



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

Over 15 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

**since 01/2020**

**Independent legal advisor | BERLIN**

Advising clients on investment and commercial disputes, sitting as arbitrator

**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

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**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**

3 arbitrations (Swiss Chambers, DIS, FAI)

**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**

Finnish: 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 (2020-2025)

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

2020 IBA Rules of Evidence Review Task Force

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

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**PUBLICATIONS  
BOOK CHAPTERS**

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

**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

**CASE LAW  
ANNOTATIONS  
AND OTHER  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**

2021

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

6<sup>th</sup> 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?

CIArb (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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

QMU 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