

Catherine Schroeder

ABOUT

Catherine Schroeder is an independent arbitrator and counsel based in Paris, who specializes in international arbitration.

As both a French and American citizen, she grew up in a multicultural environment, which drew her to international law and international arbitration.

She was admitted to the Paris Bar in 2005, began her career at the French arbitration boutique Derains & Associés and continued at Derains & Gharavi at its creation in 2009. Over the past 15 years, she has developed extensive experience in arbitration having participated in more than 60 arbitration proceedings. She has acted as arbitrator, counsel and secretary to arbitral tribunals, in commercial arbitration proceedings conducted under various arbitration rules (ICC, AFA, DIAC, CAM, SCC, LCIA, CMAP) or ad hoc rules (UNCITRAL), and has been involved in disputes arising out of corporate and commercial matters in general, including joint-ventures, distribution, license, sales and service agreements. Her areas of expertise also includes intellectual property, construction, energy and telecommunications.

Catherine decided to launch her own firm in order to have the full availability to serve as an independent arbitrator without encountering any conflicts of interest issues. She also advises parties (or intervenes as co-counsel) on commercial arbitration matters at any stage of the proceedings. She offers flexible and personalized services, both in terms of time and cost, to meet her clients' specific needs and expectations.

Catherine was elected in July 2023 as a member of the Paris Arbitration Week (PAW) Board for a three-year mandate.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Since 2021: Schroeder-Arbitration

2017-2020: Counsel, Derains & Gharavi

2009-2016: Associate, Derains & Gharavi

2005-2008: Associate, Derains & Associés

EDUCATION

2003 – 2004 Bar School (EFB) Paris

2002 – 2003 Post Graduate Degree (DESS) in Litigation, Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolutions, University Paris II Panthéon Assas

2001 – 2002 Postgraduate Degree (DEA) in International Private Law, University Paris II Panthéon-Assas

1999 – 2000. Master of International Law and European Law, University Paris II Panthéon-Assas

MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Paris Arbitration Week (PAW) Board
Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law
Member of the ICC ADR and Arbitration Commission
Member of the Comité Français de l'Arbitrage (CFA)
Member of the Association Française de l'Arbitrage (AFA)
Member of the Association Suisse d'Arbitrage (ASA)
Member of CEPANI
Member of ArbitralWomen

EXPERIENCE AS ARBITRATOR

Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between an English company and a German company in a dispute arising out of a Service Agreement (London, England seat, New York laws applicable, English language).

Emergency Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between an Egyptian company and a Swiss company in a dispute arising out of a Supply Agreement (Geneva, Switzerland seat, Swiss law applicable, English language).

Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between a Spanish company and an Algerian company in a dispute arising out of a Sale Agreement (Paris, France seat, French law applicable, English language).

Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between a Canadian company and a Belgium company in a dispute arising out of an Agency Agreement (Expedited Procedure Provisions applicable, Paris, France seat, transnational rules and equity applicable, English language).

Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between two French companies in a dispute arising out of a Licence agreement (Paris, France seat, French law applicable, French language).

Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between two French companies in a dispute arising out of a Sale Agreement and a Furniture Agreement (Paris, France seat, French law applicable, French language).

Emergency Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between a Danish company and a Russian company in a dispute arising out of a Franchise Agreement (London, England seat, English law applicable, English language).

Co-arbitrator in a CMAP arbitration between French parties in a dispute arising out of the performance of a contract (Paris, France seat, French law applicable, French language).

Sole Arbitrator in an ICC Case between Spanish companies in a dispute related to a share purchase agreement (Expedited Procedure Provisions applicable, Madrid, Spain seat, laws of the State of New York applicable, English language).

Sole Arbitrator in an *ad hoc* arbitration between a Mauritian company and a Tanzanian company in a dispute relating to the performance of a management agreement (Mauritius seat, Mauritius law applicable, English language).

Sole Arbitrator in a LAC arbitration between a Luxemburgish company and a Polish company in a dispute arising out of the performance of a Sports Contract (Expedited proceedings, Luxembourg seat, Luxembourg law applicable, English language).

Emergency Arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration between Australian, Singaporean, and Congolese companies against a Congolese company in a dispute arising out of the termination of a joint-venture agreement (Paris, France seat, Congolese law applicable, French language).

Co-arbitrator in a CMAP arbitration between two French companies in the context of a supply agreement (Paris, France seat, French law applicable, French language).

EXPERIENCE AS COUNSEL

Counsel to an American company against a French company in three ICC arbitration proceedings concerning the use of know-how in the chemical industry (Paris, France seat, French law applicable, English language).

Counsel to Greek companies against a Greek company and a Spanish company in an ICC arbitration regarding the termination of 15 agreements in the wind energy sector (Athens, Greece seat, Greek law applicable, English language).

Counsel to a Greek company against a Greek company in an ICC arbitration regarding the implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding (Athens, Greece seat, Greek law applicable, English language).

Counsel to a Czech company against a French company in an ICC arbitration regarding the performance of a contract for civils works of a plant in the chemical industry sector (Lausanne, Switzerland seat, French law applicable, English language).

Counsel to French companies in an *ad hoc* arbitration against another French company regarding the breach of a non-competition clause (Paris, France seat, French law applicable, French language).

Co-counsel to an English company against a Cameroonian in an ICC arbitration regarding the performance of a Service Agreement (London, England seat, French law applicable, English language).

Represented a British company against an Iranian company in setting aside proceedings before the French Court of Appeals.

Represented an American company against a Chinese company in setting aside proceedings before the French Court of Appeals.

Represented a Polish company against an American company in setting aside proceedings before the French Court of Appeals.

Represented a French company against two French companies in setting aside proceedings before the French Court of Appeals.

Assisted an American company to hear witnesses in the context of the Hague Convention of 18 March 1970 on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial matters.

Assisted a French company in enforcement proceedings in France.