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A staple of the Vis Moot Competitions and a longstanding event, the Annual MAA International Commercial Law & Arbitration Conference brings together internationally renowned and distinguished speakers worldwide to address hot topics in international arbitration and trade law, focusing in particular on various topics related to the Vis Moot problem.

## REGISTRATION & PAYMENT



### Rates

Students / Premium MAA Members: EUR 15 (+ Eventbrite fees)

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**9:00 AM REGISTRATION**

**9:30 AM WELCOME ADDRESS**

**Mr. LEON KOPECKÝ**

Partner,  
Schoenherr

**Dr. CHRISTIAN JOHANNES WAHNSCHAFFE**

Associate, HANEFELD  
Vice President, MAA

**9:45 AM INSTITUTE FOR TRANSNATIONAL ARBITRATION (ITA) INTERVIEW –  
“PRESERVING PERSPECTIVES PROJECT”**

**Dr. CRINA BALTAG**

Chair, ITA Academic Council  
Professor Assoc.,  
Stockholm University

**Prof. INGEBORG SCHWENZER**

(interviewee)  
Professor (em.),  
University of Basel

**Prof. EDGARDO MUÑOZ**

(interviewer)  
Professor of Law,  
Universidad Panamericana

**10:45 AM COFFEE BREAK**

**11:15 AM “NAVIGATING MULTI-TIERED DISPUTE RESOLUTION CLAUSES”**

**Mr. MICHAEL MCILWRATH**

Founder,  
MDisputes

**Ms. VICTORIA PERNT**

Counsel,  
Schoenherr

**Mr. GIORGIO SASSINE**

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**Ms. TUULI TIMONEN**

Head of Dispute Resolution,  
Dottir Attorneys

**Ms. İPEK İNCE**

(moderator)  
Co-President, MAA

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12:30 PM **LUNCH**

1:45 PM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS - "NORDIC ARBITRATION: A VIEW FROM WITHIN"**

**Mr. HENRIK SAJAKORPI**

Secretary General,  
Finland Arbitration Institute

2:15 PM **"FINDING THE CORE: DETERMINING THE 'PREPONDERANT PART' OF COMPLEX  
TRANSACTIONS UNDER THE CISG"**

**Prof. LAURO GAMA**

Partner, Lauro Gama  
Advogados Associados;  
Professor, PUC-Rio

**Ms. MARIA IRENE PERRUCCIO LOURIE**

Legal Counsel / Head of International  
Affairs Europe and Americas,  
Webuild Group

**Prof. OLAF MEYER**

Professor of Contract Law,  
Frankfurt University of  
Applied Sciences

**Ms. VENUS VALENTINA WONG**

Partner,  
Wolf Theiss

**Mr. SALİH KARTAL**

(moderator)  
Associate, Çakmak Attorney Partnership

3:30 PM **CLOSING REMARKS**

**Ms. MISRA YALÇIN**

Co-Chair, Conferences & Events, MAA

3:45 PM **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

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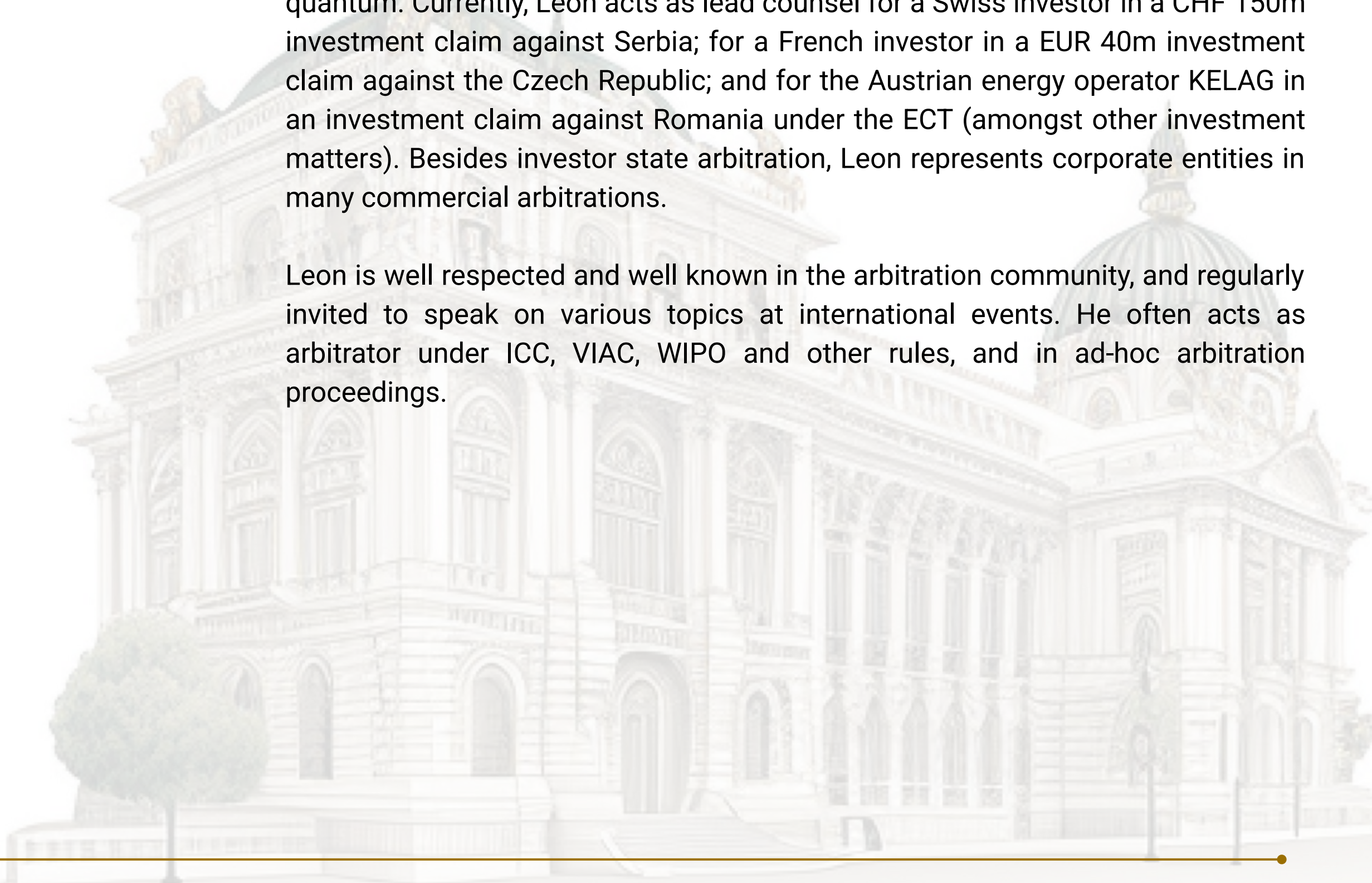
### Mr. LEON KOPECKÝ

Partner,  
Schoenherr

Leon Kopecký is a partner in Schoenherr's Vienna office. Before joining Schoenherr, Leon practiced international arbitration at Freshfields and Skadden in London, New York, and Vienna.

With Leon as lead counsel, Schoenherr recorded several victories in high-profile investment cases, including in an ICSID dispute of a Cypriot investor against the Republic of Serbia, where Leon's client prevailed on jurisdiction, merits and quantum. Currently, Leon acts as lead counsel for a Swiss investor in a CHF 150m investment claim against Serbia; for a French investor in a EUR 40m investment claim against the Czech Republic; and for the Austrian energy operator KELAG in an investment claim against Romania under the ECT (amongst other investment matters). Besides investor state arbitration, Leon represents corporate entities in many commercial arbitrations.

Leon is well respected and well known in the arbitration community, and regularly invited to speak on various topics at international events. He often acts as arbitrator under ICC, VIAC, WIPO and other rules, and in ad-hoc arbitration proceedings.





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### **Dr. CHRISTIAN JOHANNES WAHNSCHAFFE**

Associate, HANEFELD  
Vice President, MAA

Dr Christian Johannes Wahnschaffe works with HANEFELD, an international dispute resolution boutique law firm with offices in Hamburg and Paris. Admitted to the German Bar, he acts as counsel in a variety of arbitration and litigation matters and as a tribunal secretary.

Prior to joining HANEFELD, Johannes obtained a doctorate in law in the field of institutional arbitration and served as Director of the Karina and Erich Schumann Center for Advanced International Legal Studies at the University of Münster. His published research focuses on investment and commercial arbitration, as well as international sales law and contract law.

Johannes is an alumnus of the University of Münster and The Hague Academy of International Law and completed his legal clerkship with stages, inter alia, at the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

He serves as Vice President of the Moot Alumni Association and has coached several teams for the Willem C. Vis Moot over the past years.

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## Dr. CRINA BALTAG

Chair, Academic Council  
Institute for Transnational Arbitration  
Professor Assoc., Stockholm University

Dr. Crina Baltag is Associate Professor in International Arbitration at Stockholm University and qualified attorney-at-law, with over twenty years of extensive practice in international dispute resolution. Crina is the academic director of the LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration Law at Stockholm University and member of the Board of the SCC Arbitration Institute.

Crina is the Chair of the Academic Council of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration and member of the Executive Committee of the same.

Crina has been appointed as arbitrator in numerous arbitrations under the rules of the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, SCC, FAI, VIAC, CAM-CCBC etc., as well as in ad hoc arbitrations, and she acts as expert in various international commercial and investment arbitrations. Crina is the Managing Editor of Kluwer Arbitration Blog and she sits on the Editorial Boards of leading journals and book series, including the Journal of International Arbitration. Crina publishes extensively on current international arbitration topics.

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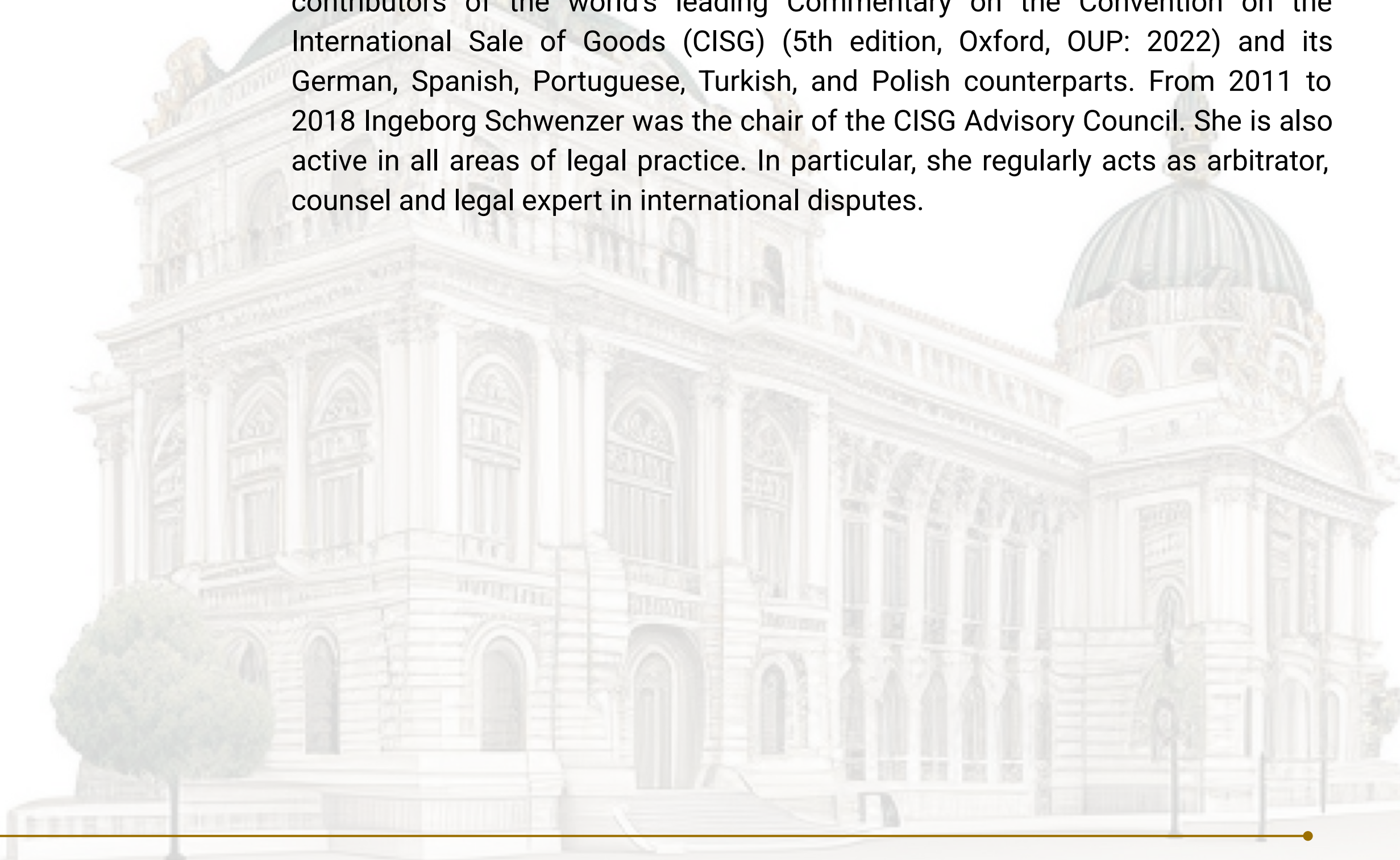
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## **Prof. INGEBORG SCHWENZER**

Professor (em.),  
University of Basel

Prof. Ingeborg Schwenzer is Professor emerita of Private Law at the University of Basel, Switzerland, and former Dean of Swiss International Law School. Additionally, she is an adjunct professor at Bond University, Gold Coast, Australia, and has been an adjunct professor at City University, Hong Kong, and at Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia. She has published numerous books and more than 200 articles in the fields of law of obligations (contracts, tort law and unjust enrichment, sales law both domestic and international), commercial arbitration as well as family law. In particular, she is the co-editor and one of the main contributors of the world's leading Commentary on the Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG) (5th edition, Oxford, OUP: 2022) and its German, Spanish, Portuguese, Turkish, and Polish counterparts. From 2011 to 2018 Ingeborg Schwenzer was the chair of the CISG Advisory Council. She is also active in all areas of legal practice. In particular, she regularly acts as arbitrator, counsel and legal expert in international disputes.





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## Prof. EDGARDO MUÑOZ

Professor of Law,  
Universidad Panamericana

Edgardo Muñoz is a Professor at Universidad Panamericana's School of Law in Mexico. Beyond his academic responsibilities, he has acted as an arbitrator and counsel in numerous arbitral proceedings across different jurisdictions and legal systems.

Prof. Muñoz's academic journey includes law studies in Mexico (Lic. Iur. UIA) and France (DEUF, Lyon III), followed by two Master of Laws (LL.M.) degrees—one from the University of Liverpool, UK, and another from the University of California, Berkeley, USA. He also holds a Doctor of Laws (Ph.D.), summa cum laude, from Basel University, Switzerland.

Dr. Muñoz has held positions as a Visiting Professor and Scholar at the University of Turin, Italy, Columbia University Law School in New York, McGill University School of Law, and the University of Montreal School of Law in Canada. He is a Member of VIS East Moot Foundation, the ICC World Commission on Arbitration and ADR, the General Council of Mexico's Arbitration Center, the CISG Advisory Council, the ITA Academic Council, and serves as a Correspondent of UNIDROIT in Mexico.

He also regularly publishes in the field of international business law, comparative law of obligations, international arbitration and sports law. He is admitted to practice law in California, the United States and Mexico.

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“NAVIGATING MULTI-TIERED DISPUTE RESOLUTION CLAUSES”



## Mr. MICHAEL MCILWRATH

Founder at MDisputes,  
Adjunct Professor at Bocconi University

Michael Mcilwrath lives in Florence, Italy. He is the founder of MDisputes Srl ([www.mdisputes.com](http://www.mdisputes.com)), and previously spent 22 years as the VP of Litigation of multinationals in the energy industry, including Baker Hughes and GE Oil & Gas. He has held leadership roles in the governance of dispute resolution institutions, including Chair of ICC's Dispute Resolution Services, Chair of IMI (International Mediation Institute), and Chair of the Global Pound Conference in 2016-17. Additionally, he acts as an arbitrator and mediator, and is an adjunct professor at Bocconi School of Law in Milan. In 2017, Arbitral Women recognized him as a Champion of Change.





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### Ms. VICTORIA PERNT

Counsel,  
Schoenherr

Victoria Pernt is a counsel based in Schoenherr's Vienna office. Dual-qualified in Austria and New York (i.e. civil and common law jurisdictions), Victoria specialises in international arbitration and has played a key role in securing successful outcomes in the firm's investment and commercial arbitrations. She has been instrumental in grooming the firm's strong arbitration team, and in developing and advancing the practice's strong commitment to diversity and health promotion initiatives.

Victoria's recent work highlights include high-stakes commercial arbitrations in the pharmaceutical / life-science sectors with amounts in dispute of several billion; and investment arbitrations under ICC and ICSID Rules in the energy and telecommunications sectors. Victoria has acted as sole arbitrator in two international arbitrations, both seated in Germany, under the DIS rules (approx. EUR 250k) and the ICC rules (approx. EUR 2.5m).

Victoria is highly engaged in the arbitration community and supports numerous arbitration initiatives. She has held several positions in arbitral organizations (e.g. Young ICCA's regional coordinator for Europe, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR delegate of ICC Austria); she launched her own diversity initiative in fall 2020 (myArbitration) and is also an active member of arbitration organisations including Young ICCA, ArbAut, YAAP, Arbitral Women, REAL, Arbitration Channel, and many more.

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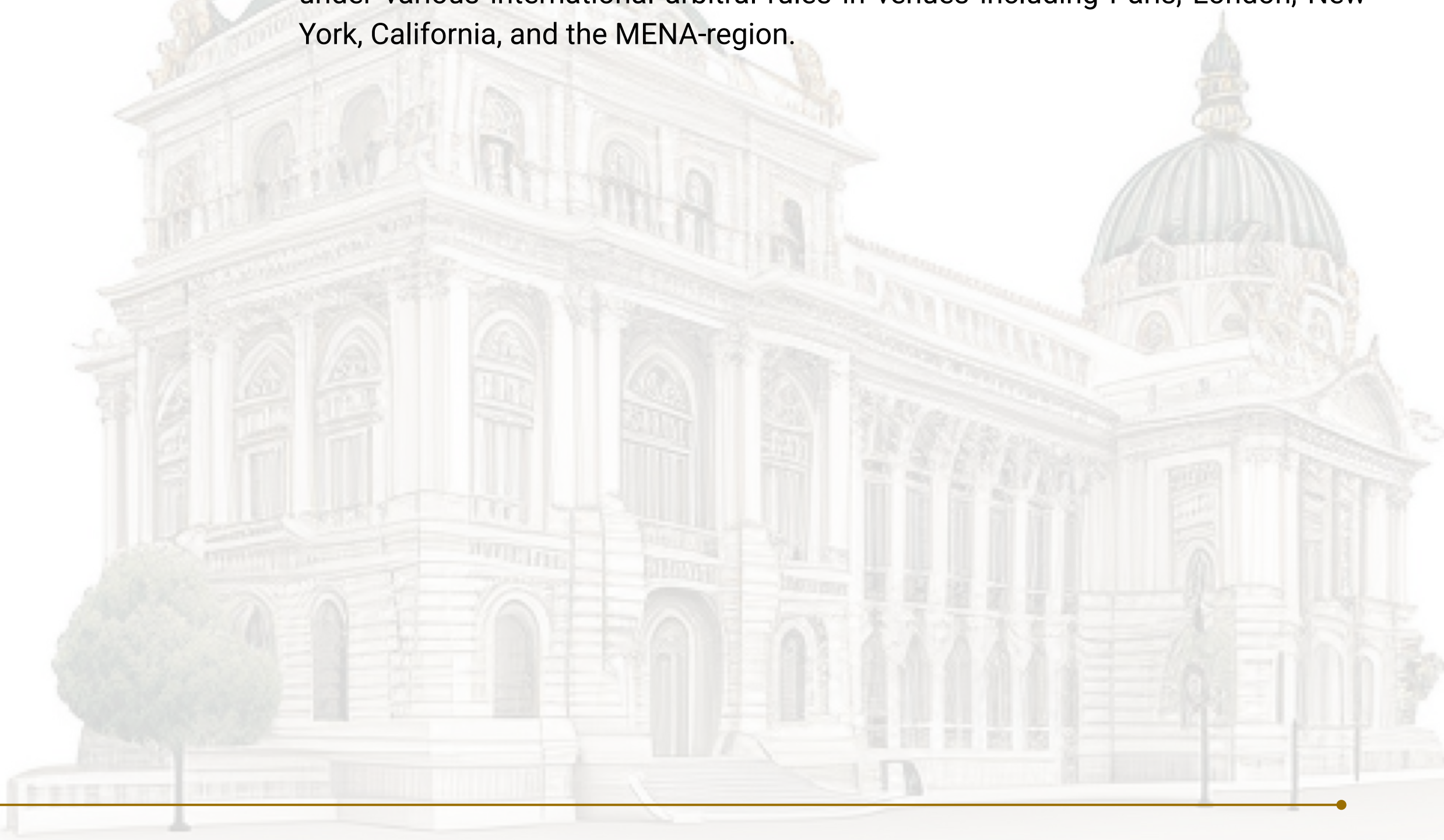
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## Mr. GIORGIO SASSINE

Associate,  
Musick, Peeler & Garrett

Giorgio Sassine is a Lebanese American duly qualified California and New York attorney who currently works for Musick Peeler & Garrett in its Los Angeles office. Having previously worked in Beirut and Paris before returning to the States, Mr. Sassine has extensive experience in international and domestic high-value, complex construction and energy disputes. Mr. Sassine has been recognized in the 2025 Lexology Index - International Arbitration Future Leaders, 2024 Super Lawyers Southern California – Rising Stars, 2024-2025 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America – Construction Law, and the 2023-2024 Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation. Mr. Sassine has represented clients across the globe and under various international arbitral rules in venues including Paris, London, New York, California, and the MENA-region.





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## Ms. TUULI TIMONEN

Head of Dispute Resolution,  
Dottir Attorneys

Tuuli Timonen is the head of dispute resolution at Dottir, a full-service law firm based in Finland with a particular focus in the technology and energy sectors.

Ms. Timonen’s practice concentrates on arbitration and other forms of ADR arising mostly out of cross-border transactions. In addition to representing clients in adversarial dispute resolution proceedings, Ms. Timonen holds a strong track record in aiding parties to reach settlements in complex matters through mediation and other forms of ADR.

Ms. Timonen also sits as arbitrator in international and domestic arbitrations. She is a member of the ICC’s Court of Arbitration and of the Board of the Finland Arbitration Institute.

Prior to joining Dottir in February 2024, Ms. Timonen was the director of licensing disputes at Nokia Technologies, the licensing and IPR arm of Nokia Corporation. At Nokia, she led a team focused on contentious licensing matters and disputes management in relation to the global standard essential patent portfolio of Nokia. Ms. Timonen has also worked for a decade in the international arbitration department of White & Case LLP in Paris, New York and Helsinki.

Ms. Timonen has published several articles and co-edited books on dispute resolution and governing law related issues – among others, she has co-edited and co-authored the book “Dispute Resolution and Governing Law in Oil and Gas Agreements” (publ. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2022).

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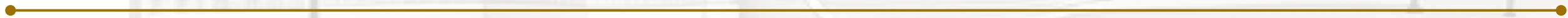
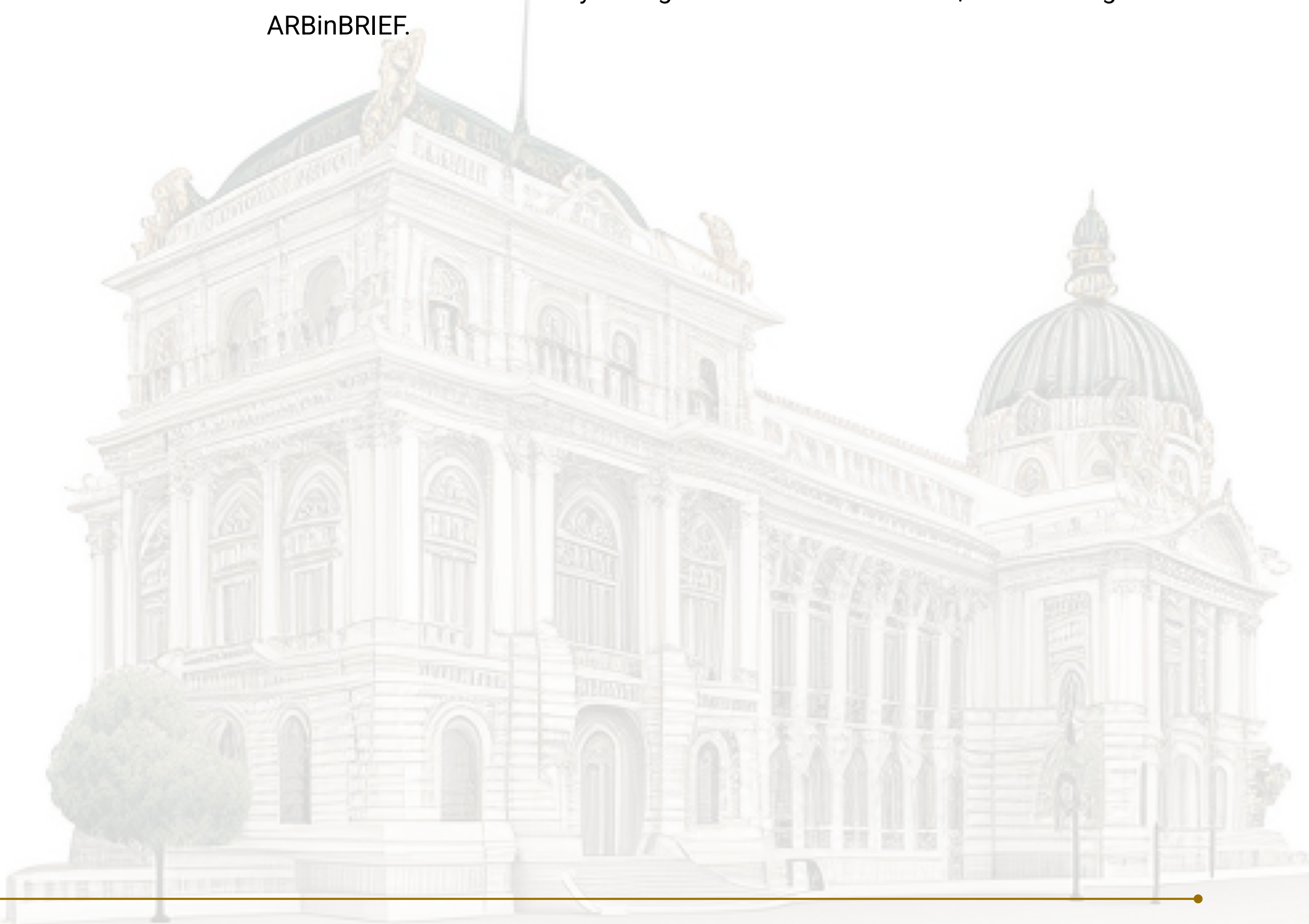
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## Ms. İPEK İNCE

Co-President,  
Moot Alumni Association

Ipek Ince is a dual-qualified lawyer in Turkey and England & Wales and is currently pursuing an LL.M degree at Queen Mary University of London. Prior to her master's, she worked at Allen & Overy Shearman Sterling for five years in their dispute resolution team. She is the co-president of the Moot Alumni Association, the founder of Istanbul Very Young Arbitration Practitioners, and a co-organizer of ARBinBRIEF.





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KEYNOTE SPEAKER, "NORDIC ARBITRATION: A VIEW FROM WITHIN"



## Mr. HENRIK SAJAKORPI

Secretary General,  
Finland Arbitration Institute

Henrik Sajakorpi is the Secretary General of the Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce (FAI). He leads the FAI Secretariat and drives the FAI's domestic and international initiatives in collaboration with the FAI Board.

Before joining the FAI in March 2024, Henrik worked at Roschier, Attorneys Ltd., a leading Nordic law firm ranked in the GAR 100, where he specialized in commercial dispute resolution, including international arbitration. Henrik is a frequent speaker on arbitration at professional events. In addition, he currently serves on a six-member working group appointed by the Ministry of Justice of Finland to draft a proposal for the reform of the Finnish Arbitration Act. Henrik holds a Master of Laws (LL.M) from the University of Helsinki, where he graduated as valedictorian.





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## **Prof. LAURO GAMA JR.**

Founding Partner, Lauro Gama Advogados Associados;  
Adjunct Professor, PUC-Rio

Lauro Gama Jr. graduated from the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ) in 1987 and was admitted in 1988 to the Brazilian Bar. He holds a Masters in International Relations (PUC-Rio, 1992), a LL.M degree in Comparative Law (McGill, 1999), and a Doctorate degree in International Law (Univ. São Paulo, 2004). He is currently Adjunct Professor at the Pontifical Catholic Univ. of Rio (PUC-Rio), where he teaches Private International Law, Contracts and International Commercial Arbitration. He has authored books and articles published in specialized journals. He participated in the working group of the UNIDROIT Principles (2008-2010) and also in the working group of the 2015 Hague Principles. A member of the CISG Advisory Council, he acted as rapporteur of CISG Advisory Opinion no. 17 on Limitation and Exclusion Clauses. In 2016, Lauro lectured at the Hague Academy of International Law (“The UNIDROIT Principles as the law applicable to commercial contracts”, published in vol. 406 of the Collected Courses). To this date Lauro has acted as counsel and arbitrator in more than 120 cases, under the rules of ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL and Brazilian arbitral institutions. Mr. Gama has served as President of the Brazilian Arbitration Committee (CBAr) from 2013 to 2015, and as a Member of the ICC Court of International Arbitration from 2015 to 2021. He is currently a Council Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law and a member of the working group of the ICC-UNIDROIT project on international investment contracts.

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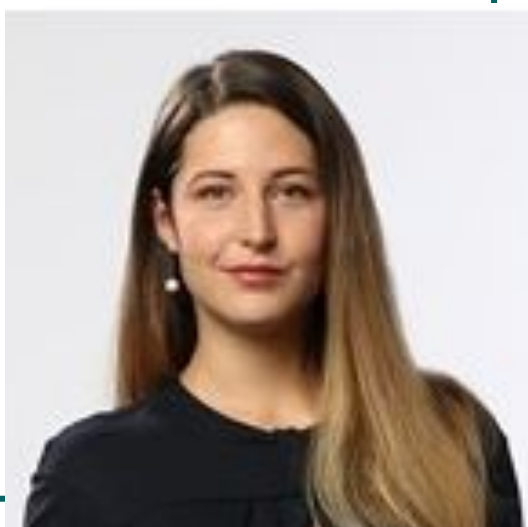
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## **Ms. MARIA IRENE PERRUCCIO LOURIE**

Legal Counsel / Head of International Affairs Europe and Americas,  
Webuild Group



Maria Irene is a double qualified lawyer (in Milan, Italy and Paris, France), and she serves as in-house counsel for the International Affairs of Europe and Americas of Webuild S.p.A. (former Salini Impregilo S.p.A.). She previously worked as Deputy Counsel of the Swiss-Italian Team of the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. Before that she was working in the International Arbitration department of White&Case LLP, in Paris, where she specialized in international arbitration and litigation in the areas of energy (mainly oil & gas) and construction. She is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, member of the In-House focus group of ICC YAF, member of the ASA Users Council, member of the BVI International Arbitration Committee. She is co-founder and vice-president of YPCP (Young Practitioners of Construction in Paris), and co-founder and former co-chair of AIA-ArbIt-below40 (the Italian below-40 association for arbitration).

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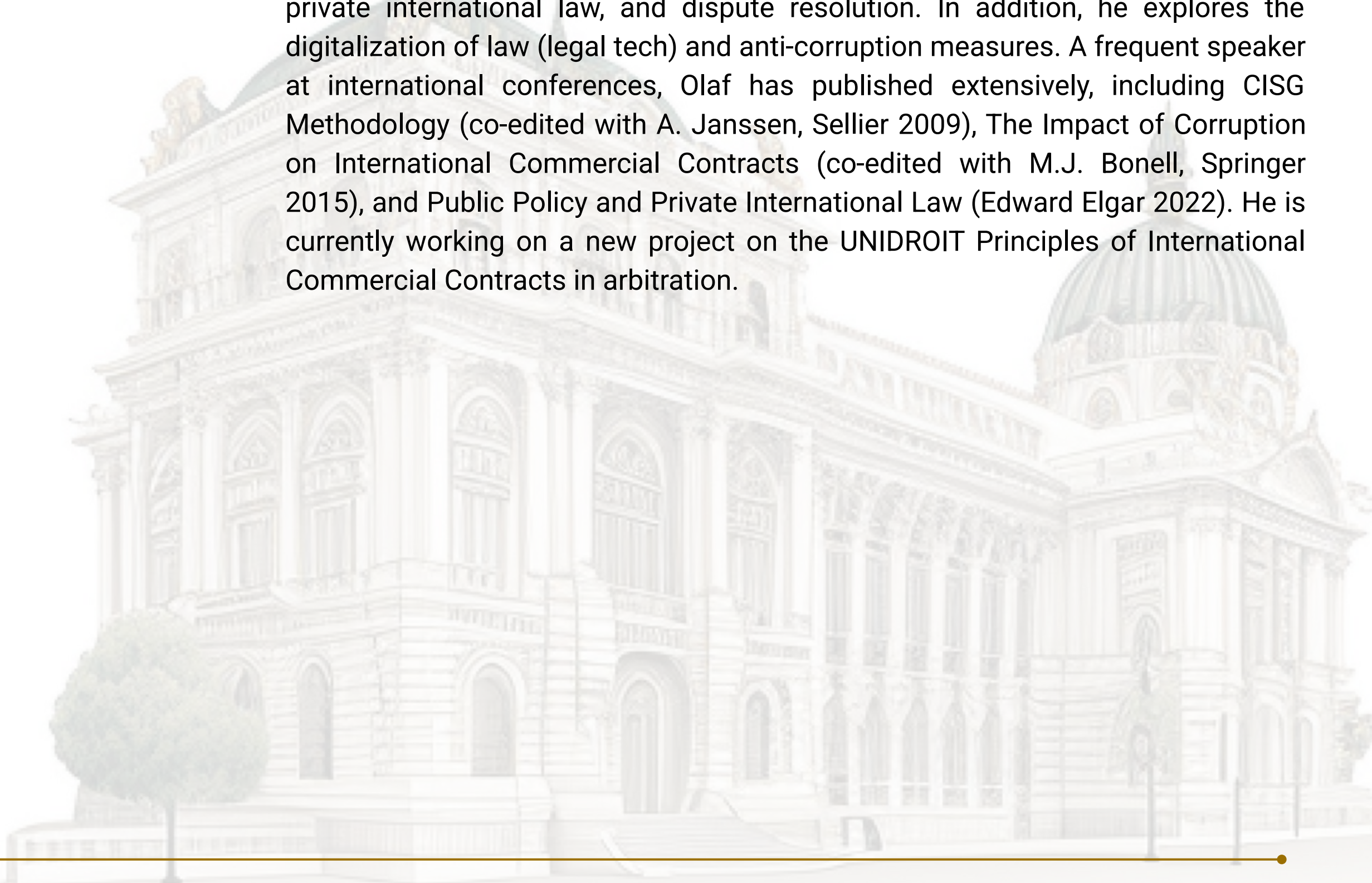
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## **Prof. OLAF MEYER**

Professor of Contract Law,  
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Olaf Meyer is a Professor of Contract Law at the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences. He earned his doctorate from the University of Münster, obtained a master's degree from the University of Oxford, and completed his habilitation at the University of Bremen. His research focuses on international commercial law, with a particular emphasis on legal harmonization through both hard and soft law, private international law, and dispute resolution. In addition, he explores the digitalization of law (legal tech) and anti-corruption measures. A frequent speaker at international conferences, Olaf has published extensively, including CISG Methodology (co-edited with A. Janssen, Sellier 2009), The Impact of Corruption on International Commercial Contracts (co-edited with M.J. Bonell, Springer 2015), and Public Policy and Private International Law (Edward Elgar 2022). He is currently working on a new project on the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts in arbitration.





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## **Ms. VENUS VALENTINA WONG**

Partner,  
Wolf Theiss

Venus Valentina Wong co-heads the firmwide arbitration practice at Wolf Theiss and is based in Vienna. Valentina is also a member of the firm's Asia Desk. She has acted in more than 80 commercial and investment arbitration as well as other ADR cases under the major rules, including ICC, LCIA, VIAC, DIS, Swiss Rules, ASEAC, CAS and UNCITRAL. Valentina has particular experience in the enforcement of foreign judgements and foreign arbitral awards.

Valentina currently serves as the alternate Austrian member of the ICC Court of International Arbitration. She teaches at the University of Vienna and at the Austrian Lawyers' Academy and is a frequent speaker at international conferences. Among her numerous publications is the chapter on enforcement under the New York Convention in a handbook on (Austrian) arbitration law and the third edition of a handbook on commercial arbitration covering the jurisdictions in the DACH region which she co-edited in 2024.

After having served as assistant professor at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, Valentina worked for two boutique law firms as well as at the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris and at CIETAC in Beijing. Valentina has degrees in law and sinology and her working languages are German, English, French and Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese).

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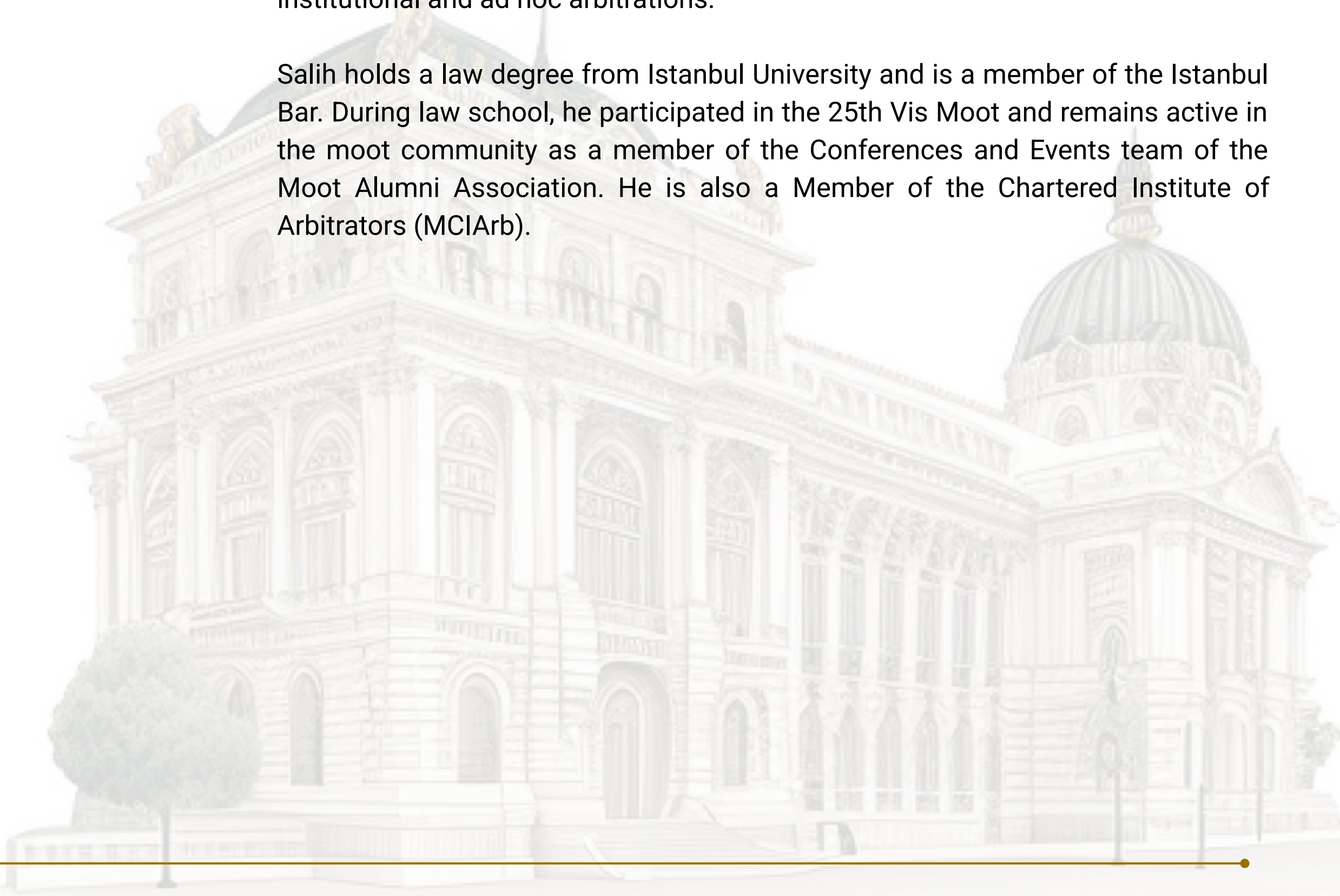


## Mr. SALİH KARTAL

Associate,  
Çakmak Attorney Partnership

Salih Kartal is an associate at the Istanbul office of Çakmak Attorney Partnership, specializing in international arbitration, M&A, and shareholder disputes. He has experience in high-stakes commercial and investment disputes involving domestic and multinational corporations, as well as state entities, in both institutional and ad hoc arbitrations.

Salih holds a law degree from Istanbul University and is a member of the Istanbul Bar. During law school, he participated in the 25th Vis Moot and remains active in the moot community as a member of the Conferences and Events team of the Moot Alumni Association. He is also a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb).





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### **Ms. MISRA YALÇIN**

Co-Chair, Conferences & Events  
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Misra Yalçın is a lawyer admitted to the Istanbul Bar with experience in domestic and international commercial disputes. She is currently pursuing an LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration Law (ICAL) at Stockholm University and serves as a Research Assistant for Kluwer Arbitration and the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA). Before joining the ICAL program, she practiced at a full-service law firm in Istanbul, specializing in litigation and international arbitration, with a focus on international trade and maritime disputes. She is a member of the Moot Alumni Association (MAA) Core Team since 2021 and currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Conferences & Events Team.

