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Camilla is a special counsel in our arbitration and public international law team.

Dual qualified as an Avvocato (Italy) and as a Solicitor Advocate (England & Wales), Camilla specialises in international arbitration (commercial and investment treaty) and public international law matters.

Before moving to London, she practised in Milan, Houston and New York, having developed an expertise in assisting clients from both civil and common law jurisdictions. She has represented individuals, companies, States and State-owned entities in international arbitrations across a range of sectors, including the apparel, aviation, energy, gambling, infrastructure, insurance, metal, oil & gas, and railway industries in different regions of the world, particularly the MENA region, CIS countries and Latin America. She has experience of international commercial and investment arbitrations under the auspices of the CAM, CIAC, ICC, ICSID, LCIA and UNCITRAL rules.

She advises companies on the protection of investments under international investment treaties and sanctions, and States on boundary disputes, cultural heritage, international humanitarian law, international investment law, law of the sea, natural resources, sovereign immunity and statehood issues. Camilla regularly assists clients in pro bono human rights cases before constitutional courts, the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies and regional human rights courts.

She is ranked as an "Associate to Watch" by Chambers 2023 (public international law), recommended lawyer in Legal 500 UK ("rising star" in public international law and international arbitration), 2023 Who's Who Legal - Global Elite Below 45, 2022 Best Lawyer "Ones to Watch" UK, and as a Who's Who Legal - Arbitration Future Leader (Non-Partner).

Camilla is involved in arbitration associations and editorial boards. She served as Co-Chair of Young ICCA (2018-2020). She is the UK Coordinator of the Italian Arbitration Association AIA-Arbit below 40 and serves on the Executive Committee of the Rising Arbitration Initiative (RAI) and the Next Generation Committee of the Racial Equality for Arbitration Lawyers (REAL) group. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration and is on the board of the American Review of International Arbitration at Columbia Law School, the Lexis PSL Arbitration Consulting Editorial Board, the Editorial Board of Brill Research Perspectives in International Investment Law and Arbitration. She is an Editor of Jus Mundi Wiki Notes on Investment Arbitration and is Conference Associate Editor of the Annual Juris Conference on Investment Treaty Arbitration.

She regularly speaks at major international arbitration conferences and lectures at the Catholic University of Milan (Master in International Business) on international arbitration and ADR.

Track record

ICSID arbitration

Representing Scholz in ICSID arbitration proceedings against the Kingdom of Morocco.

UNCITRAL arbitration

Representing Ukraine in UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings commenced by Olympic Entertainment SA.

Investor-state arbitration

Representing an Italian company in an investor-State arbitration against an African State.

ICC arbitration

Representing a football player in ICC arbitration proceedings.

ICC arbitration

Representing an Italian company in an ICC arbitration in relation to a multi-billion dollar railway and infrastructure project in Africa (London seat).

ICSID arbitration

Representing an individual in an ICSID arbitration under a bilateral investment treaty in the media sector.

Human rights

Advising a State in relation to discrimination issues arising under a human rights treaty.

Environmental law issues

Advising a State in a potential State-to-State dispute in relation to international environmental law issues.

EU-Russia sanctions

Advising an international organisation in relation to EU-Russia sanctions.

Iran sanctions

Advising an international company in relation to Iran sanctions.

CIS state

Representing a CIS State in two UNCITRAL arbitrations under the Energy Charter Treaty (London seat).

Africa state

Representing African State in an UNCITRAL arbitration under an oil & gas production sharing agreement (London seat).

Russian aviation company

Representing a Russian aviation company in an LCIA arbitration in relation to alleged breaches of aircraft leasing agreements (London seat).

Ad hoc arbitration

Representing a US company in a post-M&A ad hoc arbitration (Brussels seat).

Gas pricing arbitration

Representing a US company in a gas pricing CIAC arbitration against a State-owned entity in Latin America (Paris seat).

Enforcement of ICC award

Representing a Middle East group in the enforcement of an ICC award before Italian courts and related claw-back action in relation to breaches of apparel franchise agreement.

Amici brief

Drafting an amici brief with Stanford Law School Clinic in support of the Defendants in Nestlé v Doe in relation to the Alien Tort Statue in proceedings pending before the Supreme Court of the United States (pro bono).

Center for Reproductive Rights

Representing the Center for Reproductive Rights in amici briefs before the Constitutional Court of an African country (pro bono).

Center for Reproductive Rights

Successfully representing the Center for Reproductive Rights in amici briefs before the United Nations

Committee of the Rights of the Child

Committee of the Rights of the Child in recommending El Salvador to decriminalise abortion (pro bono).

Center for Reproductive Rights

Successfully representing the Center for Reproductive Rights in amici briefs before the United Nations

Committee of the Elimination of Discrimination

Committee of the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in recommending El Salvador to decriminalise abortion (pro bono).

Center for Reproductive Rights

Representing the Center for Reproductive Rights in amici brief before the Constitutional Law in Chile in relation to women's reproductive rights (pro bono).

Employment tribunal

Successfully representing a low-income client in appeal proceedings before the Employment Tribunal in England & Wales to obtain disability benefits (pro bono).

Sentence commutation

Successfully representing a federal inmate in the context of President Obama's Clemency Project and obtained sentence commutation (pro bono).

Belize

Representing an individual in judicial review proceedings in Belize to abolish Belize's sodomy law.

Eyewitness Project

Assisting the IBA in the Eyewitness Project (pro bono).

Talks

- Art and Arbitration (ASA Conference, 28 October, Zurich)
- The Only Valid Basis for Treaty Claims Involving Judicial Action or Inaction is the CIL Theory of Denial of Justice; True or False? (16th Annual Investment arbitration Conference, 14 October 2022, DC).
- Pharma Disputes and Arbitration (GAR CONNECT: Africa, 14 October 2021) (webinar).
- Sede del Arbitraje y Ley Aplicable (Istituto Peruano de Arbitraje, Centro Internacional de Arbitraje de Madrid, 2 October 2020 (webinar).
- Hearing: the Ultimate Test for an Arbitration Associate, Delos-Y, 2 October 2020 (webinar).
- Environmental Protection and Human Rights Law Under Armenian BITs Armenia (American University in Armenia, Center for Dispute Resolution, ADR Clinic, 26 August 2020 (webinar).
- ELSA Academy for International Investment Law, Athens Public International Law Center of the School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 21 August 2020, (webinar).
- The Italian Launch of the Code of Best Practices in Arbitration of the Spanish Arbitration Club (Club Español del Arbitraje Italy, 4 June 2020 (webinar).
- Job Resources in Complex Times, Columbia Law School (Columbia International Arbitration Association, 24 April 2020 (webinar).
- International Investment Disputes and Armenia (Armenia Center for Dispute Resolution, Yerevan, 4 September 2019.
- L'importanza della scelta della giurisdizione, in particolare la sede dell'arbitrato - La importancia de la Sede de la Jurisdicción, en particular, la Sede Arbitral, CEA Mujeres Italia, Rome 4 July 2019.
- Faster, Higher, Stronger - Shaping efficient procedures, AIJA 11th Annual Arbitration Conference, Zurich, 28 June 2018.
- Arbitrato Internazionale: un Approccio Pratico, Assindustria Triveneto, Treviso, 17 May 2019.
- IBA Rules v Prague Rules: Do Prague Rules provide a viable option in reducing the time and costs of international arbitration. An Oxford-Style Debate, ABA Section of International Law Annual Conference, Washington DC, 10 April 2019.
- Third Party Funding in Investor State Arbitration: Can it be Regulated? Shall it be Regulated? (13th Juris Annual Investment Treaty Arbitration Conference, Washington DC, 8 April 2019.
- Alternative Dispute Resolution: Consequences and The Cost of a Mistake, Russian Arbitration Center and the Russian School of Private Law, Ekaterinburg, 15 February 2019.

- Interaction between UK Courts and the Enforcement of Investor-State Awards and Orders, ICAC and YIAG Conference, Kiev, 5 October 2018
- Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in England and Wales, ICAC and UNCITRAL Conference, New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards: a 60 Years of Success, V International Arbitration Readings in Memory of Academician Igor Pobirchenko, Kiev, 4 October 2018.
- Careers in International Arbitration, London School of Economics Arbitration Society Talk, London, 19 March 2018.
- Hay vida despues de Achmea? - Is There Life After Achmea? (XIII Congreso del CEA-40; 13th Congress of CEA-40, Madrid, 10 June 2018.
- Efficiency And Costs in International Arbitration: a Practicum, Young ICCA-CEA-40 Skills Training Workshop, Madrid, 22 September 2017.

External publications

The Recent Amendment of Italy's Arbitration Law and Ongoing Review of the English Arbitration Act: Two Arbitration Reforms in Comparison, The American Review of International Arbitration Blog, 18 January 2022 (co-author).

Remote Hearings: Practical Considerations, The ICCA Reports No. 10, 21 September 2022 (co-author).

Investment Treaty Arbitration: Italy, Global Arbitration Review, 17 September 2022 (co-author).

Extension of the arbitration clause to join a third party to an international arbitration: analysis under institutional arbitration rules, Italian law and English law, Judicium, 31 March 2022 (co-author).

Sovereign Wealth Funds: Transnational Regulation and Dispute Resolution, Withers and British Institute of International and Comparative Law, Co-author, 2021 (co-author).

Due Diligence in Investment Arbitration, Jus Mundi Wiki Notes, 2020 (author).

Third Party Funding: Can it be Regulated? Should it be Regulated? The Case for Regulation, Paper submitted for 13th Annual Investment Treaty Arbitration Juris Conference, Washington DC, 2020 (author).

Trust Disputes and International Arbitration, Global Arbitration Review, January 2019 (author).

Case Update: Final Award Rendered in Murphy v Ecuador, IBA Oil and Gas Committee Newsletter, June 2017 (co-author).

Young ICCA Debates Brexit as Trumps Wins Election Victory, Global Arbitration Review, January 2017 (author).

Giovanni Alemanni And Others v The Argentine Republic Case Note, ITA Arbitration Report, May 2016 (author).

US Courts Adopt Different Approaches Regarding Recognition of ICSID Awards, IBA Arbitration News, September 2015 (co-author).

Anticipating Investor-State Disputes: Bilateral Investment Treaties Are Crucial to Institutional Investors in Emerging Markets, Metropolitan Corporate Counsel, May 2015 (co-author).

Admissions

Italy, 2013

England and Wales, 2019

Education

Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Laurea Magistrale in Giurisprudenza (2009)

The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Master in International Law (2011)

Columbia Law School, LL.M. (2014)

Parker School Recognition of Achievement in International and Comparative Law, LL.M.

Languages

English
French
Italian
Spanish

Memberships

Young ICCA (Co-Chair 2018-2020)
AIA-ARBIT40 UK Coordinator (2020-2022)
Rising Arbitrator Initiative (Executive Committee)
Racial Equality for Arbitration Lawyers (Next Generation Committee)
AIJA
American Society of International Law
ICC Young Arbitrators Forum
British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Key dates

Year joined: 2017

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