

## Samaa A. Haridi

Partner  
New York

### Biography

Samaa Haridi is a civil and common law-trained, trilingual lawyer with 20 years of experience representing clients from all over the world in international commercial and investment arbitration, under the rules of all major arbitral institutions. Samaa also leads Hogan Lovells' Middle East practice.

Samaa has been singled out by clients for being "spectacular" and "really, really phenomenal" (*Chambers USA 2020*). Sources also acknowledge her as being a "first-class arbitration lawyer; one of the best in the region" (*Who's Who Legal 2021*). She is one of five North American female international arbitration practitioners singled out by *Who's Who Legal* as a Global Elite Thought Leader – Arbitration 2021. She also frequently sits as an arbitrator in international disputes.

She is currently serving as an officer in a number of arbitral organizations, including as Court Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, Incoming Co-Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association, Vice President of the LCIA Arab Users' Council, and Advisory Committee Member of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA).

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### Languages

English  
French  
Spanish  
Arabic

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### Practices

International Arbitration  
Energy Disputes  
Litigation Services  
Technology Litigation  
Middle East Regional Practice

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### Industries

England & Wales bars. She is fluent in French and Arabic and is also conversant in Spanish.

## Representative experience

Advising U.S. investors in potential ICSID arbitration proceedings against the Kingdom of Morocco in connection with the expropriation of waste management contract.

Representing U.S. retailer in DIFC-LCIA arbitration proceedings under Saudi and Yemeni laws involving allegations of unlawful termination of distribution relationship in Yemen.

Representing Canadian construction company in UNCITRAL construction arbitration under Saudi law, involving allegations of delay in performance of project.

Representing large international organization in UNCITRAL arbitration involving a contractual dispute with an aircraft vendor servicing South Sudan.

Representing a Japanese telecommunications company in ICC arbitration under English law with a service provider involving alleged breaches of international agreements.

Representing Hungary in an ICSID arbitration under the Hungary-Portugal BIT in relation to the bankruptcy of the investor.

Representing a Spanish contractor in a Paris-based ICC arbitration under Greek law involving a large project in Greece.

Representing a Polish chemical manufacturer in a London-based ICC arbitration under New York law relating to termination of a supply agreement.

Representing a Hungarian energy company in an ICSID arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) involving the company's investments in Croatia.

Automotive

Consumer

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Real Estate

Technology & Telecoms

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## Areas of focus

Public International Law

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## Education and admissions

### Education

LL.M., University of San Diego, 1999

D.E.A., University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 1998

Maîtrise en Droit, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, with honors, 1997

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## Memberships

Member, ICC Court of Arbitration

Senior Vice Chair, Arbitration Committee, International Bar Association

Vice President, LCIA Arab Users' Council

Co-Editor-in-Chief, ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin

Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge, Steering Committee Member

Advising an American investor in an ICSID arbitration proceeding against the government of Egypt under the U.S.-Egypt bilateral investment treaty.

Representing a hotel management company in a London-based ICC arbitration under the laws of the United Arab Emirates relating to a hotel in the UAE.

Representing a large international organization in an ad hoc arbitration proceeding under the UNCITRAL rules, involving a breach of contract.

Representing a Fortune 500 company in a Paris-based ICC arbitration relating to a hospitality project in Lebanon under the laws of Lebanon.

## Awards and rankings

- Arbitration, *Who's Who Legal*, 2021
- International Arbitration (USA), *Chambers Global*, 2015-2020
- International Arbitration (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2015-2020
- Thought Leaders – Arbitration, *Who's Who Legal*, 2017-2019
- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration, Next Generation Partner, *Legal 500 US*, 2019-2020
- Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration, *Legal 500 US*, 2015, 2017-2020
- Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2015
- Burton Award for Legal Achievement (Excellence in Legal Writing), *Burton Foundation*, 2009

## Latest thinking and events

- Webinar
  - Executive International Business Transactions Program
- Hogan Lovells Events
  - A bipartisan view of the 2020 election and its

Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA)

Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (AAA/ICDR)

Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Dubai International Arbitration Center (DIAC)

Member, Advisory Council of Africa Arbitration (AA)

Editorial Board Member, Kluwer Journal of International Arbitration

Member, Arbitral Women

Member, New York International Arbitration Club

Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Users Council Member

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

California

Solicitor, England and Wales

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## Accolades

impact on U.S. / Middle East relations

- Press Releases
  - 'Industry standard' for use of arbitration platforms moves a step closer as pan-firm collaboration receives support
- Announcements
  - Hogan Lovells Partner Samaa Haridi appointed Co-Chair of IBA Arbitration Committee
- Published Works
  - Kluwer Law publication: International Arbitration and the COVID-19 Revolution *Kluwer Law International*
- Awards and Rankings
  - Hogan Lovells lawyers recognized as 2021 Arbitration Thought Leaders and Future Leaders

The "brilliant" Samaa Haridi is commended for her "no-nonsense and impressive" approach, and is particularly praised for her "clear and intelligent arguments."

*Chambers USA 2017 (International Arbitration)*

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