



Avocats & Solicitors



Aditi DURAND

Avocate au Barreau de Paris
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Avocate at the Paris Bar and Solicitor of England & Wales, Aditi Durand joined the firm in 2021 just after its creation. Aditi has gained significant experience in arbitration and litigation in renowned international law firms. Having completed both full curriculums in Paris and London, Aditi assists colleagues and companies in their domestic and international arbitration proceedings under both French and English law.

She intervenes in various sectors of activity and industries, such as post-acquisition and shareholder disputes, distribution, energy, and telecommunications. Aditi also represents clients before French courts in commercial litigation and notably in the context of annulment proceedings against arbitral awards.

Before joining the firm, Aditi worked as a lawyer in a French law firm where she advised French and foreign financial institutions, insurance companies, investment funds and institutional investors on structured finance for real estate transactions and company acquisitions. She has developed particular expertise in contractual negotiation, banking and finance law and securities law.

Drawing on this experience, Aditi stands out for its ability to offer diversified legal perspectives, strategic advice and a personalised approach to clients' needs.

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Nationality

French

Bar admissions

France (Paris)
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Native languages

French
English

Education

LL.B. Honours, BPP Law School, London, 2020
Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP Law School, London, 2016
Master 2 Business law & Business Litigation, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, 2013
Master 1, International and European law, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, 2012
Master 1, Business law, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, 2012
Certificate in Corporate law and governance, London School of Economics (LSE), 2011
Licence (Bachelor) in law, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, 2011

Experience

Associate, rory.legal, Paris (2021 to date)
Associate, LPA-CGR, Paris (2018 to 2021)

Experience

Arbitration

- Co-counsel in a LCIA (London Court of International Arbitration) arbitration seated in LCIA-DIFC (LCIA-Dubai International Financial Centre), representing a leading Saudi corrosion testing company in a dispute with minority shareholders of a major subsidiary. The claim amounted to OMR 4,3 million. English law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.
- Counsel in two LCIA (London Court of International Arbitration) arbitrations, representing a Saudi company against an English company in a dispute over the payment of a debt arising from a share purchase. The claim amounted to SAR 9 million. English law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.
- Co-counsel in a LCIA-DIFC (London Court of International Arbitration-Dubai International Financial Centre) arbitration, representing the acquirers of a company against a director and shareholder. The claim amounted to USD 5 million. English law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.
- Co-counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a Chadian contracting party in a complex dispute against a multinational corporation involving breaches of six framework contracts. The claim amounted to USD 12,5 million. English law applied. The proceedings were conducted in both English and French.
- Co-counsel in an AAA (American Arbitration Association) arbitration, representing a French kitchen equipment distributor against a US supplier in a dispute concerning the abrupt termination of a commercial relationship. The claim amounted to USD 2 million. French law and New York law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.
- Counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a West African reinsurer in a dispute against a reinsurer and a shareholder. The claim amounted to EUR 5 million. The laws of a West-African country applied. The proceedings were conducted in French.
- Co-counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in London, representing a Middle Eastern energy company in a dispute related to the rehabilitation of a power plant in the GCC region. The claim amounted to EUR 140 million. English law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.
- Co-counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a subcontractor in a dispute against the main contractor for a power plant construction project in North Africa. The claim amounted to EUR 32 million. French law applied. The proceedings were conducted in French.
- Co-counsel in an LMAC (Lebanese Mediation and Arbitration Center) arbitration seated in Beirut, representing a digital security company against a Dubai investment company in a dispute related to a loan investment. The claim amounted to USD 800,000. Lebanese law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.
- Counsel in several *ad hoc* arbitrations, representing companies operating in the retail sector. The claims ranged from EUR 500,000 to EUR 4 million. French law and Equity applied. The proceedings were conducted in French.
- Counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing two Spanish companies in a dispute against an Emirati contractor in the construction sector concerning a project in Algeria. The claim amounted to EUR 750,000. French law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.

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Arbitration

- Co-counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a West African subsidiary of an oil group in a dispute with a trader concerning the supply of heavy fuel oil. The claim amounted to USD 2,7 million. French law applied. The proceedings were conducted in French.
- Co-counsel in an *ad hoc* arbitration seated in Paris, representing an oil company in a dispute with a partner concerning the long-term supply of natural gas and the construction of a pipeline in the Middle East. The claim exceeds USD 450 million. French law applies.
- Counsel in an arbitration and appeal before GAFTA (Grain and Feed Trade Association), representing a company in a dispute related to the sale of rice in Senegal. The claim amounts to USD 2 million. English law applies. The proceedings are conducted in English.
- Co-counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a West African company in a dispute against two companies and a state concerning refineries and the supply of petroleum products. The claim amounted to EUR 400 million. The laws of a West African country applied. The proceedings were conducted in French.
- Co-counsel in the pre-litigation phase and in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a German company in a dispute against companies and individuals concerning an investment contract and misrepresentation. The claim amounts to EUR 7 million. French law applies. The proceedings are conducted in English.

Conciliation / Mediation

- Counsel in several CMAP (*Centre de médiation et d'arbitrage de Paris*) conciliation and mediation proceedings, representing companies operating in the retail sector. The claims ranged from EUR 500,000 to EUR 4 million. French law and Equity apply. The proceedings were conducted in French.
- Counsel in a CMAP (*Centre de médiation et d'arbitrage de Paris*) conciliation and mediation, representing a franchisee against a franchisor. The claim amounted to EUR 1,5 million. French law and Equity apply. The proceedings were conducted in French.

Annulment procedures before French Courts

- Co-counsel in a challenge to an ICC arbitral award handed down in Paris, representing a West African subsidiary of an oil group in a dispute with a trader concerning the supply of heavy fuel oil. The challenge was based on the arbitrator's alleged failure to disclose information.
- Co-counsel in a challenge to an ICC arbitral award handed down in Paris, representing two Spanish companies in a dispute against an Emirati contractor. The challenge was based on the award being contrary to public policy.
- Assisted a team representing a company in an application for the enforcement of a foreign arbitral award in France, and in a subsequent challenge to that award.
- Involved in a challenge to an arbitral award which adjudicated against a state regarding soil pollution remediation.

Administrative Secretary

- Administrative Secretary to the Arbitral Tribunal in an ICC arbitration seated in Abuja, Nigeria, in the context of a concession. The dispute involves a claim of EUR 21 million.

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Business Law

- Counsel to a holding company in the health equipment and facilities sector that acquired shares in a company in the context of an IPO, with a view to avoid disputes between shareholders and management. English law applied.
- Counsel to an event management company that obtained a concession for a sporting tournament in the Middle East, regarding the application of a limitation of liability clause. English law applied.
- Counsel to an audit, accounting and consulting firm in the pre-litigation phase of a dispute against a network due to data access cuts and network withdrawal. English law applied.
- Counsel to a website and application development company in a dispute with a company following the failure to perform a service contract. English law applied.
- Counsel in pre-litigation negotiations regarding the commissioning and supply of electricity to a power plant and several contracts governed by Chadian law.
- Counsel to a company against a counterparty in the renegotiation of a contract and price escalation clauses for the storage of petroleum products. French law applied.
- Audit and counsel to a group of companies in the context of the sale of stores and warehouses, particularly on the takeover of financing contracts, leasing, and related guarantees and securities governed by French law.
- Assisted a team representing a French telecommunications company before French courts in a dispute relating to the abrupt termination of commercial relationships, distribution contracts, and misleading and unfair commercial practice.
- Assisted a team representing pharmaceutical companies and French nationals before French courts in complex and serial litigation concerning product defects, pharmaceutical product defects, and manufacturer and distributor liability.
- Assisted a team representing a company in an internal arbitration concerning exclusive beer distribution contracts.
- Assisted a team representing racers in proceedings before the Court of Arbitration for Sport relating to a motorsports' competition.
- Counsel assisting a company in negotiations following a dispute arising from the validity and application of a non-compete clause in a business introduction contract.
- Counsel to two companies that had formed a consortium regarding the validity and application of a non-recourse clause.
- Counsel assisting a company in negotiations on a contract and a demand guarantee in the field of civil aviation.

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Banking and Finance

- Counsel to banks, investment funds, insurance companies, and corporate groups on their investments and acquisitions, structuring transactions and related security packages and subordination agreements for investments with underlying real estate assets or share deal transactions.
- Counsel to banks, investment funds, insurance companies, and corporate groups on banking regulations, corporate governance and structured finance.
- In-house counsel involved in the implementation of regulations of the French Market Authority (*Autorité des Marchés Financiers*), particularly on laws and regulations relating to financial instruments, investment vehicles, and investment services.
- In-house counsel in charge of negotiating and drafting contracts for investment service providers, for the distribution and management of these services, for investment advice, and for custody services.
- In-house counsel in charge of negotiating and drafting IT hosting contracts, software licenses and maintenance agreements, and confidentiality agreements for an investment group.