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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

Recently, she:

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

Acted as arbitrator in a dispute concerning a distribution agreement involving American and Indian parties

Acted as arbitrator in a dispute concerning a sales contract for raw material involving parties from Egypt and Lebanon

Professional affiliations

Swiss Arbitration Association

Hungarian Arbitration Association

Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow)

ArbitralWomen

Conferences

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

Presentation at the Young ICCA Webinar: Introduction to the Appointment of Arbitral Secretaries 29 September 2021

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

Moderating the panel on Arbitration agreements and awards as investments at the ICC-CIDS Conference on Enforcement, setting aside and related treaty claims: a view from Europe Geneva 10 May 2019

Presentation at the Vilnius Arbitration Days on 'Issue preclusion under the New York Convention: a phenomenon undermining the objectives of the NYC or a useful tool to manage multiple enforcement proceedings?' 19 October 2018

Moderating the panel on 'The New York Convention at 60: is it a rock at the stormy sea?' at the MIDS 10th Anniversary Conference in Geneva on 28 September 2018

Presentation at the Colloquium on 'International Investment Law & Competition Law' entitled 'Awards as illegal state aid under EU law' in Zaragoza on 27 September 2018

Publications

'Contract termination' in Mauro Rubino Sammartano and Troy Harris, Major issues in International Construction

Law, Wiley, forthcoming, co-authored with Marlena Harutyunyan

'Representation of States in Investment Arbitrations Involving Governments Competing for International Recognition' in Investments in Conflict Zones (Nijhoff International Investment Law Series 2020)

'The Role of Independent Administrative Authorities in Global Governance' [2016/2017] 18 Yearbook of Private International Law pp 543-567

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)