

## Panagiotis Kyriakou

Counsel

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### Expertise

International arbitration  
Enforcement & asset recovery  
Sports  
Cross border litigation  
Fintech and crypto assets

### Languages

English  
Greek  
Spanish  
Portuguese  
French

### Biography

Panagiotis' practice focuses on complex cross-border disputes, primarily related to agency and distribution contracts, SPAs, finance and crypto assets, sports, and construction. He has handled arbitral proceedings under various rules (ICC, ICSID, CAS, and the Swiss Rules), as well as proceedings before the WTO's Appellate Body, Swiss courts, the Caribbean Court of Justice, and the disciplinary authorities of football, tennis and boxing governing bodies.

Panagiotis has advised stakeholders such as states, sport governing bodies, the World Bank, construction companies and athletes. He is a listed arbitrator (ICC Switzerland, Blockchain Lawyers Forum), tribunal secretary and active scholar, whose publications have been cited by the US Congressional Research Service and in major journals.

## Details of recent activities

Recently, he:

Represented a European engineering company in a dispute governed by ICC Rules against a European company.

Represented a national sports federation and an athlete in proceedings before FIFA and the CAS regarding sports nationality.

Advised a state in efforts to recover assets in Switzerland.

Represented a African state as Third Participant before the WTO's Appellate Body.

Advised a European investor in initiating ICSID proceedings against a European state.

## Professional affiliations

Athens Bar Association

Swiss Arbitration Association

Associação Lusófona de Arbitragem e Mediação

Blockchain Lawyers Forum

International Law Association

## Conferences

Moderating a panel on the topic of “Trace, Freeze, Recover: Challenges and Practical Tips for Enforcing Arbitral Awards in Greece and Beyond” in the context of the 2025 Athens Arbitration Days

Speech on the topic of “Soft Skills in Arbitration” in the context of the 2025 Athens Arbitration Days (in Greek)

Speech on the topic of “Shaping the Future of International Sports Law” in the context of a DIS-40 event

Speech on the topic of “Domestic Law in ISDS” in the context of the 2025 IPA Investment Arbitration Seminar (in Spanish)

Moderating a panel on “Arbitration and Asset Recovery in the Fintech Industry: Swiss and Cypriot Perspectives” in the context of the 2025 Cyprus Arbitration Days

## Publications

“Article R49” in I. Bantekas and M. Diaconu, Commentary on the CAS Code (CUP, 2026 – forthcoming)

“Swiss Law in International Sports Disputes: Practical Examples and Outlook” (with G. Palermo), 2025(2) CAS Bulletin (2025)

“Book review: The Parthenon Marbles and International Law by Catharine Titi”, 13(1) Cambridge International Law Journal (2024)

“Revisiting the Dispute Threshold in International Interpretation Proceedings: Deeds, Not Words” (with A. Cottin), 10 Journal of International Dispute Settlement (2019)

“Mitigating the Risks Entailed in Shareholders’ Claims for Reflective Loss: Suggestions for Investment Treaty Reform”, 19 Journal of World Investment and Trade (2018)

## **Education**

PhD in International Law, Geneva Graduate Institute

Master in International Dispute Settlement, University of Geneva & Geneva Graduate Institute

LLB in Law, University of Athens

## **Professional background**

PhD research and teaching assistantship (Geneva Graduate Institute)

Article editing for the Journal of International Economic Law (Oxford University Press)

Traineeships in arbitration, trade and corporate law (Athens, Paris and Geneva)