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Overview

Béatrice Castellane is an independent international arbitrator in business and investment cases. Former elected Member of the Paris Bar Council (2004-2007), Béatrice has acted as Counsel or Arbitrator in numerous cases relating to : Industrial matters, Mining and raw materials, Commercial distribution, Construction, Telecommunications, Energy, Aeronautics, Maritime matters, Agriculture, Corporate, Stakeholders disputes, General trade, Investment disputes.

Since 2008, she acts as an international arbitrator in cases involving parties in Europe, Africa, Asia and the United States. She is a member of several panels of arbitrators (including ICC, OHADA CCJA, ASA, CEPANI, AFA, DELOS, KLRCA, CRCICA and HKIAC) and also arbitrates in ad hoc arbitrations in particular under the UNCITRAL rules. As of 31 December 2024, she has acted in over 100 cases, including 23 international arbitrations as sole arbitrator or president of the arbitral tribunal. As of the same date, she knows 70 countries (on 6 continents) in a professional or personal context. Beatrice is Chair of the ADR Arbitration Section of the Société de Législation comparée SLC (Society of comparative law).



Expertise

- International and domestic arbitration
- Commercial/ investment disputes
- Construction disputes

Languages

- French (native)
- English (full professional proficiency)
- German, Russian, Italian (elementary proficiency)

Professional Experience in International Arbitration – Examples

I. Experience as Arbitrator

- Sole Arbitrator (ICC arbitration in English and French) in a dispute between an African company and a company from Middle East involving a State regarding a construction agreement
- President of an arbitral tribunal (ICC arbitration in English) in a dispute involving EU and North-American companies regarding Energy industry
- President of an arbitral tribunal (ICC arbitration in English) in a dispute involving two EU companies regarding the construction of a motorway in a FIDIC dispute
- President of an arbitral tribunal (ICC arbitration in English) in a dispute involving Cypriote and Italian companies regarding the termination of various sales contracts in the CISG framework
- Sole arbitrator (ad hoc arbitration, UNCITRAL rules) in a bilingual arbitration (French and English) involving a European company and an Emirate company regarding high-end fashion and textiles in an arbitration related to the use of IP rights and the production of clothing
- Sole arbitrator (ICC arbitration in English) in a dispute between Algerian and Swiss parties in a dispute involving the sale of steel
- Sole arbitrator (ICC arbitration in English) in a dispute involving EU and Russian companies regarding the quality and transport of agricultural products
- Sole arbitrator (ICC arbitration in English) in a dispute involving EU and Russian companies regarding the development of technical equipment for the manufacturing of industrial insulation
- President of an arbitral tribunal (ICC arbitration in French and English) in a dispute involving EU companies in a shareholder dispute

- Sole arbitrator (ICC arbitration in English) in a dispute involving EU parties involving the termination of a distribution agreement
- Sole arbitrator (ICC arbitration in English) in a dispute involving EU companies regarding the maintenance of airplanes
- Sole arbitrator (ICC arbitration in English) in a dispute involving American and European parties relating to the termination of an industrial distribution agreement
- Sole arbitrator (ICC arbitration in English) in a dispute involving Indian and Tanzanian parties (indirectly involving Chinese and Saudi Arabian entities) regarding the delivery of agricultural products

II. Experience as Counsel

- Counsel of a foreign group company against a State regarding in opposability of international arbitral awards (seat of arbitration Paris)
- Counsel to a North African trading company in a dispute with a Turkish listed company regarding commission due from a pipeline construction contract (ICC arbitration)
- Counsel to a telecommunications company in a shareholder dispute involving an African company and a state-owned company in the Middle-East (ICC and OHADA CCJA arbitrations)
- Counsel to a software company who successfully claimed damages for software counterfeiting/infringement of intellectual property rights, in a dispute against a State
- Counsel to an African investor in an investment arbitration against an African state relating to the privatisation of the cotton industry (OHADA CCJA arbitration)
- Counsel to a African company in a dispute with an African state relating to telecommunications (ICC and OHADA arbitrations)
- Counsel to an airline company in a shareholder dispute involving European and African companies (ad hoc UNCITRAL)
- Counsel to a telecommunications company in a hostile takeover attempt involving two African companies (OHADA CCJA arbitration)
- Counsel to a Hong Kong company in an ICC arbitration involving a global aviation company in a dispute relating to sales contracts and the non-payment of commission (AFA arbitration)
- Counsel to an European company against a Chinese one in a dispute regarding building materials
- Counsel in approximately 25 large real estate disputes arising in the construction of large buildings and in contentious matters relating to public works and quality disputes (e.g. nonconformity of materials used, failure to comply with specifications, technical inspections, quantification of damages, extensions of time, guaranties, health and safety, resurfacing works, disputes relating to payment terms etc.)

Professional Activities and Memberships

- Independent Arbitrator (2008-)
- Former elected Member of the Paris Bar Council (2004-2007)
- President of the Arbitration Commission of the Comparative Law Society (SLC, *Société de Legislation Comparée*) (2017-) <https://www.legiscompare.fr/web/?Presentation-de-la-section-923>
- Honorary President of the Franco-British Lawyers Society (AJFB-FBLS) (2001-)
- Former Member of the Franco-British Council (FBC) (President Jean GUÉGUINOU)
- Former Director of the French Arbitration Association (AFA, *Association Française d'Arbitrage*)
- Past President of the French Association of Women Lawyers (AFFJ, *Association Française des Femmes Juristes*) (2008-2010)
- Member of the UNCITRAL working group II on Arbitration and Conciliation
- Member of the Editorial Board of the French Business Law journal, "*Journal special des sociétés*"
- Member of the Institute of Directors (IOD, London) (2000 -), certified in International Company Direction (2016)

- Member of numerous arbitral associations including: International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), International Arbitration Institute (IAI), French Arbitration Commission (CFA, *Comité français de l'Arbitrage*), International Bar Association (IBA), International Association of Lawyers, (UIA, *Union Internationale des Avocats*), International Law Association
- Member of the Kipling Society (2000-)
- Knight of the *Légion d'honneur* (2010) by Foreign Office
- Officer of the *Légion d'honneur* (2025) by Prime Minister

Recent publications, conferences and interviews

<https://castellane-arbitration.com/index.php/publications/>

- Speaker at the 3rd international law seminar France Brazil on the topic “The Amicus Curiae in arbitration”, *Tribunal des affaires économiques*, Paris, France (15-04-2025)
- Host speaker of the Paris Arbitration Week – Society of Comparative Law Conference “Civil law/Common law in International Arbitration”, Paris, France (09-04-2025)
- Speaker at the 1st Africa-China Arbitration Day on the topic “International Arbitration in the Global South”, Douala, Cameroon (26-02-2025)
- Speaker at the 3rd ERSUMA JAAM African Arbitration and Mediation Days on the topic “The new global South arbitration landscape in the context of geopolitical developments”, Libreville, Gabon (25-07-2024)
- Host speaker of the Paris Arbitration Week – Society of Comparative Law Conference “News from OHADA”, Paris, France (21-03-2024)
- President and host speaker of the Society of Comparative Law – CRCICA Egypt Conference “From North to South”, Paris, France (04-12-2023)
- Host speaker of the Society of Comparative Law Conference “The History of Arbitration”, Paris, France (26-09-2023) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPzYnvUhojDD4qE53rZN6ig>
- Host speaker of the Society of Comparative Law Conference “New French case law on reviewing the compliance of arbitration awards with international public policy: a comparative approach”, Paris, France (06-07-2023)
- Host speaker of the Society of Comparative Law Conference “Judicial cooperation in international arbitration: a comparative approach”, Paris, France (05-06-2023)
- Host speaker of Society Comparative Law Conference “Procedural fairness and arbitration agreements: opportunity or danger?”, Paris, France (11-10-2022)
- Host speaker of Paris Arbitration Week – Society of Comparative Law Conference “Comparison of damage assessments methods”, Paris, France (31-03-2022)
- “*En arbitrage international, bien se faire comprendre des arbitres est essentiel* », Issue N°122, *Echanges internationaux*, p.19/20 (2022)
- Host speaker of the Society of Comparative Law Conference: “Use of arbitration to compensate for anti-competitive practices in Europe”, Paris, France (16-11-2021)
- Host speaker of the Paris Arbitration Week – Society of Comparative Law Conference “Law applicable to the arbitration agreement. A comparative law overview”, Paris, France (23-09-2021)
- “Arbitrators and counsel: Speaking the same language?”, Presentation at Dubai Arbitration week (2019)
- “Overview of French Arbitration Law”, Presentation at Keio University, Japan (2019)
- Host speaker of Society of Comparative Law Conference “Enforcement of arbitral awards and annulment proceedings in Arab countries”, Paris, France (04-04-2019)
- Host speaker of the Society of Comparative Law: “*Droit maritime et arbitrage font-ils toujours bon ménage ?*”, Paris, France (01-04-2019)
- « *L'usage du français dans l'arbitrage et le principe de la contradiction* », Presentation CRCICA at Cairo, Egypt (2018)
- “Continental Civil Law v Common Law in International Contractual Disputes”, Presentation Cle Paris (2018)
- “Critical Analysis of French Supreme Court Judgment Equatorial Guinea v Orange Middle East and Africa of 15 June 2017, *Journal of International Law*” (Clunet), p. 149 (2018)
- “A Brief History of the ICC’s International Court of Arbitration”, Issue n°110 *Échanges Internationaux ICC France*, p. 18 (2018)

- Host speaker of the Franco-British Lawyers Society - Society of Comparative Law Conference “*Vues comparées sur la composition des tribunaux arbitraux*”, Paris, France (28-05-2018)
- “Explaining the Rise of ADR in Telecommunications/ New Technologies Disputes”, CiArb International Arbitration Conference - Paris (2017)
- “Brexit and International Arbitration: Myths and Realities”, Issue n°158, Journal des Sociétés, p. 3 (2017)
- “Arbitration Agreements: Negotiation and Drafting”, Issue n°108, *Echanges Internationaux ICC France*, p.29 (2017)
- “Third Party Funding: A Q&A with Beatrice Castellane”, North Carolina Journal of International Law (2017)
- “When National Courts considering Commercial Disputes catch on to International Standards. The Singapore example (SICC)”, Issue n°147, Journal des Sociétés, p.3 (2016)
- “*Contrariétés entre jugements étatiques et sentences arbitrales dans l'espace OHADA*”, Issue n°894, Penant, Revue Trimestrielle de droit Africain, p.33 (2016)
- “Critical analysis of a French Supreme Court Judgment dated 9 July 2014”, Issue n°4, Revue de l'Arbitrage, p.1103 (2015)
- “*L'affaire Ryanair : Un jeu de concurrence entre les plus hautes juridictions françaises*”, Issue n°135, Journal des Sociétés, p.3 (2015)
- “Do Arbitrators and Counsel speak the same Language?”, International Conference on Arbitration Discourse and Practice in Asia 2015, KLRCA (2015)
- “*La langue de l'arbitrage : une jurisprudence rassurante*”, Issue n°103, *Echanges internationaux* p.13 (2015)
- “*L'arbitrage international et interne dans le secteur agricole/agroalimentaire*”, Issue n°83, Newsletter Crédit Agricole (2014)
- Presentation at the “Wake up [with] arbitration” meeting in Paris (2014)
- Speech presented during the annual celebration of the Niger Bar, commemorating its 25th anniversary, (2013)
- “The Practices of the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC: A global reference”, Issue n°98, *Echanges internationaux* p.29 (2013)
- “*Succès et légitimité de l'arbitrage*”, Issue n°111, Journal des sociétés, p.3 (2013)
- “Critical analysis of recent jurisprudence of the Cour de cassation regarding arbitrations involving the bâtonnier”, Issue n°2, Revue de l'arbitrage, p.393 (2013)
- “Enforcement of arbitral awards : Faced with challenges, what solutions exist for companies?”, Issue n°97, *Echanges internationaux* p.31 (2013)
- “Justice and Religion in Arbitration”, Presentation to the Franco-British Lawyers Society (2013)
- “French Case Law on Arbitration, Annual Report”, Journal of International Arbitration, Issue n°4, p.1 (2012)
- “How can arbitrators' independence be verified?” Issue n°96, *Echanges internationaux* (Magazine du Comité Français de la Chambre de Commerce Internationale), p.29 (2012)
- “French Case Law on Arbitration Annual Report”, Journal of International Arbitration, Issue n°4, p.1 (2011)
- “The New French Law on International Arbitration”, Journal of International Arbitration, Volume 28, p.371 (2011)
- « Le juge d'appui », Présentation MED-MID Forum, Tunis (2010)
- Vidéos Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne (2010) – *Cycle Professeur Yves Chaput*
Common Law - Civil Law 1 : La coexistence du Civil Law et du Common Law
Common Law - Civil Law 2 : L'opposition du droit coutumier du Common Law au droit écrit du Civil Law
Common Law - Civil Law 3 : Les équilibres différents du Common Law et du Civil Law : l'entreprise
- « Arbitration in Employment Relationships in France », Journal of International Arbitration, Volume 26(2), p.293 (2009)
- « Droit civil - Droit coutumier (Common law) : Schéma d'un face à face » / « Continental Civil Law vs Anglo-Saxon Common Law - The Twain May Meet But Never Merge », Issue n°59, SOCIÉTAL (2008)

Education

- Panthéon-Sorbonne University (Paris I), DEA Business Law (1981)

- CAPA Paris, December 1981
- Institute of Directors (London), Certificate in International Company Direction (2016)



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