

MARION PARIS

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Bar admission: Paris, 2009 (registered as from 2012), registered as a foreign lawyer with the Geneva Bar, 2014
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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- > Arbitration
- > Contract law
- > International law

INDUSTRY SECTORS

- > Construction & engineering
- > Defense & military
- > Energy
- > Transportation
- > Telecommunications
- > Intellectual property
- > Art market

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Marion Paris specializes in international arbitration with a focus on commercial disputes. She is listed among the Who's Who (WWL) Arbitration Future Leaders where she is described as "a refined legal mind with broad experience and high standards".

She has acted as counsel, arbitrator or secretary to the tribunal in more than 30 arbitration proceedings, conducted under various rules (ICC, OHADA, UNCITRAL, AFA, LCIA, ICSID, Swiss Rules) and governed by a variety of substantive laws.

Marion's experience includes disputes relating to construction projects, international sales, natural resources, telecommunications, intellectual property, the transport and defense industries. Passionate about art, Marion has been appointed to the pool of arbitrators of the Court of Arbitration for Art. She also sits on the Commission on Human Rights of the Geneva Bar Association and coordinates the activities of its Business and Human Rights working group.

Before joining Peter & Kim, Marion practiced international arbitration at Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, an arbitration firm based in Geneva. Prior to that, she trained with the arbitration teams of magic circle firms in Paris. She also worked at the Secretariat of the ICC Court of Arbitration as deputy counsel.

RANKING

- > Who's Who Legal (WWL) : Arbitration Future Leaders 2021

CAREER

- > Senior Associate, Peter & Kim, Geneva (2021-present)
- > Associate, Senior Associate, Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, Geneva (2012-2020)
- > Research and Teaching Assistant, University of Geneva (2010-2011)
- > Deputy Counsel, Secretariat of the ICC Court of Arbitration, Paris (2009-2010)
- > Intern, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Paris (2009)
- > Intern, Clifford Chance LLP, Paris (2008)
- > Intern, Gide Loyrette Nouel, Paris (2007)

EDUCATION

- > University College London, LL.M. in International Arbitration and Litigation (2008)
- > University Paris X Nanterre, Master in International Commercial Law (2007)
- > University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, *Maîtrise* in International Law (2006)
- > University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Bachelor of Laws (2005)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- > Geneva Bar Association
- > Paris Bar Association
- > Young ICCA
- > ICC YAF
- > ASA below 40
- > Arbitral Women

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QUOTES

> In Who's Who Legal (Arbitration Future Leaders, 2021) Marion Paris earns plaudits from the interviewees as "an experienced lawyer, highly recommended for commercial arbitration" and is described as "a very focused lawyer with great analytical skills".

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- > Counsel for a private bank in an *ad hoc* commercial arbitration, with seat in Geneva and Swiss law applicable.
- > Counsel for a development Bank in a high-value commercial arbitration, seated in an OHADA member state with Ivorian law applicable.
- > Sole Arbitrator in a commercial arbitration concerning the implementation of an agent contract between a Swiss investment company and a Chinese national (Swiss Rules), with seat in Geneva and Swiss law applicable.
- > Member of the counsel team in an ICJ arbitration concerning the maritime boundary between Chile and Peru.
- > Member of the counsel team in an investment treaty arbitration concerning investments in the mining sector in South Africa (ICSID).
- > Secretary to the tribunal in a commercial arbitration concerning the construction of several roads and bridges in Gabon (ICC), with the underlying claims valued at over USD 1 billion.
- > Assistant to the tribunal in an investment arbitration concerning two block exploration permits offshore Senegal (ICSID).
- > Secretary to the tribunal in an *ad hoc* commercial arbitration concerning the use of trade names and brand logos of world renown companies, with seat in Paris and the arbitrators deciding as *amiables compositeurs*.
- > Secretary to the tribunal in a high-profile commercial arbitration in the naval defense industry (ICC), with seat in Geneva and French law applicable.
- > Secretary to the tribunal in a complex commercial arbitration concerning sale, supply and maintenance contracts in the aeronautic industry (ICC), with seat in Paris and French law applicable.
- > Secretary to the tribunal in a commercial arbitration between a European state and a Finnish company in relation with the performance of a contract in the military industry (UNCITRAL), with Polish law applicable.
- > Secretary to the tribunal in a commercial arbitration concerning the price revision of long-term gas supply agreements (ICC), with seat in The Hague and Dutch law applicable.
- > Secretary to the tribunal in a commercial arbitration concerning gas trading (ICC), with seat in Paris and French law applicable.
- > Secretary to the tribunal in a commercial arbitration between a telecommunications firm and various companies based in the Balkans, concerning distribution contracts in the telephone industry (*ad hoc*), with Finnish law applicable.
- > Secretary to the tribunal in a commercial arbitration involving a state-owned company active in the cable networks industry (ICC), with seat in Paris and French law applicable.
- > Secretary to the tribunal in a commercial arbitration concerning a share purchase agreement (ICC), with seat in Paris and Luxembourg law applicable.

PUBLICATION

- > Arbitrage contemporain à Art Basel?
ASA Bulletin 2020, pp. 619-636 – Co-author Anne Laure Bandle

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