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Expertise

International arbitration
International investment law
Private international law and international contracts

Languages

English
French
Hungarian
German

Biography

Réka's practice focuses on international arbitration and related court proceedings primarily in relation to distribution and sales contracts, joint ventures and SPAs in the energy, construction, pharmaceutical, aviation and mining sectors.

She has handled complex and high-stakes arbitral proceedings under various rules (ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, SCC, Swiss Rules, CAS) as tribunal secretary, counsel and arbitrator.

Réka is included in the list of candidates for arbitrator appointments under the European Union's trade agreements.

Details of recent activities

Acted as arbitrator in an ICC arbitration seated in France involving a share-purchase agreement in the energy

sector

Acted as arbitrator in an ICC arbitration seated in Switzerland concerning a distribution agreement involving American and Indian parties

Acted as arbitrator in a SAC arbitration seated in Switzerland concerning a sales contract for raw material involving parties from Egypt and Lebanon

Represented two Panamanian companies in a multi-party arbitration seated in Switzerland

Acted as co-counsel on Swiss law matters in an LCIA arbitration in the technology sector

Represented a Russian mining company in a Swiss-seated ICC arbitration

Provided strategic litigation advice under Swiss law to a Polish pharmaceutical company Represented a medical diagnostic company in a Swiss-seated arbitration

Professional affiliations

Swiss Arbitration Association

Hungarian Arbitration Association

Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow)

ArbitralWomen

Conferences

Presentation at the inaugural Budapest Arbitration Days on the panel 'New Technologies in Arbitration: Electronic Arbitral Awards, AI and beyond', February 2026

Presentation of certain aspects of international arbitration in the framework of the Arbitration Systems and ADR class at the Master of Laws in International Trade Law, ITCILO, University of Turin since 2019

Summer course at the World Trade Institute entitled 'International Contracts Regarding Cross-Borders Trade and Investment' 2023-2025

Publications

Enforcement of arbitral awards in Switzerland, LexisNexis

Competing Governments and State Representation before International Arbitral Tribunals, AJIL Unbound, 2025

'Contract termination' in Mauro Rubino Sammartano and Troy Harris, Major issues in International Construction Law, Wiley, 2025, co-authored with Marlena Harutyunyan

Education

PhD, Université de Lorraine, France

Master's Degree in International Commercial Law, Université de Lorraine, France

Degree in law (J.D.), University of ELTE, Budapest, Hungary

Professional background

Counsel at the Arbitration Office of Professor Pierre Tercier

Senior Lecturer, MIDS, Geneva

Associate at an Austrian boutique law firm

Teaching Assistant and PhD student at the Université de Lorraine, France

Intern at the Court of Justice of the European Union (General Court)