

Catherine Bratic

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Biography

Whether the audience is a judge or a panel of arbitrators, Catherine Bratic helps clients navigate complex, high-value, cross-border disputes. She provides strategic and practical guidance to global clients in the energy and technology sectors as well as to states and state-owned entities.

Trained in civil and common law and dual-qualified in Texas and France, Catherine is adept at navigating cross-cultural issues. She draws on her past experience as a legal fellow at UNESCO and as a clerk for the Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal (Chief Judge, Southern District of Texas) to help clients prevent disputes, negotiate solutions, and – when all else fails – pursue legal action. Catherine's experience includes advising clients before arbitral tribunals under the ICC, UNCITRAL, ICSID, AAA, ICDR, SCAI, and LCIA rules, as well as before national courts.

Catherine is a member of the firm's steering committee on women in arbitration, and she frequently writes on matters relating to energy arbitration, international trade agreements, and arbitration proceedings in U.S. courts.

Representative experience

Representing a European oil and gas company in an



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Languages

English
French

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Energy Disputes
International Arbitration
Litigation Services
Technology Litigation

ICC arbitration in relation to a price review of a long-term gas sales contract.

Advising two American companies in respect of ICSID claims against the Kingdom of Morocco under trade and investment treaties.

Representing an American company in a contract dispute involving the operation of a chemicals plant in France.

Representing a Hong Kong company in ICDR arbitration related to the breach of a distribution agreement with a Brazilian company.

Representing a French company and its American subsidiaries in breach of contract and antitrust litigation in federal court related to the supply of aircraft engines.

Representing a French engineering company in a breach-of-contract dispute under SCAI rules. The dispute is related to a former consultant's claims arising out of multiple EPC projects in Saudi Arabia.

Representing a European company in various disputes under ICC Rules relating to the purchase of helium under a long-term supply contract.

Advising an American oil and gas company on the negotiation of concession agreements for four oil blocks in Colombia.

Representing a media group in three ICC arbitration proceedings in relation to breaches of several agreements in connection with their business in the Middle East.

Representing a Cameroonian investor in LCIA proceedings relating to a telecom concession agreement granted to a South African partner.

Representing a Japanese bank in Texas state court proceedings brought by American investors related to notes for the purchase of a drillship in Brazil.

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

Technology & Telecoms

Areas of focus

Public International Law

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Columbia Law School, 2013

Masters in Economic Law, Sciences Po, 2013

B.A., Political Science and French Studies, Rice University, 2010

Memberships

Treasurer, Houston Bar Association, Federal Practice Section

Communications Chair, Young ITA

Task Force Member, Houston Bar Association Generational Change Task Force

Member, Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Division

Member, ArbitralWomen

Member, French-American Chamber of Commerce

Member, International Chamber of Commerce Young Arbitrators Forum

Representing the Republic of Venezuela in ICSID annulment proceedings brought by an investor seeking to challenge an award in Venezuela's favor.

Representing a Japanese pharmaceutical company in ICC proceedings relating to the overseas commercialization of a medical device.

Representing the Navajo Nation in U.S. federal court proceedings regarding the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Awards and rankings

- Commercial Litigation, Ones to Watch, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2020

Latest thinking and events

- Published Works
 - Competence-corrections: Fifth Circuit in the U.S. says arbitrators decide what "correction" means *Kluwer Arbitration Blog*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Second Circuit confirms: No discovery for private international arbitrations
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - COVID-19: will State measures give rise to a new set of investment claims?
- Published Works
 - Life afta' NAFTA: USMCA Protects U.S. Investors in Mexican Energy Sector *Texas Lawyer*
- Published Works
 - "The parties hereby waive all recourse ... but not that one." Why parties adopt exclusion agreements and why courts hesitate *International Bar Association*

Bar admissions and qualifications

Texas

Paris

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
