

Julia Xoudis

— Of Counsel, Prof., Dr. iur., LL.M. (Cantab)

Professional practice

Prof. Dr. Julia Xoudis has practiced as an attorney for almost 20 years, specializing in international commercial arbitration, contract law and competition law. She has acted in more than 40 international arbitrations, both *ad hoc* and institutional, including high-stake cases involving complex contractual and corporate disputes.

In parallel to her practice at the bar, she is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva, where she teaches contract law and introduction to private law and legal reasoning. Her research interests and publications focus on law of obligations (in particular contract law), competition law and legal method.

Career

Professional experience

- Of Counsel, Peter & Kim, Geneva (2020-current)
- Partner, Peter & Partners, Geneva (2016-2019)
- Counsel, Python & Peter, Geneva (2010-2015)
- Associate, Python & Peter, Geneva (2002-2009)
- Trainee, Mentha Maystre Morand & Amsler, Geneva (1992-1993)
- Trainee, Court of First Instance, Geneva (1991-1992)

Academic experience

- Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva (2011-current)
- Visiting Fellow, Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge (2019-2020)
- Visiting Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lausanne (2015)
- Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva (2007-2011)
- Instructor, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva (2002-2006)
- Research Assistant, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva (1994-2000)

Education

- University of Geneva (Doctorate in Law, 2001, *summa cum laude*; Edgar Aubert Prize 2002, Prof. Walther Hug Prize 2003)
- Max-Planck-Institut für Ausländisches und Internationales Privatrecht (Visiting Scholar, with a one-year scholarship from the Swiss National Science Foundation, 1998-2000)
- University of Geneva (D.E.A. in European Law, 1995)
- University of Cambridge (LL.M. in International Law, 1991)
- University of Geneva (Licence en droit, 1990)

Representative cases

- Co-arbitrator in a dispute related to the validity and performance of a share purchase agreement.
- Counsel in a highly contentious arbitration between a state-owned enterprise and a sovereign state, involving aspects of public international law, with an amount in dispute of USD several billion.



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ADMISSIONS & COURTS

Geneva, Switzerland (1993)

LANGUAGES

French, English, German, Greek

NATIONALITIES

Swiss, Greek

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Arbitration/Litigation
Commercial Contracts
Distribution/Agency
International Sales
Joint Ventures/Consortia
Mergers & Acquisitions
Competition law

INDUSTRY SECTORS

Commodities Trading
Fashion & Luxury Goods
Oil & Gas
Pharmaceutical & Biotech
Transportation & Logistics; Shipping

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- Counsel in setting aside proceedings against an award in an *ad hoc* arbitration, securing an important win for the client at the Swiss Supreme Court level.
- Counsel in a case involving two state-owned entities in a highly complex dispute stemming from oil production and delivery agreements, securing an award of more than a billion USD for the clients.
- Regular advice on contractual issues in the area of agency and distribution, including Swiss and European competition law aspects.

Professional associations

- Geneva Bar Association
- Swiss Bar Association
- Swiss Arbitration Association
- Swiss Association of Competition Law (also member of the Committee since 2004)
- International League of Competition Law (also member of the Bureau and the Council from 2007 to 2016)
- Geneva Association of Business Law

Publications

- Les accords de distribution au regard du droit de la concurrence – Droit suisse et droit communautaire dans une perspective économique, thèse, Genève et Bruxelles (Schulthess/Bruylant), 2002, 439 pages.
- Commentaire des articles 11 à 16 du Code des obligations (forme des contrats), in Commentaire romand du Code des obligations I (art. 1–529 CO), Luc Thévenoz/Franz Werro (éds), 2e éd., Bâle (Helbing Lichtenhahn) 2012, p. 79-12.
- Commentaire des articles 52 à 59 du Code civil (dispositions générales sur les personnes morales), in Commentaire romand du Code civil I (art. 1–348 CC), Bénédicte Foëx/Pascal Pichonnaz (éds), Bâle (Helbing Lichtenhahn) 2010, p. 393-452.
- “Contrat de cession globale de créances à fin de garantie”, in Recueil de contrats commerciaux – Modèles en français et en anglais commentés selon le droit suisse, Sylvain Marchand/Christine Chappuis/Laurent Hirsch (éds), Bâle (Helbing Lichtenhahn) 2013, p. 1143-1174 (co-authored with Nicolas de Gottrau).
- “Conventions d’arbitrage pathologiques: la volonté d’arbitrer peut-elle tout guérir?”, in L’éclectique juridique – Recueil d’articles en l’honneur de Jacques Python, Genève/Zürich/Bâle (Schulthess/Stämpfli) 2011, p. 201-219 (co-authored with Sébastien Besson).

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