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- Over 13 years of practice in international arbitration and litigation in Amsterdam and Paris, with a focus on international commercial arbitration.
- Experience of arbitrations conducted in English or in French under the ICC, NAI, ICSID, UNCITRAL and PCA rules on a wide range of commercial, energy, insurance, technology or post-M&A issues.
- Particular areas of knowledge with respect to procedural issues, gas price reviews and French law.
- Recognised as "Future Leader" in Arbitration by Who's Who Legal since 2019: "*she's a real expert when it comes to evidence*", "*Irène's communication skills are excellent*"
- Listed in the first Legal 500 Arbitration Powerlist 2022 for Benelux

PROFESSIONAL

Sept. 2023 – present: **STAUNCH**, Amsterdam – **Counsel in International Arbitration**

Acting in complex disputes, including representing:

- A US multinational in a US\$100 million ICC arbitration against a Latin American HNWI who guaranteed loans under the law of Curaçao
- A Brazilian company in Dutch set aside proceedings against a European technology group

2017 – 2023 **DE BRAUW BLACKSTONE WESTBROEK**, Amsterdam – **Senior Associate in International Arbitration**

Acting as lead associate in complex and high-stake disputes, including representing:

- International energy companies in ICC arbitrations (a gas price review arbitration under Dutch law with an amount of over EUR 1 billion in dispute and an arbitration arising out of a gas transportation agreement governed by French law)
- A global insurance group in an NAI arbitration under Dutch law against a Swiss bank regarding coverage for liability for the sale of investment products in several European countries.

2010 – 2017 **TEYNIER PIC**, Paris – **Senior Associate in International Arbitration & Litigation**

Leading arbitration and litigation proceedings in numerous ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, PCA, ad hoc and CAIP arbitrations as well as litigation proceedings before the French Courts, including annulment and enforcement proceedings

2009 – 2017 Collaborating with **PROF. THOMAS CLAY** (Professor at the Sorbonne University and Founding partner of Clay Arbitration) as **Co-Counsel, Secretary of the Arbitral Tribunal and Assistant to Arbitrator** in numerous ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, LCIA, CMAP, ECA and ad hoc arbitrations

Lawyer at the **Paris Bar** since 2010

TEACHING POSITIONS

2015 - 2017 **PARIS OUEST NANTERRE LA DÉFENSE UNIVERSITY**, Lecturer in International Commercial Arbitration - Master 2 in Business Law and Litigation

2013 - 2017 **ESSEC BUSINESS SCHOOL**, Lecturer in International Commercial Arbitration (taught in English) - Advanced Master's Degree in International Business Law and Management

2013 - 2017 **VERSAILLES UNIVERSITY**, Lecturer in "Arbitration and Intellectual Property" - Arbitration and International Business Law Master

2013 - 2014 **PARIS BAR SCHOOL**, Lecturer in Arbitration

PAST INTERNSHIPS

2010 (6 months) **SHEARMAN & STERLING**, Paris – Internship in the International Arbitration Department

2009 (6 months) **LALIVE**, Geneva – Internship in the International Arbitration Department

2008 (6 months) **WilmerHale**, London – Internship in the International Arbitration Department

- 2006 (4 months) **LINKLATERS**, Paris – Internship in the Litigation and Arbitration Department
2005 (5 months) **GIDE LOYRETTE NOUEL**, Paris – Internship in the Corporate Department

EDUCATION

- 2008 - 2009 **PARIS XII UNIVERSITY, Diploma** in International Business Litigation, *with High Honours*
International arbitration (E. Gaillard), International litigation (M.-E. Ancel)
- 2006 - 2007 **KING'S COLLEGE LONDON, LL.M.** in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, *with Merit*
- International Commercial Arbitration (J. Lew QC), International Construction, Contracts and
Arbitration (H. Lloyd QC), International Business Transactions (CGJ Morse)
- 2005 - 2006 **PARIS II UNIVERSITY (ASSAS), Master 2** in Litigation, Arbitration and Alternative Dispute
Resolution, *with Honours* - International Commercial Arbitration (C. Jarrosson)
- 2004 - 2005 **PARIS V UNIVERSITY, Master 2** in International Business Law, *with Honours*
- 2000 - 2004 **PARIS I UNIVERSITY (LA SORBONNE), Master 1** in Business Law and International Law

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 « *L'instruction du litige* » (The examination of the dispute by the arbitrator) (with L. Degos), Cahiers du
CNB (Journal of the French National Bar Council)
- 2017 "*Women in Arbitration*" (with L. Kiffer), Revista de Arbitragem e Mediação, 2017 vol. 52, p. 335
- 2015 "*The Venezuelan saga offers input on the Courts' interpretation of the condition for the stay of
enforcement of international arbitration awards*", The Paris Journal of International Arbitration 2015
N°2, p. 293
- 2014 « *L'arrêt de l'exécution provisoire des sentences arbitrales internationales par le juge* » (The stay of
enforcement of international arbitration awards by the judge), Petites affiches, n°215.19
- « *Sur l'arbitrabilité de la validité d'un titre de propriété intellectuelle* » (On the arbitrability of the
validity of an intellectual property right), Cass. Civ. 1^{ère}, 12 juin 2013, n° 12-16.864, *Victocor
Technologies*, The Paris Journal of International Arbitration 2014 N°1, p. 73
- 2013 Yves Derains, Laurence Kiffer, "*International Handbook on Commercial Arbitration*", France, Kluwer
Law International (update including the new French arbitration law)
- 2011 « *Le nouveau règlement d'arbitrage de la CNUDCI (2010)* » (The new UNCITRAL Rules (2010)) (with
P. Pic), Rev. arb. 2011 N°1, p. 99

OTHER

- 2023-2026 Co-chair of CFA 40, the French Arbitration Committee's under-40 group
- 2023 Moderator of panel on the impact of the energy crisis on arbitration at the yearly Energy Law Group
event, Paris
- 2014 - 2021 Member of the arbitration working group of the French National Bar Council (CNB)
- 2019 Moderator of panel on the management of court proceedings surrounding arbitration at the conference
organised by the French National Bar Council (CNB), Paris
- 2016 Speaker on "the role of Counsel" at the conference "Practice arbitration!" organised by the French
National Bar Council (CNB), Paris
- 2014 Speaker on the arbitrator's duty of loyalty at the conference on « *L'arbitrage éthique* » (Ethical
arbitration) organised by the Franco-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Paris
- 2009 Arbitrator in the Willem C. Vis Moot; Member of the Paris XII Team in the Sciences Po Paris Arbitration
Moot; Düsseldorf International Arbitration School
- 2008 The Hague Academy on Private International Law; International School of Nuclear Law (OECD-NEA
scholarship)

LANGUAGES French (native), English (bilingual), Dutch (advanced), Hebrew (basic), German (intermediary)