

## Samaa A. Haridi

Partner, New York

### Biography

Samaa Haridi represents corporations and financial institutions from all over the world in international arbitration, under the rules of all major arbitral institutions. She frequently sits as an arbitrator in international disputes.

Samaa has been singled out by clients for her "very supportive and intelligent" approach, and regularly handles commercial and investor-state arbitrations involving the Middle East. Sources acknowledge her as being "hard-working and very entrepreneurial," and a "unique practitioner with unique skills." She has been recognized as a "great up-and-coming lawyer" by *The Legal 500* and as a "Future Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*. Samaa has also been ranked by clients and peers in *Chambers USA* and *Chambers Global* for International Arbitration.

Born in Switzerland, Samaa grew up in Belgium, Egypt, Morocco, and France. She holds a Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies in Private International Law and International Business Transactions from the University of Paris I (Sorbonne), and an LL.M. in Comparative Law from the University of San Diego School of Law, where she was a Sorbonne Scholar.

Samaa is a member of the New York, California, and England & Wales bars. She is fluent in French and Arabic and is also conversant in Spanish.



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### Languages

English  
French  
Spanish  
Arabic

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### Services

Litigation and Arbitration

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### Areas of Focus

Public International Law, Investment Treaty Protection, and International Arbitration

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## Representative Experience

Representing Hungary in an ICSID arbitration under the Hungary-Portugal BIT in relation to the bankruptcy of the investor.

Representing a Spanish contractor in a Paris-based ICC arbitration under Greek law involving a large project in Greece.

Representing a Polish chemical manufacturer in a London-based ICC arbitration under New York law relating to termination of a supply agreement.

Representing a Hungarian energy company in an ICSID arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) involving the company's investments in Croatia.

Advising an American investor in an ICSID arbitration proceeding against the government of Egypt under the U.S.-Egypt bilateral investment treaty.

Representing a hotel management company in a London-based ICC arbitration under the laws of the United Arab Emirates relating to a hotel in the UAE.

Representing a large international organization in an ad hoc arbitration proceeding under the UNCITRAL rules, involving a breach of contract.

Representing a Fortune 500 company in a Paris-based ICC arbitration relating to a hospitality project in Lebanon under the laws of Lebanon.

## Awards and rankings

- Chambers USA, International Arbitration, 2015
- International Arbitration, *Chambers Global*, 2015
- Legal 500 U.S.
- Benchmark Litigation, Future Star, 2015
- Burton Award for Legal Achievement (Excellence in Legal Writing)

## Education and admissions

### Education

LL.M, University of San Diego, 1999

D.E.A., University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 1998

Maîtrise en Droit, with honors, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 1997

### Memberships

Board Member, Arab Bankers Association of North America (ABANA)

Board Member, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (U.S. Chapter)

Co-Chair, Workstream on Arbitration of Islamic Finance Disputes, ICC Task Force on Financial Institutions and International Arbitration

Editorial Board Member, IBA International Arbitration Newsletter

Editorial Board Member, Juris Publishing Journal of Technology in International Arbitration

Editorial Board Member, Kluwer Journal of International Arbitration

Executive Board Member, International Center for Dispute Resolution Young and International Member, Arbitral Women

Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York (International Commercial Disputes and Middle East Committees)

Member, French-American Bar

## Latest thinking and upcoming events

### ■ Published Works

- Towards Greater Gender and Ethnic Diversity in International Arbitration *International Arbitration Review of the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution*

### ■ Published Works

- What to Do When Pressing the Flesh Means Breaking the Bank: Trade-Offs Between Remote and In-Person Hearings in International Arbitration *The Journal of Technology in International Arbitration*

### ■ Published Works

- The Public Policy Exception Under the New York Convention: The Unruly Arabian Horse in the Middle East Region *Transnational Dispute Management*

### ■ Published Works

- Enforcement of International Arbitration Awards in New York *New York Law Journal*

### ■ Published Works

- Set-Aside Actions in France Under the New 2011 Arbitration Law *IBA Newsletter*

### ■ Published Works

- Syria and Lebanon Strengthen Investment Ties Despite Political Uncertainty and Instability *International Dispute Resolution Alert*

Association (FABA)

Member, New York International Arbitration Center Program Committee

Member, New York International Arbitration Club

Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration

Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Dubai International Arbitration Center

Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution

Steering Group Member, IBA Arbitration Guidelines and Rules Subcommittee

## Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

California

England and Wales