

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

LANGUAGES

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