam canals during lunch or over drinks and dinner in the H'ART Museum's beautiful courtyard and Grand Café. The sporty individuals among us also have the opportunity to join the 5K run with the Arbitration Runners on Friday morning.

We are delighted to have you with us and are excited for what promises to be an inspiring and memorable day.

Yours sincerely,

The 2026 DAD Organizing Committee,

Thomas de Bekker (Avizor)

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Stijn Wilbers (Vanguard International Dispute Resolution)



Word of Welcome by the DAA President

Mirjam van de Hel-Koedoot

Loyens & Loeff



Dear DAA members and distinguished guests,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Dutch Arbitration Day 2026.

This year's theme – *The Future of European Arbitration* – invites us to look ahead and reflect on the direction in which our field is evolving.

European arbitration is at a moment of transition. It continues to build on a strong tradition of independence, legal sophistication and enforceability, while at the same time adapting to a rapidly changing environment. Developments in EU law, geopolitical shifts, increasing scrutiny of investor-State arbitration, and the growing role of technology are all shaping the way arbitration is conducted and perceived.

Against this backdrop, today's programme brings together practitioners, academics and experts from across jurisdictions and disciplines. Throughout the day, we will explore how these developments influence arbitral proceedings in practice, from procedure and decision-making to legitimacy, efficiency and innovation. The aim is not only to identify challenges, but also to consider how European arbitration can continue to provide a reliable and forward-looking framework for dispute resolution.

As always, the DAD is more than a series of panels and presentations. It offers an opportunity to exchange views, test ideas and strengthen connections within our community. These conversations, both formal and informal, are essential to shaping the future of arbitration in Europe.

I encourage you to engage actively, share your perspectives and make the most of the day.

On behalf of the Dutch Arbitration Association, thank you for joining us. I wish you an inspiring and thought-provoking Dutch Arbitration Day.

Mirjam van de Hel-Koedoot



Programme

Speakers dinner *Kindly sponsored by Eversheds Sutherland and NautaDutilh*

Pre-DAD Young Practitioners Event *Kindly sponsored by Diales and Enhance Arbitration*

H'ART Museum *Kindly sponsored by HKA*

Time	Item	Speakers
08.30 – 08.45	Registration for the Breakfast	
08.45 – 09.45	Breakfast (organized together with YAWP)	Sahra Arif Counsel at the Danish Institute of Arbitration, Copenhagen Erin Cronjé Legal Director at Pogust Goodhead, Amsterdam Jacomijn van Haersolte-van Hof Professor Civil Law at Leiden University and Independent Arbitrator at Fountain Court Chambers, London Melanie van Leeuwen Founding Partner at Vanguard International Dispute Resolution, Paris Özge Yazar Senior Associate at Roschier, Helsinki (Moderator) <i>Kindly sponsored by Wolters Kluwer</i>
09.30 – 10.00	Registration and Coffee	<i>Kindly sponsored by PwC</i>
10.00 – 10.15	Welcome and Introduction	Mirjam van de Hel-Koedoot Partner at Loyens & Loeff and President of the Dutch Arbitration Association, Amsterdam
10.15 – 10.45	Keynote Uniform Law or Uniform Circulation? Thoughts on EU Developments in International Commercial Arbitration	Mathias Audit Professor at Sorbonne Law School and Partner at Audit Duprey Fekl, Paris <i>Kindly sponsored by De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek</i>



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Time	Item	Speakers
10.45 – 11.30	Panel Discussion 1 Reflections on the Keynote: Where Should European Arbitration Go Next?	Hilde van der Baan Partner at A&O Shearman, Amsterdam Steven Noë Member of the Legal Service at European Commission, Brussels Faidon Varesis Assistant Professor in Private International Law and International Dispute Resolution at University of Cambridge, Cambridge Elena-Mihaela Gheorghe Senior Associate at De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam (Moderator) <i>Kindly sponsored by Loyens & Loeff</i>
11.30 – 11.45	Coffee break	<i>Kindly sponsored by A&O Shearman</i>
11.45 – 12.30	Panel Discussion 2 Applying EU Law without a Court: Arbitral Tribunals, Public Policy and the Limits of the System	Paul Glazener Senior Judge at the Court of Appeal of the Hague and the Dutch Commercial Court of Appeal, The Hague and Amsterdam Pietro Ortolani Professor Digital Conflict Resolution at Radboud University, Nijmegen Paschalis Paschalidis Partner at Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes, Luxembourg Marina Weiss Partner at Bredin Prat, Paris Charli Janssen Senior Associate at STAUNCH, Amsterdam (Moderator)
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch on canal boats in Amsterdam	<i>Kindly sponsored by Habraken Rutten en FTI Consulting</i>
14.30 – 14.45	Go to divided group lectures	



Programme

Time	Item	Speakers
14.45 – 15.30	Group Lecture A Arbitrability: Trends and Tensions across Jurisdictions	Christian Borris Partner at Borris Hennecke Kneisel, Cologne Alain François Partner at Eubilius and Professor Corporate Law at University of Brussels, Brussels Iuliana Iancu Partner at Hanotiau Tossens Goldman, Brussels Niek Peters Partner at Legaltree and Professor of International Commercial Arbitration at University of Groningen, Amsterdam and Groningen Eva Slabbers Senior Associate at Pels Rijcken, The Hague (Moderator) <i>Kindly sponsored by OPUS2</i>
	Group Lecture B Anti-Suit and Anti-Arbitration Injunctions in Europe	Raquel Ballesteros Independent Arbitrator and Member of the Board of the Spanish Court of Arbitration, Madrid Bart Fleuren Counsel at Linklaters, Amsterdam Miriam Schmelzer Barrister and Arbitrator at 3VB, London
	Group Lecture C From Award to Recovery: Enforcing Arbitral Awards in Europe	Sheena Buddhdev Partner at Eversheds Sutherland, London Marlena Harutyunyan Counsel at Archipel, Geneva Dienke Herman de Groot Investment Manager, Head of Asset Tracing at Omni Bridgeway, Amsterdam Sebastian Neave Partner at Veleda, London Sjoerd Koster Associate at Loyens & Loeff (Moderator) <i>Kindly sponsored by Clifford Chance</i>



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Time	Item	Speakers
14.45 – 15.30	Group Lecture D The Role of Sanctions in Arbitration: A European and Global Perspective	Niuscha Bassiri Co-founder at ArbBoutique, Brussels Rostislav Kats Independent Arbitration Lawyer and Senior Product Manager, Kluwer Arbitration at Wolters Kluwer, Alphen aan den Rijn and The Hague Matthias Kuscher Partner at De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam Yulia Levashova Associate Professor of International Investment Law at Nyenrode Business University, Breukelen (Moderator) <i>Kindly sponsored by DLA Piper</i>
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break	<i>Kindly sponsored by Avizor</i>
16.00 – 17.00	Panel Discussion 3 Wrapping Up Together: Questions and Takeaways on the Future of European Arbitration	Mathias Audit Professor at Sorbonne Law School and Partner at Audit Duprey Fekl, Paris George Bermann Professor of Law at Columbia Law School, New York Marieke van Hooijdonk Independent Arbitrator and Vice-President ICC International Court of Arbitration, Amsterdam Gerard Meijer Partner at Linklaters and Professor of Arbitration & Dispute Resolution at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Rotterdam (Moderator) <i>Kindly sponsored by Linklaters</i>
17.00 onwards	Pre-dinner drinks	<i>Kindly sponsored by Kroll and STAUNCH</i>
Around 18.30	Conference Dinner	<i>Kindly sponsored by Houthoff, Lemstra Van der Korst and Ysquare</i>



Background Information about the Locations



CONFERENCE – H'ART Museum, Amsterdam

H'ART Museum present exhibitions of famous works of art and stories from around the world as never before. Plan your visit to our historical Amstelhof 17th Century building, located alongside the Amstel River. A cultural oasis – with a unique inner courtyard and a bustling Grand Café. Collaboration with world-renowned museum partners: Centre Pompidou (Paris), British Museum (London), and Smithsonian American Art Museum (Washington DC). H'ART Museum, Amsterdam Museum and Museum of the Mind| Outsider Art are gathered under one roof.

The Hermitage will be given a different name, H'art Museum, to emphasize that it has taken a different course after the break with Russia, which made cooperation with the Hermitage St. Petersburg impossible. 'We want to touch people's hearts with our stories', explains director Annabelle Birnie. 'H'art with an apostrophe, because we want to emphasize the art from the heart.'

More information:

www.hartmuseum.nl



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LUNCH – on canal boats, Amstel, Amsterdam

The lunch will take place on the river Amstel, from which Amsterdam gets its name. The journey will begin just outside the H'ART Museum, where we will board charming boats to embark on a scenic adventure. As we enjoy a delicious meal on the water, you will have the opportunity to take in the picturesque views of Amsterdam's historic downtown.

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PRE-DAD YOUNG PRACTITIONERS EVENT –

De Boule De Boule, Amsterdam

De Boule De Boule, the first ice cream and wine bar in the Netherlands, just opened its doors at Amsterdam's historic Waterlooplein on 16 May 2026. Inspired by Folderol, a Parisian wine and ice cream bar it brings the same spirit to Amsterdam. It brings together natural wine, fully plant-based ice cream, music, and hospitality under one roof. Rooted in one of Amsterdam's most vibrant neighbourhoods, De Boule De Boule is a place to gather, linger, and enjoy the unexpected pairing of wine and ice cream.

The venue and its terrace provide the perfect setting to meet, greet, and (re)connect with the under-40s Dutch arbitration community.

More information:

www.instagram.com/debouledeboule

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Background Information about the Locations



SPEAKERS DINNER – ARTIS, Amsterdam

ARTIS (Natura Artis Magistra), founded in 1838, is the oldest zoo in the Netherlands and one of the oldest zoological gardens in the world. Located in the heart of Amsterdam, ARTIS is characterized by its 19th-century layout, monumental trees, winding pathways, and carefully preserved historic architecture. The park offers a rare green retreat in the city, where biodiversity, education, and heritage come together.

Today, ARTIS remains both a place of learning and relaxation, as well as an exceptional setting for gatherings, where history and nature provide a distinctive backdrop for contemporary events.

More information:

www.artis.nl

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ARTIS



Speaker Breakfast
(organized together with YAWP)

Sahra Arif

Danish Institute of Arbitration



Sahra Arif is a Legal Counsel at the Danish Institute of Arbitration since 2024. Prior to joining the DIA, she was with Kneppelhout Advocaten in Rotterdam, where she advised and represented clients on matters related to international trade, including commercial disputes and sanctions and export control. Her time there also included a secondment to the in-house legal department of an international oil and gas company.

Seeking to be an active member of the arbitration community, Sahra regularly attends and is invited to speak at arbitration events, she participates in the 13th cycle of the Young ICCA Mentoring Programme, and conducts student- and company visits and seminars at the DIA.



Speaker Breakfast
(organized together with YAWP)

Erin Cronjé

Pogust Goodhead



Erin Cronjé is a South African-qualified attorney with over 13 years of experience in international arbitration, complex commercial litigation and cross-border environmental disputes across Southern Africa and Europe. She is currently a Legal Director at Pogust Goodhead in Amsterdam, and is a CEDR-accredited mediator. She has acted as counsel in arbitration proceedings under the ICC, ICSID, VIAC, NAI, AFSA and UNCITRAL Rules, as well as litigation before South African and Dutch courts. Erin is the Europe Representative of the Young Members Committee of the African Arbitration Association (AfAA), serves on AfAA's Capacity-Building Committee, and is a Director of Africa in the Moot NFP, a global non-profit organisation advancing legal education, inclusion and capacity-building within the African and international arbitration sector.



Speaker Breakfast
(organized together with YAWP)

Jacomijn van Haersolte-van Hof

Leiden University / Fountain Court Chambers



Jacomijn van Haersolte van Hof is a highly respected independent arbitrator and one of the leading figures in international arbitration. She practises from Fountain Court Chambers and is regularly appointed as arbitrator and tribunal president in complex commercial and investment treaty disputes under all major arbitral rules, including ICC, LCIA, ICSID and UNCITRAL.

From 2014 to 2024, she served as Director General of the London Court of International Arbitration, where she led the institution through a period of significant growth, reform and global engagement. Alongside her practice, she is Professor of Arbitration Law at Leiden University and brings extensive experience across both civil and common law systems.



Speaker Breakfast
(organized together with YAWP)

Melanie van Leeuwen

Vanguard International Dispute Resolution



Melanie van Leeuwen is a founding partner of Vanguard International Dispute Resolution.

Since 1996, Melanie has been practising international arbitration exclusively. She has solid experience as counsel and arbitrator in both commercial and investment arbitration, conducted under all major sets of arbitration rules (ICC, LCIA, LCIA-MIAC, ICSID, SCC, ICDR, UNCITRAL, PCA, DIAC, NAI, SIAC, CEPANI and Swiss Rules) and governed by various procedural and substantive laws. She has handled over 150 arbitrations as counsel and arbitrator concerning disputes arising out of international commercial contracts, cross-border investment, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, construction projects and investment protection under international law. She has been particularly active in the sectors of energy, mining, media, information and communication technology, construction and engineering, real estate, aviation and infrastructural and defence projects. She also regularly represents clients in annulment, enforcement and consolidation proceedings before the Netherlands state courts.

Melanie has been appointed to the ICSID panel of arbitrators by the Kingdom of the Netherlands. At present, she is serving as chair of the ICC Commission on Arbitration, as co-chair of the ICCA-IBA Joint Task Force on Data Protection in International Arbitration, and as a board member of the Swiss Arbitration Association.



Speaker Breakfast
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Özge Yazar

Roschier (Moderator)



Özge Yazar is a Senior Associate at Roschier in Helsinki and a barrister and solicitor qualified in British Columbia, Canada.

Özge advises clients in commercial arbitration proceedings across various jurisdictions and industries. She has experience in international arbitrations seated in Europe and Canada, conducted under institutional rules such as ICC, FAI, and VanIAC, as well as in ad hoc proceedings under various applicable laws. She has advised on claims related to major energy and infrastructure projects, corporate and post-M&A disputes, as well as shareholder rights and remedies.

Prior to joining Roschier, Özge practiced commercial and administrative litigation in Canada for five years and represented clients as lead counsel before all levels of court in British Columbia, in commercial arbitrations, and before administrative tribunals.

Özge is on the Steering Committee for Young Arbitral Women Practitioners (YAWP) and an editor for the Kluwer Arbitration Blog.



Speaker Welcome and Introduction

Mirjam van de Hel-Koedoot

Loyens & Loeff



Mirjam van de Hel – Koedoot is a Partner in the Litigation & Risk Management team in Loyens & Loeff's Amsterdam office. She specialises in international commercial and investment arbitration and arbitration-related court litigation.

Mirjam has extensive experience acting as counsel in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations under a range of arbitration rules, including ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, ICSID and NAI Rules. She also regularly acts in complex and high-value proceedings before the Dutch courts concerning the setting aside and enforcement of arbitral awards, particularly in disputes involving bilateral and multilateral investment treaties.

Mirjam serves as president of the Dutch Arbitration Association (DAA). She is also a delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR to represent ICC Netherlands and a member of the Executive Board of the International Federation of Investment Law and Arbitration (IFILA).

In addition, Mirjam sits as arbitrator. Mirjam publishes frequently on topics of arbitration and procedural law and is a co-author of the standard textbook in the Netherlands on the Dutch Code of Civil Procedure.



Speaker Keynote

Mathias Audit

Sorbonne Law School / Audit Duprey Fekl



Mathias Audit is a Professor of Law at the Sorbonne School of Law (University of Paris 1) and a founding partner of the Paris-based law firm Audit - Duprey - Fekl.

In his academic role at the Sorbonne School of Law, his teaching focuses on private international law, international trade law, arbitration law, foreign investment law, and project finance law. He also heads the Sorbonne's LL.M. in Business Law for Foreign Lawyers, and serves as co-director of the Sorbonne's Master 2 in Arbitration and International Commercial Law.

In his private practice, Mathias advises both private companies and sovereign states or state entities. He is regularly consulted by both counsel and clients on complex matters.

Mathias represents clients in commercial and investment arbitration proceedings, as well as in judicial litigation with an international dimension. He frequently serves as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, or chair of arbitral tribunals in both ad hoc proceedings and arbitrations conducted under the rules of major institutions (ICC, VIAC, PCA, etc.), including expedited proceedings. In his capacity as counsel, he advises on contractual arrangements, particularly in the energy and infrastructure sectors. His expertise also extends to issues relating to economic sanctions and extraterritoriality.

In 2025, Mathias Audit was appointed by the French Government to serve, for a six-year term, on the ICSID Panel.

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Speaker Panel Discussion 1

Hilde van der Baan

A&O Shearman



Hilde advises on a wide range of commercial disputes, specialising in international arbitration and corporate and commercial litigation. Her practice covers the full range of dispute resolution, with an emphasis on contractual liability and M&A-related disputes. She has a particular focus on projects, energy and construction disputes. She has represented clients in numerous national and international arbitrations under various institutional rules. In addition, she regularly sits as arbitrator under various institutional rules. Hilde also has extensive experience in court litigation across a wide range of sectors, including in challenge and enforcement proceedings in multiple jurisdictions and in class actions. Hilde works with major international clients across jurisdictions and in multiple sectors including energy, industrials, chemicals, commodities and financial services.

In addition to her position as partner with A&O Shearman, Hilde is also the Chair of the Netherlands Arbitration Institute.



Speaker Panel Discussion 1

Steven Noë

European Commission



Steven is a Member of the Legal Service of the European Commission, working in the team responsible for Justice, Freedom and Security, Private Law, and Criminal Law.

He has more than 20 years of experience in providing legal advice to the Commission and representing that institution in court, having appeared in more than 400 cases before the Court of Justice of the European Union. His current practice focuses on judicial cooperation in civil matters, and he has worked on many cases concerning the interpretation of the Brussels I Regulation and the Brussels I bis Regulation. He also has extensive experience in competition law and State aid.

Prior to joining the Commission, Steven worked for 7 years as a lawyer for the Dutch law firm De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek.



Speaker Panel Discussion 1

Faidon Varesis

University of Cambridge



Faidon Varesis is an Assistant Professor at the University of Cambridge, Faculty of Law, specialising in private international law and international dispute resolution. His research focuses on international commercial arbitration and conflict of laws, with doctoral work at Cambridge on 'Regulation of Arbitral Jurisdiction: A Private International Law Proposal'. He holds an M.Jur. with Distinction from the University of Oxford, as well as an LL.M. in Civil Law and an LL.B., both summa cum laude, from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. In addition to his academic work, he is a qualified attorney with experience in international commercial and investment arbitration and in complex international transactions.



Speaker Panel Discussion 1

Elena-Mihaela Gheorghe

De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek (Moderator)



Elena is a senior associate at De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek who specialises in international disputes. She has advised States and corporations on commercial and investment law issues and has acted as counsel in arbitration proceedings under the ICC, VIAC, UNCITRAL and ICSID rules.



Speaker Panel Discussion 2

Paul Glazener

Court of Appeal The Hague /
Netherlands Commercial Court of Appeal



Paul Glazener (66) was sworn in as a Dutch advocate in 1985 following his studies of Dutch law at the University of Leiden. He practiced as an advocate during 31 years, in Brussels and Amsterdam. He was a partner with Nauta Dutilh, Loeff Claey's Verbeke and from 2000, Allen & Overy. As advocate Paul specialised in EU law, competition law and other public economic law, including the regulation of the energy, telecommunication and transport sectors.

Paul published and lectured widely about EU and competition law. He was chairman of the Association for Competition Law and regular contributor to SEW and Markt & Mededinging. He was head of the EU and competition law section of Allen & Overy from 2006 to 2014.

In 2016 Paul joined the bench. He is a senior judge at the court of appeal of The Hague and the Netherlands Commercial Court of Appeal in Amsterdam. Since 2018 Paul is also a deputy judge (raadsheer-plaatsvervanger) at the Supreme Administrative Court for Trade and Industry (CBb). Paul is also a member of the Challenge Committee of the Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI) and an experienced arbitrator.



Speaker Panel Discussion 2

Pietro Ortolani

Radboud University Nijmegen



Pietro Ortolani is a Professor of Digital Conflict Resolution at Radboud University in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. He holds a law degree from the University of Pisa and a Ph.D. in arbitration from LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome. Before joining Radboud University, he was a Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Procedural Law and a Law Research Associate at Queen Mary, University of London. Pietro is admitted to the Bar in Italy and he also works as a practitioner, mainly in the field of arbitration and private international law. He has experience in both ad hoc and institutional arbitration. He has acted as an expert for the European Parliament, the European Commission, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and the International Labour Organization (ILO). Pietro has published in many peer-reviewed international journals, including the European Journal of International law, the Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, the Journal of International Dispute Settlement and the Leiden Journal of International Law.



Speaker Panel Discussion 2

Paschalis Paschalidis

Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes



Paschalis Paschalidis is a partner at Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes.

He acts as counsel in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations under a variety of arbitral rules (ICSID, ICC, SCC, UNCITRAL, LAC) as well as in proceedings before the courts of EU Member States and the Court of Justice of the European Union.

Paschalis Paschalidis served as référendaire for First Advocate General Melchior Wathelet at the Court of Justice of the European Union. He also practiced as an associate in the international arbitration team of a major US law firm for over five years. In that capacity, he acted for international investors, States and State-owned entities in both investment and commercial disputes.



Speaker Panel Discussion 2

Marina Weiss

Bredin Prat



Marina Weiss, Partner, is a member of the International Arbitration team.

Marina advises private clients as well as States and State entities in commercial and investment arbitrations conducted under the major rules (UNCITRAL, ICSID, ICC, LCIA and SCC) as well as in ad hoc arbitrations in a variety of industries and regions. She also advises clients in arbitration-related litigations and on issues of public international law.

In addition, Marina acts as arbitrator. In 2025, Marina was appointed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to the ICSID Panel of Conciliators. As of 2026, Marina also acts as co-chair of the Investment Arbitration Subcommittee of the International Bar Association (IBA) Arbitration Committee.

Admitted to the Paris Bar (2010), Marina is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law (LL.M., 2010), of Sciences Po Paris (Master's degree, with a specialization in business law, 2007) and the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (Master 2 in Global Business Law (dual degree with Sciences Po Paris), 2007).



Speaker Panel Discussion 2

Charli Janssen

STAUNCH (Moderator)



Charli Janssen is a senior associate at STAUNCH, a dispute resolution boutique entrusted by clients for high-stakes arbitration and litigation matters. Charli has advised and represented both national and international, public and private entities in court proceedings in the Netherlands and Curaçao, commercial arbitrations (including ICC and NAI), setting aside and revocation proceedings, the worldwide recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and judgments, attachments issues and discovery claims.

Charli studied at the Radboud University in Nijmegen and earned her master's degree through her thesis on the enforcement of arbitration agreements through the New York Convention, anti-injunctions and damages. Charli participated in the Willem C. Vis Moot Competition and is currently a participant in the 13th cycle of the Young ICCA Mentoring Programme.



Speaker Group Lecture A

Christian Borris

Borris Hennecke Kneisel



Christian is a co-founder and partner of Cologne-based dispute resolution boutique Borris Hennecke Kneisel. He has served as arbitrator in well over 100 national and international arbitrations conducted under a wide range of institutional rules and has also represented clients in numerous arbitrations and arbitration-related court proceedings. His particular areas of expertise include post-M&A, joint venture, and corporate disputes. Christian initiated and led the drafting of the German Arbitration Institution's (DIS) 'Supplementary Rules for Corporate Disputes', which were designed to ensure the arbitrability of shareholder resolution disputes under German law and have been in force since 2009. He also was a member of the working group that developed the DIS 'Supplementary Rules for Third Party Notices', which entered into force in 2024.



Speaker Group Lecture A

Alain François

Eubilius / University of Brussels



Alain François is a partner at Eubelius since 2000 and has been a member of the Brussels Bar since 1994. He specialises in corporate law, business law and public economic law, with a particular focus on corporate litigation and arbitration.

He has extensive experience advising clients on a wide range of corporate and commercial law matters, including corporate governance, directors' liability and dispute resolution. He regularly assists public authorities, such as state-owned enterprises, government agencies and municipalities, as well as clients operating in regulated industries and liberal professions.

Alain obtained his law degree from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in 1989 and was awarded a Ph.D. in Law in 1999 for his doctoral thesis on the concept of corporate interest in Belgian company law ('Het vennootschapsbelang in het Belgische vennootschapsrecht. Inhoud en grondslagen'). He also holds an LL.M. from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, 1991) and an advanced degree in company law from the Katholieke Universiteit Brussel (1994).

In addition to his legal practice, Alain is Professor of Law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, where he teaches company law in the Master of Laws programme and notarial company law in the LL.M. in Notarial Law.

He is a member of the editorial boards of several leading legal journals, including *Rechtskundig Weekblad*, *Tijdschrift voor Rechtspersoon en Vennootschap* / *Revue Pratique des Sociétés*, and *Notarieel en Fiscaal Maandblad*. He is the author of a monograph based on his doctoral thesis and co-editor of several books. Alain is also a founding member and director of the Belgian Centre for Company Law, a member of the Legal Committee of the Institute of Belgian Auditors (IBR), and a member of both the Company Law Committee and the Environment and Climate Change Committee of the CCBE (Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe). He regularly publishes and speaks on corporate law topics.



Speaker Group Lecture A

Iuliana Iancu

Hanotiau Tossens Goldman



Iuliana is a Partner at Hanotiau Tossens Goldman in Brussels with over sixteen years of experience in international arbitration. She has acted as arbitrator (presiding, party-appointed, sole arbitrator, emergency arbitrator), counsel and tribunal secretary. Her experience includes several dozen complex international commercial and investment arbitrations, under a variety of arbitration rules (CEPANI, ICC, ICSID, LCIA, NAI, Polish Chamber of Commerce, Swiss Arbitration Centre, UNCITRAL, VIAC). These spanned various industry sectors, including banking, energy, infrastructure, information technology, construction, mining, distribution, luxury and pharmaceuticals.

Iuliana recently published her book, called 'Arbitration of Shareholder Disputes in Central and Eastern Europe', which she co-edited together with Maria Hauser-Morel. She is also a lecturer at the University of Bucharest's International Arbitration LL.M., teaching Comparative International Commercial Arbitration.



Speaker Group Lecture A

Niek Peters

Legaltree



Prof. Dr Niek Peters is a partner at Legaltree and specialises in dispute resolution.

Niek represents clients in arbitration and state court proceedings across a broad range of corporate and commercial matters, including shareholder disputes, post-M&A disputes, pensions, professional liability, and disputes arising from sales and services agreements. He Prof. Dr Niek Peters is a partner at Legaltree and specialises in dispute resolution.

Niek represents clients in arbitration and state court proceedings across a broad range of corporate and commercial matters, including shareholder disputes, post-M&A disputes, pensions, professional liability, and disputes arising from sales and services agreements. He also frequently acts as counsel in setting aside as well as enforcement proceedings and he has extensive experience in asset recovery.

In addition, Niek acts as arbitrator and is frequently retained as an expert in (international) arbitration and (foreign) court proceedings, particularly on issues relating to arbitration, procedural law, and private international law.

Alongside his legal practice, Niek is Professor of International Commercial Arbitration at the University of Groningen, where he has taught the course 'International Commercial Dispute Settlement Law' for more than seventeen years. During his career, he has authored several books and numerous articles in the fields of arbitration and private international law, including on the New York Convention.

Niek among others serves as a board member of the Royal Netherlands Association of International Law (KNVIR) and the Dutch Arbitration Association (DAA). He is also a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR.



Speaker Group Lecture A

Eva Slabbers

Pels Rijcken (Moderator)



Eva Slabbers is a Senior Associate in Pels Rijcken's Litigation and Arbitration practice group. She advises and represents clients in complex domestic and international commercial disputes, both in (international) arbitration proceedings and before the Dutch courts. She has particular experience in arbitration-related litigation, including proceedings concerning the enforcement and setting aside of arbitral awards. Prior to joining Pels Rijcken, Eva was a Senior Associate at Loyens & Loeff, where she gained extensive experience in commercial litigation and arbitration.



Speaker Group Lecture B

Raquel Ballesteros

Independent Arbitrator



Raquel Ballesteros is a leading expert in litigation, administrative law, and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) within highly regulated and innovative sectors, specializing in the pharmaceutical, healthcare, and biotech industries. Her practice focuses on complex disputes where cutting-edge technology and public law intersect, including public procurement, technology transfer, and market authorizations.

She brings a robust 360-degree perspective to the field, frequently acting as an independent arbitrator in high-stakes cases. Concurrently, she has served as counsel for the Kingdom of Spain, actively supporting its defense strategy against the enforcement of international arbitral awards—an experience that grants her deep insight into sovereign immunity and cross-border enforcement.

Her institutional prominence is underscored by her appointment as a Member of the Plenary of the Spanish Court of Arbitration (Corte Española de Arbitraje). Driven by her commitment to sector-specific ADR, she also serves as Co-Head of the Healthcare and Life Sciences Arbitration Group at the Ibero-American Arbitration Center (CIAM), shaping regional arbitral policy across Europe and Latin America.



Speaker Group Lecture B

Bart Fleuren

Linklaters



Bart Fleuren is a litigation and arbitration specialist based in Amsterdam. He regularly acts as counsel before international arbitral tribunals and state courts in the Netherlands. As a Supreme Court lawyer, Bart has handled some of the most complex enforcement and setting aside disputes in international arbitration before the Netherlands Supreme Court. He represented, among others, the shareholders of Devas against the Republic of India and the majority shareholders of Yukos. Currently, Bart is handling a case on anti-arbitration injunctions in the post-Achmea landscape. He has been marked as a 'Next Generation Partner' by Legal 500 in the fields of arbitration and commercial litigation, and is also ranked by Chambers in the Supreme Court Litigation sphere.



Speaker Group Lecture B

Miriam Schmelzer

3VB



Miriam Schmelzer is a barrister and arbitrator at 3VB in London, specialising in international and cross-border disputes. She has extensive experience in commercial litigation and international arbitration, with particular expertise in banking and finance, renewable energy, real estate development, hospitality, and telecommunications.

Her arbitration practice encompasses both commercial and investment treaty disputes, and a significant part of her court practice involves arbitration-related applications and the enforcement of arbitral awards (including urgent interim relief) before the English courts. In addition to acting as counsel, she regularly sits as an arbitrator and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Before being called to the Bar in 2011, Miriam practised as a solicitor for eight years at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and Olswang.



Speaker Group Lecture C

Sheena Buddhdev

Eversheds Sutherland



Sheena is a Partner in the Litigation & Arbitration practice at Eversheds Sutherland, based in London. She has over 20 years' experience advising clients on complex, high value disputes across both arbitration and litigation.

Sheena specialises in large-scale, cross-border disputes, regularly working with international clients and coordinating multi-jurisdictional strategies alongside colleagues and local counsel across Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Her sector experience spans energy, financial services and consumer industries.

She has particular expertise in the global enforcement of arbitral awards. Most recently, Sheena has been advising a Middle East state-owned oil and gas company in challenging the enforcement of a US\$2.3 billion award before the English courts, including proceedings in the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. In parallel, she has led efforts to resist enforcement in multiple jurisdictions, including Malaysia, Singapore, Oman, Bahrain and the UAE, developing coordinated strategies under the New York Convention and overseeing the preparation of evidence and legal submissions across jurisdictions.

Sheena is recognised as a 'Next Generation Partner' in Legal 500 and has been ranked in this category for the past four years.

Sheena began her career at Freshfields in London and later served as Senior Counsel in the disputes practice at Akin Gump before joining Eversheds Sutherland in 2021.



Speaker Group Lecture C

Marlene Harutyunyan

Archipel



Marlena Harutyunyan is Counsel at Archipel, where she focuses her practice on international arbitration, cross-border litigation and enforcement. She has significant experience in both commercial and investment arbitration before major arbitral institutions, advising clients on complex disputes across a range of industry sectors, including construction and infrastructure, oil and gas, energy and automotive. Marlena also represents clients in arbitration-related litigation before French and Swiss courts, as well as in the enforcement of arbitral awards and foreign court decisions, including against states.

Prior to joining Archipel, Marlena practiced international arbitration and litigation in the Paris and New York offices of Baker McKenzie.

Marlena is a member of the Paris Bar and is registered at the Geneva Bar. She serves as VIAC Ambassador for Armenia, is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR of NC Armenia and sits on the steering committee of Young Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia. Marlena works in English, French, Russian and Armenian, and has a good command of Ukrainian.



Speaker Group Lecture C

Dienke Herman de Groot

Omni Bridgeway



Dienke Herman de Groot leads the internal asset tracing team of Omni Bridgeway.

Dienke focuses on international asset identification activities and furthermore contributes litigation, arbitration and enforcement intelligence to Omni Bridgeway's case assessment and enforcement teams. With over 20 years of experience at Omni Bridgeway, she has successfully managed and contributed to the asset identification and asset enforcement strategies for high-value (sovereign) judgments, awards and claims in all continents. She has also been involved in international fraud investigations coordinated and/or assessed by Omni Bridgeway.

Dienke started her career within the management trainee program of Rabobank International, subsequently she was a banker with Rabobank International where she held senior (management) positions in both the Netherlands and Australia focusing on Corporate Banking, Corporate Finance and Payment Systems. After that she was a director in a local Rabobank being a member of the management team and holding responsibility for the Private banking department.

Dienke holds a Master's degree in business law from the University of Utrecht and a Master's degree in Tax Law from the University of Amsterdam. She is fluent in Dutch and English, speaks German and has a basic knowledge of French.



Speaker Group Lecture C

Sebastian Neave

Veleda



Sebastian is based in London and is a Partner at Veleda, a global investigations and dispute advisory firm. He specialises in gathering and analysing evidence in support of asset recovery and fraud proceedings, with a particular focus on the international enforcement of judgment and award debt.

Sebastian has broad experience across the intelligence and investigations sector, having worked with leading international consultancies, the Forensics practice of a Big Four firm, and specialised dispute-focused boutiques.

Alongside asset recovery and enforcement work, Sebastian specialises in gathering and analysing evidence in support of fraud proceedings — tracing how complex schemes are structured and executed, identifying additional victims or witnesses, and supporting the formulation of effective recovery strategies. His work often draws on his extensive global network to advance and protect his clients' interests.

Over time, he has built substantial experience working on contentious matters originating from Ukraine, Russia, and other parts of the former Soviet Union. Beyond this regional focus, Sebastian has worked on a wide range of asset recovery mandates involving private, commercial, and sovereign debtors across the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and the Americas.

His expertise has been recognised by Chambers & Partners and Lexology (Who's Who Legal), and he is a frequent author and speaker on asset recovery methodologies at international forums.



Speaker Group Lecture C

Sjoerd Koster

Loyens & Loeff (Moderator)



Sjoerd Koster is an attorney at law and member of the Dispute Resolution Expert Group at Loyens & Loeff in Amsterdam. Sjoerd advises international and domestic clients in corporate and commercial disputes both in international arbitration proceedings (including ICC, SIAC and NAI) and in proceedings before Dutch state courts (courts of first instance and courts of appeal). He further advises and litigates in the field of corporate and professional liability as well as coverage-related insurance disputes and duty of care claims.



Speaker Group Lecture D

Niuscha Bassiri

ArbBoutique



Niuscha Bassiri is a sought-after arbitrator, who has been acting, for more than two decades, as arbitrator and counsel in numerous international arbitrations involving States, State entities, international organizations and private entities. She has received many accolades and is considered a global thought leader. As an arbitrator she excels, according to her peers, who state that she is a 'brilliant arbitrator', who is 'sharp, quick and attentive to details' and 'has an abundance of hands-on experience'.

Ms Bassiri is Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center and member of the faculty of the Geneva LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS). She serves as Vice President of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS). At the IBA, Ms Bassiri is co-chairing the task force on the arbitrator's nationality as a proxy for independence and impartiality.



Speaker Group Lecture D

Rostislav Kats

Kluwer



Rostislav is a disputes lawyer with extensive experience in international arbitration, complex commercial litigation and sanctions-related matters. He has represented clients before state courts and arbitral tribunals under major institutional rules, as well as in ad hoc arbitrations. His experience covers high-stakes disputes arising out of construction contracts, supply of goods and services, loan agreements, corporate agreements and major cross-border commercial projects.

Since 2022, Rostislav has been actively representing international clients in Russia-related sanctions matters, including both arbitration proceedings and litigation arising from the so-called Lugovoy Law. He has extensive experience with European, UK and US sanctions, as well as Russian countermeasures, and has worked on matters involving the impact of sanctions on contractual performance, jurisdiction, enforcement, asset restrictions, payment limitations and cross-border dispute strategy, including several landmark cases in the field. He has worked for leading disputes boutiques recognised in international and domestic rankings and has been personally recommended for several consecutive years for his work.

Rostislav is currently Senior Product Manager for Kluwer Arbitration. His work covers product strategy, AI-driven legal research and workflow tools, content development, go-to-market initiatives and the continued evolution of Kluwer Arbitration as a specialised platform for international dispute resolution.



Speaker Group Lecture D

Matthias Kuschner

De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek



Matthias specialises in international arbitration and litigation, with a particular emphasis on complex disputes involving private parties, States and State actors.

He regularly acts as lead counsel in high-stakes energy, infrastructure, investment and technology disputes under the rules of the ICC, UNCITRAL, SIAC, DIS, VIAC, NAI and ICSID. Matthias is a seasoned advocate and has first-chaired more than 60 merits hearings. He currently sits as sole arbitrator and president in ICC, PCA, NAI and ad hoc arbitrations, and has handled disputes governed by English, German, Dutch, French, Austrian, Swiss, Polish, Spanish and Russian and other laws.

Clients praise Matthias as a 'superstar' (Lexology, 2023), an 'outstanding advocate' (Chambers Global, 2026), and an 'incredibly sharp litigator with a rare ability to cut through to the essence of even the most complex dispute' (GAR, 2025). He possesses 'an incredible mind that fully stays on top even in the most complex and complicated cases' and who 'knows how to present complex technical and legal issues in a simple and compelling manner' (Legal 500, 2025). For clients, working with Matthias 'is unmatched by any other experience. His ability to connect the dots and appreciate the facts is unrivalled' (Chambers Global, 2026).

Prior joining De Brauw, Matthias was Legal Counsel at the PCA and served as the PCA's inaugural Representative in Mauritius. Before that, he was Counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration where he led the United Kingdom & Commonwealth team.

Matthias was educated at Cambridge (B.A., M.A.), Oxford (B.C.L.) and Heidelberg (LL.M.). He has taught at Cambridge, Heidelberg, Leiden, Cracow and the LSE. He is fluent in English, German, Dutch and French and has conducted proceedings in these languages.



Speaker Group Lecture D

Yulia Levashova

Nyenrode Business University (Moderator)



Dr. Yulia Levashova is an associate professor at Nyenrode Business University in the Netherlands and an independent arbitration practitioner. She acts as an arbitrator and advises governments, investors, and international organizations (including UNECE and UNCTAD) and has served as an observer to UNCITRAL Working Group III on ISDS reform.

She is a member of ICC Netherlands, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and the LCIA. She has published extensively on investment law, including a monograph on fair and equitable treatment and co-edited volumes on investment law, environmental protection, and investor-state relations in a post-pandemic world.

Dr. Levashova is also director of the Dispute Prevention Programme at the Asia Pacific FDI Network, with a particular focus on Central Asia. Her work in the region is anchored in institutional roles: she sits on the arbitration panel of the IAC (Astana) and the arbitration panel in Kyrgyzstan and is a member of the Expert Board of the Kyrgyz Arbitration Court.

Her research and practice cover international investment arbitration and commercial arbitration, with dedicated strands on economic sanctions in international arbitration and on ESG and investor due diligence obligations. She is also editor of the Responsible Business, Regulatory Governance, and Compliance series at Wolters Kluwer.



Speaker Panel Discussion 3

Mathias Audit

Sorbonne Law School / Audit Duprey Fekl



Mathias Audit is a Professor of Law at the Sorbonne School of Law (University of Paris 1) and a founding partner of the Paris-based law firm Audit - Duprey - Fekl.

In his academic role at the Sorbonne School of Law, his teaching focuses on private international law, international trade law, arbitration law, foreign investment law, and project finance law. He also heads the Sorbonne's LLM. in Business Law for Foreign Lawyers, and serves as co-director of the Sorbonne's Master 2 in Arbitration and International Commercial Law.

In his private practice, Mathias advises both private companies and sovereign states or state entities. He is regularly consulted by both counsel and clients on complex matters.

Mathias represents clients in commercial and investment arbitration proceedings, as well as in judicial litigation with an international dimension. He frequently serves as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, or chair of arbitral tribunals in both ad hoc proceedings and arbitrations conducted under the rules of major institutions (ICC, VIAC, PCA, etc.), including expedited proceedings. In his capacity as counsel, he advises on contractual arrangements, particularly in the energy and infrastructure sectors. His expertise also extends to issues relating to economic sanctions and extraterritoriality.

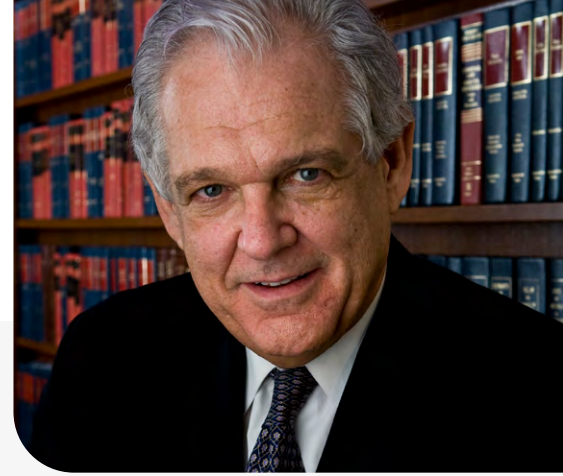
In 2025, Mathias Audit was appointed by the French Government to serve, for a six-year term, on the ICSID Panel.



Speaker Panel Discussion 3

George Bermann

Columbia Law School



George Bermann is Professor, Columbia University School of Law, currently Jean Monnet Professor of European Union Law & Walter Gellhorn Professor of Law, and Director and Founder, Columbia Law School Center for International Commercial and Investment Arbitration (CICIA). He is an active arbitrator in International Commercial and Investment Arbitration in well over 100 cases from 1980 to date. He is also commonly expert Witness on International Arbitration Law, European Union Law, French Law, and German Law, before national courts and international tribunals.

Professor Bermann was Chief Reporter of the ALI Restatement of the US Law of International Commercial Arbitration. He is observer for the American Arbitration Association) to UNCITRAL Working Group III in Investor-State Dispute Resolution Reform, founding member, Governing Board of International Court of Arbitration of the ICC, former member of the

Governing Board of the Standing Committee of International Court of Arbitration of the ICC , and Chair, Global Board of Advisers, New York International Arbitration Center (NYIAC).

Professor Bermann is co-editor-in-chief of the American Review of International Arbitration (2010 to date) and member of the Board of Editors, Revue de l'Arbitrage (2008 to date).

He is doctor honoris causa of the University of Fribourg, Switzerland (2004), Université de Versailles-St. Quentin, France (2011), Universidad Cesar Vallejo, Lima, Peru (2016), Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal (2019), University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania (2024). He received the Distinguished Service Award, American Foreign Law Association (2006), Lifetime Achievement Award, American Society of Comparative Law (2016), and Tocqueville-Fulbright Distinguished Professorship (University of Paris I) (2006)



Speaker Panel Discussion 3

Marieke van Hooijdonk

Independent Arbitrator /
International Court of Arbitration



Marieke is an independent arbitrator with over 30 years' experience in international arbitration under a variety of rules (including ICC, LCIA, NAI, SCC and FAI), seats and applicable laws.

Marieke's extensive experience spans the commercial and corporate spectrum across a wide range of industries (energy, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing) with particular focus on M&A and joint ventures disputes, distribution and franchising, sale of goods and general contract law.

Prior to founding her independent practice, Marieke was a partner at Allen & Overy / A&O Shearman, where she headed the Arbitration Group in Amsterdam. She specialized in international arbitration and arbitration-related court litigation and was recognized in the Legal 500 Hall of Fame, ranked Band 1 for Arbitration by Chambers Europe, and named a Thought Leader by Who's Who's Legal Arbitration. In 2025, Marieke chose to focus exclusively on her work as an international arbitrator.

In addition to her arbitrator work, Marieke serves as Vice-President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and as a member of the ICC Nominations Commission for the Netherlands. From 2014 to 2021, she was the Dutch member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

Marieke also serves as a deputy judge at the Court of Appeal in Arnhem-Leeuwarden.

Marieke has law degrees from Columbia Law School in New York (LL.M.) and the University of Amsterdam. She is fluent in Dutch (native) and English, and holds Dutch nationality.



Speaker Panel Discussion 3

Gerard Meijer

Linklaters (Moderator)



Gerard is one of the leading arbitration practitioners in the Netherlands and has extensive experience acting as counsel to Dutch, international and multinational companies as well as to sovereign states and governmental bodies in high-value arbitrations in a wide range of disputes.

Gerard is also frequently involved in high-profile arbitration-related court proceedings and has been involved in many of the most salient arbitration cases and arbitration-related court proceedings in the Netherlands in the last twenty-five years.

Gerard is a partner at Linklaters LLP and also serves as Professor of Arbitration and Dispute Resolution at Erasmus School of Law. He frequently contributes to the field of arbitration, authoring books and writing articles.

Gerard has led various innovative initiatives in the international arbitration market, such as the founding of the Dutch Arbitration Association (DAA), the European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFM), P.R.IME. Finance, the Court of Arbitration for Art (CAfA), and the Hague Court for Arbitration for Aviation (HCAA). In 2025, he resigned as President of the Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI).

Gerard is individually ranked in both Chambers and Legal 500 (editions 2004-2026).



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Thomas de Bekker

Avizor



Thomas is an associate at Avizor advocates & arbitrators. He focuses on commercial arbitration, setting-aside and enforcement proceedings, and corporate disputes. Before joining Avizor, Thomas worked as legal counsel at the Netherlands Arbitration Institute. He regularly acts as secretary in arbitral proceedings and has recently received his first appointment as arbitrator.



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Lian van Essen is an attorney at law at Pels Rijcken in The Hague. She specialises in construction and procurement law. Lian regularly represents both private and public-sector clients in proceedings before Dutch courts and in arbitration proceedings before the Arbitration Board for the Building Industry. In addition, she advises on procurement law, construction liability law, and large-scale building projects.



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Charli Janssen

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Charli Janssen is a senior associate at STAUNCH, a dispute resolution boutique entrusted by clients for high-stakes arbitration and litigation matters. Charli has advised and represented both national and international, public and private entities in court proceedings in the Netherlands and Curaçao, commercial arbitrations (including ICC and NAI), setting aside and revocation proceedings, the worldwide recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and judgments, attachments issues and discovery claims.

Charli studied at the Radboud University in Nijmegen and earned her master's degree through her thesis on the enforcement of arbitration agreements through the New York Convention, anti-injunctions and damages. Charli participated in the Willem C. Vis Moot Competition and is currently a participant in the 13th cycle of the Young ICCA Mentoring Programme.



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Sjoerd Koster is an attorney at law and member of the Dispute Resolution Expert Group at Loyens & Loeff in Amsterdam. Sjoerd advises international and domestic clients in corporate and commercial disputes both in international arbitration proceedings (including ICC, SIAC and NAI) and in proceedings before Dutch state courts (courts of first instance and courts of appeal). He further advises and litigates in the field of corporate and professional liability as well as coverage-related insurance disputes and duty of care claims.



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Stijn Wilbers

Vanguard International Dispute Resolution



Stijn has been with Vanguard International Dispute Resolution since its inception in 2025 (and before with Derains & Gharavi) and is specialised in investment arbitration and commercial arbitration, acting as counsel and arbitral secretary in disputes in a variety of sectors, including tech, energy, telecom & media, mining and construction & engineering. Stijn has acted in proceedings conducted under the arbitration rules of the HKIAC, ICC, LCIA, NAI, PCA, SIAC as well as under the UNCITRAL Rules.

Stijn has won the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court East of 2019 as counsel on the best team in the oral rounds held in Hong Kong in 2019.

Stijn has obtained an LLM as a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard Law School as well as an LLM in Dutch Private Law (cum laude) from the University of Amsterdam. He completed his secondary education at United World College.



Young Arbitral Women Practitioners (YAWP)

ArbitralWomen is an international non-governmental organisation that brings together women international dispute resolution practitioners from around the world. Founded in 1993, it is now a network of nearly 1,100 members across more than 40 countries. ArbitralWomen's mission is to advance women in international arbitration and ADR, promote diversity and inclusion in dispute resolution, and create meaningful professional opportunities and global connections.



YAWP, the 'young practitioners' arm of ArbitralWomen, was launched in 2016 by Gabrielle Nater-Bass, former Vice President of ArbitralWomen. It provides a platform for female practitioners under 40 across the globe to network, develop their careers in arbitration and ADR, and address challenges that typically arise in the early stages of practice. YAWP's mission is to build community, unlock leadership opportunities, and ensure that the next generation of arbitral talent is not only present but actively shaping the future of our profession.

All ArbitralWomen members under the age of 40 automatically become members of YAWP. By becoming a YAWP member, you enjoy a variety of benefits designed to support your professional and personal development, such as skills development and networking events, speaking opportunities, visibility and recognition, mentorship, and parental mentorship.

www.arbitralwomen.org/yawp/start-here-yawp



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Membership of the DAA is open to all (Dutch and non-Dutch) practitioners, inhouse lawyers, academics and students, arbitrators and staff members of arbitration institutes with an interest in arbitration in the Netherlands.

The annual membership fee for non-student members is **EUR 50**

The annual membership fee for student members is **EUR 25**

If you wish to apply for membership of the DAA, please fill in the form on our website:

dutcharbitrationassociation.nl/membership






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