

MARIA ATHANASIOU FCI Arb

Curriculum Vitae – January 2026

CITIZENSHIPS

Cypriot; British

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2008 to Present); **Brussels** (registered 2012-2013); **Cyprus** (training & exam 2016)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Aug. 2025 to Present

INDEPENDENT ARBITRATOR, Villars-sur-Glâne

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- Arbitrator in an arbitration between a Caribbean company and a Kuwaiti company, under the **LCIA** Rules, seated in London, concerning the execution of a construction project
- Tribunal Secretary in arbitration between Austrian investors and a state, under the **ICC** Rules, seated in Paris, concerning the construction of a hydropower plant
- Tribunal Secretary in arbitration between Sri Lankan and Chinese companies, under the **ICC** Rules, seated in London, concerning purchase agreements
- Tribunal Secretary in arbitration between Swiss companies, under the **ICC** Rules, seated in Zurich, concerning sale of goods
- Tribunal Assistant in *ČEZ, a.s. v. Republic of Bulgaria*, **ICSID** Case No. ARB/16/24, an arbitration between a Czech electricity distribution company and a State, under the ICSID Rules, concerning electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

Dec. 2016 to Jul. 2025

ARBITRATION OFFICE OF PROF. PIERRE TERCIER, Fribourg

Counsel (Mar. 2020-Jul. 2025); *Senior Associate* (Jan. 2019-Feb. 2020); *Associate* (Dec. 2016-Dec. 2018)

- Sole Arbitrator in an arbitration between a Swiss company and a Polish company, under the **SAC** Rules, seated in Geneva, concerning sales of goods
- Tribunal Secretary in arbitration between Swiss companies, under the **ICC** Rules, seated in Zurich, concerning sale of goods
- Tribunal Assistant in *Watkins Holdings Sàrl and others v. Kingdom of Spain*, **ICSID** Case No. ARB/15/44 *Revision*, revision proceedings of the Award in said case
- Tribunal Assistant in *Gabriel Resources Ltd. and Gabriel Resources (Jersey) v. Romania*, **ICSID** Case No. ARB/15/31, an arbitration between Jersey and Canadian mining companies and the Romanian State, under the ICSID Rules, concerning a mining concession
- Tribunal Assistant in *ČEZ, a.s. v. Republic of Bulgaria*, **ICSID** Case No. ARB/16/24, an arbitration between a Czech electricity distribution company and a State, under the ICSID Rules, concerning electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
- Tribunal Assistant in *Air Canada v. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*, **ICSID** Case No. ARB(AF)/17/1, an arbitration between a Canadian air transportation company and a State, under the ICSID Additional Facility Rules, concerning air transportation services
- Tribunal Secretary in arbitration between Dutch, Russian and Georgian companies and the Government of Georgia, under the **SCC** Rules, seated in Stockholm, concerning a sale purchase agreement
- Tribunal Secretary in arbitration between Spanish and Egyptian oil and gas companies under the **CRCICA** Rules, seated in Cairo, concerning a gas sales and purchase agreement
- Tribunal Secretary in arbitration between Spanish and Egyptian oil and gas companies under the **CRCICA** Rules, seated in Madrid, concerning a gas sales and purchase agreement
- Tribunal Secretary in an arbitration between BVI and Portuguese companies, under the **ICC** Rules, seated in Paris, concerning a financing agreement
- *Ad hoc* assistance of Tribunals in several arbitrations conducted under the ICC, UNCITRAL and SCC Rules; replacement Tribunal secretary and assistance in ICSID(AF) and ICC case

Jan. 2014 to Nov. 2016

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PRACTITIONER, Paphos

Independent consultant

- *Ad hoc* assistance of Tribunals in several arbitrations conducted under the ICC, ICDR, NAI, UNCITRAL and ICSID Rules
- Research on New York Convention topics for counsel acting in enforcement proceedings

Nov. 2011 to Dec. 2013

HANOTIAU & VAN DEN BERG, Brussels

Associate (Jan. 2012-Dec. 2013); *Intern* (Nov. 2011-Dec. 2011) to *Prof. Albert Jan van den Berg*

- Counsel representing a European financial services group in an arbitration under the **CEPANI** Rules, seated in Brussels, concerning the implementation of a shareholders' agreement
- Tribunal Secretary in a construction arbitration between a joint venture and owner of construction site, under the **CRCICA** Rules, seated in Cairo, concerning the construction of a commercial project
- Assistance of Tribunals in arbitrations conducted under the ICC, SCC, NAI, DIAC, ICSID, DIS and UNCITRAL Rules

- Assistance in preparation of expert reports in relation to the New York Convention submitted in court proceedings

Mar. 2011 to Sep. 2011

GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, Geneva

Research Assistant to Prof. Gabrielle Kaufman-Kohler and Prof. Thomas Schultz

- Research on the geopolitics of investment arbitration
- Research on commercial arbitration in investment and human rights tribunals

Jan. 2010 to Aug. 2010

CHRYSES DEMETRIADES & CO LLC, Limassol

Cyprus Bar Training

Oct. 2007 to Dec. 2009

WILMER CUTLER PICKERING HALE AND DORR LLP, London

Associate (Jun. 2008-Dec. 2009); Intern (Oct. 2007-May 2008)

- Counsel representing a European energy company in an *ad hoc* arbitration under the **UNCITRAL** Rules, seated in New York, concerning the interpretation of a gas sales and purchase agreement and price revisions
- Counsel representing a European telecommunications company, under the **ICC** Rules, seated in Geneva, concerning shareholder rights
- Counsel conducting case assessment for British client in a potential **ICSID** arbitration against a State

EDUCATION

Sep. 2010 to Sep. 2011

GENEVA UNIVERSITY / GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, Geneva

Master of Laws in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS)

Aug. 2005 to May 2006

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTRE, Washington DC

Master of Laws in International Legal Studies (LLM)

Sep. 2002 to Jun. 2005

WARWICK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Coventry

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2021 to Present

WWL (now Lexology Index) Arbitration 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 & 2026

Recognized as Future Leader

Jan. 2021 to Mar. 2023

YOUNG INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION (ICCA)

Co-Chair

Oct. 2019 to Present

LCIA, CIARB BAS, CRCICA, SIAC RESERVE, GIAC, BVI IAC, AIAC, KCAB, DIAC & EODID

Member of List/Panel of Arbitrators

May 2019

CIARB ACCELERATED ROUTE TO FELLOWSHIP

Admitted as a Fellow of CIARB (Oct. 2019); Award Writing Exam (Part A: 92/100, Part B: 99/100 (New York))

Jun. 2018 to Jan. 2020

DELOS DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Co-Chair of Delos-Y Committee

Nov. 2013 to Feb. 2020

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ICDR) YOUNG & INTERNATIONAL

Global Advisory Board Member

Jan. 2013 to Jul. 2018

YOUNG INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION (ICCA) MENTORING PROGRAMME

Coordinator (2016-2018); Buddy to Dr. Mohammed Abdel Raouf (2015-2016); Assistant to Prof. Albert Jan van den Berg (2013-2016); Mentee to Prof. Pierre Tercier (2013-2014)

Feb. 2011

FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION ADVOCACY

International Arbitration Advocacy Workshop – Certificate (Geneva)

PRESENTATIONS

28 Jul. 2023

Impartiality and Independence of Investor-State Arbitrators, ELSA Investment Law Course, Athens

26 Jan. 2017

Moderator in Panel on *Emergency Relief and Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration: Emerging Issues*, ICDR Y&I / CIDS, Geneva

23 Aug. 2016

Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Damages in Investment Arbitration and Enforcement of Investor-State Arbitral Awards, ELSA Investment Law Course, Athens

08 Apr. 2016

Time and Cost Efficiency Techniques in International Arbitration, ICC YAF / ICDR Y&I / IHU, Thessaloniki

18 Sep. 2015

Introductory Remarks in “The Practice of International Arbitration”, ICDR Y&I / ICCA / Young ICCA / ICC YAF, Paphos

25 Jun. 2015

Issues of Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration, ICDR Y&I / IHU, Thessaloniki

29 Apr. 2014

Arbitration and National Courts, ICC Court of Arbitration / ICC Cyprus, Nicosia

14 Oct. 2013

Commercial and Investment Arbitration: Differences and Similarities, Cyprus Mediation & Arbitration Centre, Nicosia

19 Oct. 2012

Do Investment Arbitral Tribunals Serve as “Appellate Courts” in International Commercial Arbitration?, CILS Conference, Lazarski University, Warsaw

PUBLICATIONS

2025	Greek translation of 2 nd edition of ICCA Guide to the New York Convention, with Panagiotis Chalkias (2026, forthcoming)
2017	Cyprus Update “ <i>Supreme Court Applies the Requirement of a ‘Duly Authenticated Original Award’ in line with Text and Purpose of the New York Convention</i> ”, in ICC Bulletin (2017, Issue 3)
2010	<i>Cyprus Chapter</i> , in Global Arbitration Review, with Gary Born and Noelle Berryman (2010)

LANGUAGES

Greek (native); **English** (fluent); **French** (intermediate)