



LAURA HALONEN BCL, MA (Oxon)  
SOLICITOR, ENGLAND AND WALES  
OF COUNSEL

## KEY FACTS

Party counsel, arbitrator and tribunal secretary in numerous commercial and investment treaty arbitration proceedings

Specializes in international law, including international investment law

Nearly 25 years of experience practicing in England, France, Switzerland and Germany

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**since 10/2019**

**WAGNER Arbitration | BERLIN**

Of counsel; party counsel in international arbitration, including investor-State arbitration, legal advice in public international law and English law

**2010-2019**

**LALIVE | GENEVA**

Counsel and Associate; practice focused on international arbitration, international investment law, international commercial law and public international law. Also co-ordinated the firm's pro bono activities and was a member of the international intern committee

**2003-2008**

**FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER | PARIS AND LONDON**

Associate and Trainee solicitor; practice focused on international arbitration, international investment law, English commercial and contract law and public international law

**5-8/2014**

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE CENTRE | WINDHOEK**

International intern (voluntary work) in the Gender Research and Advocacy Project, focusing on international and constitutional law, human rights, LGBT rights, treaties, revision of election and child protection laws

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**ARBITRATION  
EXPERIENCE****Party counsel**

Over 30 arbitrations (ICSID (including 3 annulment and 1 interpretation proceedings), UNCITRAL, ICC, LCIA, SCC and FCC)

4 setting aside proceedings (Swiss Federal Supreme Court, Svea Court of Appeal)

**Arbitrator**

9 arbitrations (Swiss Chambers, DIS, FAI, ICC, SCC)

**Secretary to Arbitral Tribunals**

Over 10 arbitrations (UNCITRAL, ICC, LCIA, WIPO, SCC)

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**AREAS OF  
SPECIALIZATION**

International arbitration (commercial and investment treaty arbitration), international investment law, public international law, English law, comparative human rights law

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**EDUCATION****2008-2009**

Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL), University of Oxford (UK), Oriel College

**2001-2002**

Post-Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Oxford Institute of Legal Practice (UK)

**1998-2001**

Master of Arts (MA) (Jurisp.) (Oxon), University of Oxford (UK), Somerville College

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**LANGUAGES**

**Finish:** Native  
**English:** Fluent  
**French:** Fluent  
**German:** Basic knowledge  
**Swedish:** Basic knowledge

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

Law Society of England and Wales (solicitor, since 2005)

Rechtsanwaltskammer Berlin (since Jan 2020)

ICSID Panel of Conciliators (2020-2030)

European Federation of Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA), Advisory Board (member since 2014, chair 2018-2023)

2020 IBA Rules of Evidence Review Task Force

Ordre des Avocats de Genève, Foreign section (2016-2019)

Campaign for Greener Arbitrations – Europe Committee: co-chair since 2024

MUTE OFF Thursdays (an initiative for senior women in arbitration): co-chair since 2024

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**PUBLICATIONS  
BOOKS****2025**

Arbitrator Challenges

In: Lotfi, et als (Eds.), International Arbitration in Practice, Wolters Kluwer, 2025, pp. 381-395 (together with Hugh Meighen)

**2019**

Commentary on Articles 52(2)-(4) of the ICSID Convention, in: Julien Fouret, Rémy Gerbay, Gloria M. Alvarez with Denis Parchajev (eds.), The ICSID Convention, Regulations and Rules – A Practical Commentary, Elgar Commentaries, 2019 (together with Joachim Knoll)

**2014**

Post-Award Remedies, in: Chiara Giorgetti (ed.), Litigating International Investment Disputes: A Practitioner's Guide, Brill/Nijhoff, 2014 (together with Veijo Heiskanen)

**2011**

On the Availability of Counterclaims in Investment Treaty Arbitration, in: Czech Yearbook of International Law 2011 (together with Pierre Lalive)

**2008**

Containing the scope of the umbrella clause, in: Todd Weiler (ed.), Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Law, JurisNet, 2008

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**ARTICLES****2016**

An Analysis of the Compensation Regime Applicable to Claims Arising from Armed Conflicts Affecting Investments in MENA, (2016) 3(2) BCDR International Arbitration Review 219 (together with Noradèle Radjai and Panagiotis A. Kyriakou)

**2012**

Catch Them if You Can: Compatibility of United Kingdom and United States Legislation against Financing Terrorism with Public International Law Rules on Jurisdiction (2012) 26(2) Emory International Law Review 637

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**CASE LAW  
ANNOTATIONS  
AND OTHER  
CONTRIBUTIONS****2022**Berlin Court Finds that ICSID Arbitrations Are Immune from Achmea and Komstroy – At Least While They Are Ongoing, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 21 July 2022, available at: <http://arbitrationblog.kluwerarbitration.com/2022/07/21/berlin-court-finds-that-icsid-arbitrations-are-immune-from-achmea-and-komstroy-at-least-while-they-are-ongoing/> (together with Sophie Eichhorn)**2020**Termination of Intra-EU BITs: Commission and Most Member States Testing the Principle of Good Faith under International Law, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 13 May 2020, available at: <http://arbitrationblog.kluwerarbitration.com/2020/05/13/termination-of-intra-eu-bits-commission-and-most-member-states-testing-the-principle-of-good-faith-under-international-law/>**2019**To Stay or Not to Stay: ICSID Proposals for Amending the Rule on Stays of Enforcement during Annulment Proceedings, Lalive blog, 17 June 2019, available at: <https://www.lalive.law/to-stay-or-not-to-stay->

icsid-proposals- for-amending-the-rule-on-stays-of-enforcement-  
during-annulment- proceedings/ (together with Lea Murphy)

**2011**

Bridging the Gap in the Notion of 'Investment' between ICSID and UNCITRAL

Arbitrations: Note on an Award Rendered under the BIT between Switzerland and Uzbekistan (Romak SA v Uzbekistan), (2011) 29 ASA Bulletin 312

**LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS****2025**

Queens University  
International Law Summer School  
Berlin, Germany, 10-13 June 2025  
Lecturer: Investment Law and Arbitration

Finnish Arbitration Association  
Take a Stand  
Helsinki, Finland, 16 May 2025  
Debater on a number of rapid-fire topics

Bratschi  
ESG-Compliance on the Supply Chain and Arbitration  
Zürich, Switzerland, 29 January 2025  
Speaker: Introducing the Green Protocols

**2024**

Slovak Bar association  
Workshop on the IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence  
Bratislava, Slovakia, 15 October 2024  
Discussion leader: Documentary evidence and Expert evidence

Nordic Arbitration Days  
Soapbox Debate  
Helsinki, Finland, 26 April 2024  
Debater: Counsel should rely less on case law, soft law etc. and more on reasoning and their own powers of persuasion

ASA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference  
Arbitrating Conflict: What Role for Switzerland in Promoting the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes?  
Geneva, Switzerland, 2 February 2024  
Co-moderator

**2023**

DIS40 Nord  
Interactive Brunch Workshop on the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations  
Hamburg, Germany, 7 September 2023  
Keynote speaker: Light, Camera, Action

DIS40 Frankfurt  
Greener Arbitrations – How to reduce footprint  
Frankfurt, Germany (online), 10 August 2023  
Keynote speaker: The Campaign for Greener Arbitrations

CFA40, ASA below40, CEPANI40, YCAP, ICC YAAF, LCIA YIAG, ICDR Y&I,  
DIS40, AFM below40, PVYAP  
The World post-Achmea; National courts' treatment of investment arbitration  
Paris, France, 29 March 2023  
Moderator: Panel discussion

**2022**

Hannes Snellman Dispute Resolution Seminar

Protecting investments and investment arbitration — What should every company investing abroad know about it?

Helsinki, Finland (hybrid), 15 November 2022

Panellist

Foreign-qualified arbitration lawyers in Germany

Is Germany Ready to Become a Leading Arbitration Hub?

Online, 25 October 2022

Panellist

DIS40

Autumn conference

Berlin, Germany, 14 September 2022

Speaker: Business and Human Rights Disputes

Young Arbitral Women Practitioners (YAWP)

Diversity in International Arbitration: the Client's Perspective

Online, 19 January 2022

Moderator: Panel discussion

**2021**

MuteOff Weekly Knowledge-Exchange and Networking for Women in International Arbitration

Online, 30 September 2021

Presenter: EU BIT Termination Agreement

LIDW 2021

White & Case, Clifford Chance, HSF, EFILA, Queen Mary University

Challenges and Opportunities in Investor-State Dispute Settlement

London, UK (virtual) 14 May 2021

Speaker: Personal Scope of Investment Treaties

Humboldt Moot Association

Berlin Premoot Opening event

Berlin, Germany (virtual) 12 February 2021

Speaker: "Can you hear me now?" The unmuted practitioner's perspective on virtual hearings

**2020**

EFILA

6th Annual Lecture

Investors' Perceptions of ISDS – A Moral Philosophy Approach to ISDS

Brussels, Belgium (virtual) 29 October 2020

Moderator: Panel discussion and Q&A with Corporate Counsel

**2019**

Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic and KPMG

9th Investment Arbitration Conference, Practical Session for Respondent States

Prague, Czech Republic 9 November 2019

Speaker: Appointing Outside Counsel – If, When, How and Who?

CI Arb (Chartered Institute of Arbitrators) European Branch

Annual Conference: Anti-Globalization and International Arbitration:

Winds of Change and Protest in Europe?

Prague, Czech Republic 26 April 2019

Speaker: Swiss Perspective on Brexit and Arbitration

**2018**

Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic and KPMG  
8th Investment Arbitration Conference  
Prague, Czech Republic 25 October 2018  
Speaker: Annulment – Proposed changes to ICSID Rules

International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR Young&International)  
Arbitration War Stories – What They Don't Teach You at Law School  
Geneva, Switzerland 26 September 2018  
Speaker: The Uzan saga

University of Lausanne  
LL.M. International Business Law  
Lausanne, Switzerland 29 May 2018  
Lecturer: Introduction to Investment Arbitration

Africa International Legal Awareness (AILA)  
Training in Resolving International Trade and Investment Disputes  
Accra, Ghana 16-17 April 2018  
Moderator of practical exercise (with Steven Finizio): Jurisdiction of investment arbitration tribunals

**2017**

Young ICCA (International Council for Commercial Arbitration)  
Interim Measures in Investment Treaty Arbitration  
Prague, Czech Republic 25 October 2017  
Speaker: Enforcement of decisions on interim measures within the arbitration context

Africa International Legal Awareness (AILA)  
A Paradigm Shift in International Investment Law  
Cairo, Egypt 2 April 2017  
Speaker: From Investment Protection to Investment Facilitation and Promotion

ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF)  
Investment Arbitration in Challenging Times – Issue Conflicts and the Problem of Legitimacy  
Frankfurt, Germany 7 March 2017  
Speaker: Prior statements regarding similar legal questions in arbitral decisions or legal publications

**2016**

German Institute of Arbitration (DIS)  
5th DIS Baltic Arbitration Days 2016: The Relation between State Courts and Arbitral Tribunals  
Riga, Latvia, 2-3 June 2016  
Speaker: Perspectives – Switzerland and England

DIS40  
Pitfalls and Strategies in Communication with Arbitral Tribunals  
Frankfurt, Germany 1 June 2016  
Speaker: Different advocacy channels to effectively communicate with tribunals

Co-Chairs' Circle  
2nd Global Conference: Controversy in International Arbitration  
Helsinki, Finland 27-28 May 2016  
Moderator: Initiatives aimed at naming or shaming arbitrators – could they work?

**2015**

The Law School of Bucharest University and ICC Young Arbitrators Forum  
States and State Entities in International Arbitration  
Bucharest, Romania 16 October 2015

Speaker: Counterclaims in investment arbitration

ELSA (European Law Students Association) Switzerland  
2nd Summer School on Arbitration  
Geneva, Switzerland 28 August 2015  
Lecturer: Corruption in International Arbitration

University of California, Davis  
Summer School on Global Inequality  
Geneva, Switzerland 23 July 2015  
Lecturer: Introduction to Investment Arbitration

ICC Young Arbitrators Forum  
Global ICC YAF Conference  
London, UK 25-27 June 2015  
Speaker: The future of the practice of international arbitration – Who Owns the Process?

Young Arbitration Club Finland (YACF)  
Independence and Impartiality of Arbitrators  
Tallinn, Estonia 23 April 2015  
Speaker: Independence and Impartiality of Arbitrators in Small Countries

African Institute of International Law  
Training Workshop on Bilateral Investment Treaties and Arbitration  
Arusha, Tanzania 16-20 February 2015  
Teacher: Modules 2-3: Core Principles of International Investment Law and Standards of Investment Protection

## **2014**

LCIA Young International Arbitration Group  
The Future of European Investment Protection and ISDS  
London, UK 3 December 2014  
Debater: This house believes that the new EU Regulation on financial responsibility for EU investor-state disputes will hinder Investors in bringing Investor-state claims (opposing motion)

ICC Young Arbitrators Forum  
The Future of Investment Arbitration - TTIP, Transparency and other Trends  
Hamburg, Germany 19 November 2014  
Speaker: Narrower Substantive Standards of Protection?

UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research) Introduction to Investment Arbitration E-learning course, March-April 2011, May-June 2012, April-May 2014  
Course organiser and Moderator: Introduction and Procedure

Alumni and Friends of the School of International Arbitration and Deutscher Anwaltverein  
Germany as Seat of Arbitration  
Frankfurt am Main, Germany 10 March 2014  
Panellist: The Process of International Arbitration: Are Procedural Practices still divergent or are they converging?

## **2013**

Università Commerciale "L.Bocconi" / Centre for Trade and Economic Integration (CTEI) at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies  
The Use of Economics in International Arbitration  
Milan, Italy 6-7 June 2013  
Speaker: The Intersection of micro-and macroeconomics: Impact of causes of action and defences on damages in investment arbitration

ASA Below 40 and ICDR Young and International  
The empty chair – arbitrating against absent respondents  
Geneva, Switzerland 31 May 2013  
Speaker: Resisting enforcement of awards by non-appearing respondents

**2012**

QMUL School of International Arbitration and ICC Institute of World Business Forum  
Interim Relief in Arbitration – 27th Annual Colloquium of Arbitrators  
London, UK 26 March 2012  
Speaker: Enforcement of Interim Measures – Further Action by the Arbitral Tribunal

**2010**

YAAP and ICC Young Arbitrators Forum  
Young Approaches to Arbitration  
Vienna, Austria 27 March 2010  
Speaker: The impact of European Community Law on International Arbitration – EU Law and BITs: Recent Developments

**2007**

Juris Conferences  
International Investment Arbitration: Debate and Discussion  
Washington DC, USA 17 May 2007  
Speaker: Where's my Umbrella? A Look Inside the Umbrella Clause Debate