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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- > Arbitration
- > Public International Law
- > International Investment Law

### INDUSTRY SECTORS

- > Energy
- > Construction & Engineering
- > Infrastructure
- > Commodities trading
- > Joint Ventures
- > M&A
- > Banking & Finance
- > Intellectual Property
- > Life Sciences
- > Telecommunications
- > Transportation

### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Nhu-Hoang Tran Thang is a French trained lawyer registered with the Paris bar and a Swiss national with Vietnamese roots. She practices international arbitration, covering both investment and commercial arbitration.

She has acted as arbitrator, counsel or assistant to the arbitral tribunal in over thirty arbitrations conducted under various rules (ICSID, ICC, UNCITRAL, SCAI, LCIA, CRCICA and DIS) and related to a variety of industries. Over the years, she has developed particular expertise in energy related disputes, including both short- and long-term supply agreements.

Before joining Peter & Kim, Nhu-Hoang practiced international arbitration at LALIVE and at the office of renowned arbitrator Pierre Tercier. Prior to that, she gained experience in the arbitration teams of magic circle firms in Paris and at arbitration boutiques in Geneva and London.

Nhu-Hoang is a former co-chair of the young branch of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) and regularly speaks and publishes in the field of international arbitration. Listed amongst the Who's Who (WWL) Arbitration Future Leaders since 2019, she is described by peers and clients as *"a fantastic and energetic advocate who will go through fire and flame to help her clients succeed!"*, *"great at working under pressure and handling complex situations with ease"*, *"[v]ery clever, to the point and relentless"*, and *"always produc[ing] brilliant work"*.

### RANKING

- > Who's Who Legal (WWL): Arbitration Future Leaders 2019, 2020, 2021

### CAREER

- > Senior Associate, Peter & Kim, Geneva (2020-present)
- > Associate, LALIVE, Geneva (2016-2019)
- > Associate, Arbitration office of Prof. Pierre Tercier, Fribourg (2012-2016)
- > Trainee, Volterra Fietta, London (2012)
- > Associate, Bersheda Avocats, Geneva (2011-2012)
- > Trainee, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Paris (2010)
- > Trainee, Clifford Chance Europe, Paris (2008)
- > Trainee, France Telecom, Paris (2006)

### EDUCATION

- > Master of Laws (LL.M) (with Honours), Northwestern University, Chicago (2009)
- > Master 2 professional in Litigation, Arbitration and ADR (First Class Honours), University Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Paris (2008)
- > Master 2 research in International and European Economic Law, University Paris X Nanterre, Paris (2007)
- > Master 1 in International Business, University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris (2006)
- > Master in International Relations, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva (2005)

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### QUOTES

- > WWL ((Arbitration Future Leaders, 2021) reports: "Peers and clients say: 'Nhu-Hoang has years of experience in arbitration and is truly passionate about making the world better through arbitration'; 'A fantastic and energetic advocate who will go through fire and flame to help her clients succeed!'; 'She is great at working under pressure and handling complex situations with ease'; 'She always produces brilliant work'; 'Very clever, to the point and relentless'"

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- > ICCA (International Council for Commercial Arbitration)
- > Young ICCA (former co-chair, member of the Global Advisory Board)
- > CFA-40 (Comité Français de l'Arbitrage)
- > Young SIAC (Singapore International Arbitration Centre)
- > ASA Below 40 (Association Suisse d'Arbitrage)
- > Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF)
- > CPR-Y-ADR (International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution)

### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- > Co-counsel in an investment arbitration concerning the expropriation of a real estate project in Asia (ICSID)
- > Co-counsel in a commercial arbitration concerning a gas purchase dispute in the Middle East with an amount in dispute over USD 30 billion (*ad hoc*)
- > Counsel in a commercial arbitration between a state-owned enterprise and a sovereign state, involving aspects of public international law (*ad hoc*)
- > Counsel in an investment arbitration arising out of the withdrawal of economic incentives in the food industry (ICSID)
- > Counsel in an investment arbitration concerning the alleged restructuring of Government debts in the energy sector and bankruptcy proceedings (ICSID)
- > Counsel in an investment arbitration concerning the construction of public infrastructures and the extension of most-favoured-nation clauses (ICSID)
- > Secretary to the Tribunal in a commercial arbitration concerning the development and management of a municipality's electricity infrastructure and distribution (SCC)
- > Secretary to the Tribunal in an investment arbitration concerning the banking industry and bankruptcy proceedings (ICC)
- > Assistant to the Tribunal in an investment arbitration concerning public procurement in the dredging industry and involving allegations of corruption (ICSID)
- > Assistant to the Tribunal in an investment arbitration concerning the alleged unlawful expropriation of a large railway infrastructure, involving issues of investor's nationality (ICSID)
- > Counsel in a commercial arbitration concerning gas trading (ICC), with seat in Zurich and Swiss law applicable
- > Counsel in a commercial arbitration concerning steel trading (ICC, Expedited Procedure Rules), with seat in Vienna and Austrian law applicable
- > Counsel in a commercial arbitration concerning a work contract and intellectual property rights (SCAI), with seat in Zurich and Swiss law applicable
- > Counsel in a commercial arbitration concerning a joint venture in the transportation industry (ICC), with seat in Geneva and Swiss law applicable
- > Sole Arbitrator in a commercial arbitration concerning the sale of intellectual property rights (DIS), with seat in Frankfurt and German law applicable

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- > Secretary to the Tribunal in two commercial arbitrations concerning the price revision of long-term gas supply agreements (ICC), with seat in Stockholm and Swedish and Swiss law applicable, respectively
- > Secretary to the Tribunal in a commercial arbitration concerning a post-M&A dispute in the banking industry (SCAI), with seat in Geneva and Swiss law applicable

### PUBLICATIONS

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Nhu-Hoang Tran Thang has published several professional articles and book contributions in international arbitration. In particular, she is co-author of the chapter “Criteria to Determine Investor Nationality (Juridical Persons)” in the authoritative book edited by the ICSID “Building International Investment Law - The First 50 Years of ICSID” (Kluwer, 2015), and has published an article on “The EU-Vietnam Investment Protection Agreement Investor-State Dispute Settlement Mechanism in Perspective” in the European Investment Law and Arbitration Review (Volume 4 (2019): Issue 1).

- > **The EU-Vietnam Investment Protection Agreement Dispute Settlement Mechanism in Perspective**

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with Lorraine de Germiny and Duong Ba Trinh

- > **Criteria to Determine Investor Nationality (Juridical Persons)**

M. Kinneer, G.R. Fischer, J. Mínguez Almeida, L. Fernanda Torres and M. Uran Bidegain, Building International Investment Law, the First 50 Years of ICSID, Kluwer, 2015

with Pierre Tercier

- > **Du choc des cultures en arbitrage international (Quelques réflexions)**

M. A. Raouf, Ph. Leboulanger & N. Ziadé (eds), Festschrift Ahmed Sadek El-Kosheri, From the Arab World to the Globalization of International Law and Arbitration, Kluwer, 2015

with Pierre Tercier

- > **[Tax Gross-Up Claims in Investment Treaty Arbitration](#)**

Young ICCA blog, 2011