VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. Current position:

Counsel at WilmerHale, London

5. Education:

LL.M., Columbia Law School, USA

Honors: James Kent Scholar; Fulbright Scholar; Parker School Certificate for Achievement in International and Comparative Law

Master of Law, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Honors: summa cum laude

Bachelor of Law, University of Fribourg, Switzerland Honors: magna cum laude; bilingual (German / French)

6. Practiced experience in arbitration

How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?
 15+

All international

Mainly ICC, Swiss Arbitration Centre, LCIA, AAA/ICDR and ICSID, as well as ad hoc

- How often have you acted as Chairman?
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?

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• How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?

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How often have you acted as Counsel?

10+

- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?
 2 (assistant to the tribunal for Prof. Pierre Tercier)
- 7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):

Academic Positions

Lecturer in International Arbitration, Université Catholique de Lille, Masters Program, Spring Semester (2021 – present)

Selected Acknowledgements

WWL Arbitration: Future Leaders (2024): "Nadja is very dynamic, pragmatic and solution oriented;" "She is very well organised and thorough in her research and preparation;" "She is very confident and methodical in her approach to problems"

Selected Speaking Engagements

Organize and co-chair regular conferences in Switzerland and abroad as Co-chair of ASA below 40

Speaker at **Bucharest Arbitration Days** on the topic "Ethics and Conflicts in International Arbitration: The Updated IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration," Bucharest, 6 June 2024

Speaker at **Bilateral Italian – German Arbitration Group Conference** on the topic "Recognition and Enforcement of Awards in Italy and Germany – a Side-by-side Comparison (and Micro-comparison with Austria & Switzerland)," Berlin, 23 May 2024

Moderator for **AA40** event "What If? Emerging Trends in International Arbitration Through the Lens of Enforcement," Milan, 22 May 2024

Moderator for **Joint Young ISTAC and ASA below 40** event "A Look Behind the Curtain – Being an Arbitrator or Tribunal Secretary in Turkish and Swiss Arbitrations," Istanbul, 17 April 2024

Fireside Chat with Prof. Pierre Tercier during the Gala Dinner at the Swiss Arbitration Summit, Geneva, 1 February 2024

Keynote Speaker for Vis Moot School Switzerland, Zurich, 5 October 2023

Speaker for **Young ITA** panel on "20 Years of Energy Arbitration in Stockholm," Stockholm, 30 August 2023

Speaker for Lexology Webinar "One Year In: What's New in Swiss Arbitration?," 8 September 2022

Moderator for **Columbia International Arbitration Association (CIAA)** event on "IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration: 2020 Revisions and a View Forward," Webinar, 7 April 2021

Selected Publications

Revised Swiss Rules of Arbitration, WH Client Alert, co-authored with Steven P. Finizio

Can the WEF Re-Connect the WTO to the Global Business Community?, Journal of World Trade, Vol. 55, Iss. 1 (2021), pp. 145-170, co-authored with Nishadee Perera

Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:

ASA / ASA below 40 (Co-chair, 2023 – present)

DIS / DIS40 (Regional Coordinator for London, 2021 – 2023)

ArbitralWomen

ICC YAAF

YIAG

Young ICCA

8. Languages

Mother tongue: German

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language): English and German

Other languages: French (can review and hear evidence and submissions); Italian (basic)

9. In which legal systems have you trained?						
✓ Civil Law	✓	Common Law				
☐ Austrian Law		Hungarian Law	✓	Swiss Law		
☐ Czech Law		Polish Law		Ukrainian Law		
☐ German Law		Slovakian Law 🗖		European Law		
Other: U.S. Law (NY)						
10. What is your main jurisdict	ion	of practice?				
United Kingdom						
11. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar?						
Switzerland (2016)						
New York, USA (2021)						
12. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):						
☐ Antitrust/Unfair competition		Damages		Insolvency		Natural resources
☐ Aviation		Distribution		Insurance		Power plants
☐ Banking & Finance		Domain name disputes		Intellect. property (IP)		Private Intern. Law
☐ Capital markets		Employment		Investment arbitration		Public Intern. Law
☐ CISG	✓	Energy		ISDS/Foreign inves.		Real estate
☐ Civil fraud disputes		Engineering		Joint ventures		Shipping
✓ Commercial disp. / transactions		Entertainment		Licensing		Sports
☐ Commodity market	✓	Healthcare & Pharmac.		Life sciences		State/Public contracts
☐ Company/Corporate/M&A		Hotel/Gastro./Tour.		Maritime arbitration		Technology
☐ Construction		Inform. technology (IT)		Media		Telecommunication
✓ Contract law		Infrastructure		Mining		Transport
☐ Other						
13. Date of birth: 4 July 1990						

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Date