

Valentine CHESSA

Partner

OVERVIEW

Valentine Chessa is a founding Partner in the Paris office of MGC arbitration. Valentine has extensive experience in international arbitration. She has been involved as counsel in many complex arbitration cases before the main arbitration institutions in a wide range of industry sectors, including energy and construction.

Valentine regularly serves as arbitrator and has decided cases under numerous arbitration rules, in several jurisdictions and applicable laws, in English, French and Italian.

Valentine also assists clients in enforcement and set-aside proceedings before French Courts.

Before joining MGC arbitration, Valentine worked in a leading international law firm for more than ten years and at the ICC International Court of Arbitration where she supervised hundreds of arbitration proceedings with parties from all over the world in virtually all commercial sectors.

She has been a co-chair of ArbIt (2017-2018), Board member of ArbitralWomen (2017-2019) and is currently one of the reporters for France of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration.

Valentine holds law degrees from Paris II University and Robert Schuman University in Strasbourg. She is admitted to the Paris Bar.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Representing an Italian group in an ICC arbitration regarding the construction of a plant in the Netherlands (seat: Milan (Italy); applicable law: Italian; language: English).
- Representing an Italian group in an ICC arbitration relating to the construction of a plant in Iran (seat: Geneva (Switzerland); applicable law: Iranian; language: English).
- Representing Italian investors in an ICSID case against the Republic of Albania on the basis of the ECT.
- Representing Italian investors in the enforcement of an ICSID award in France.
- Representing an Italian company in set aside proceedings of an ICC arbitral award before French Courts.
- Representing a leading French company in the tourism industry in an ICC arbitration (seat: Paris (France); applicable law: Italian; language: Italian).
- Representing a leading French company in the tourism industry in an ICC arbitration (seat: Milan (Italy); applicable law: Italian; language: French).
- Representing a French company in an ICC arbitration relating to the construction of a plant in Iran (seat: Paris (France); applicable law: Iranian; language: English).
- Representing an Italian company in the tourism industry in an ICC arbitration (seat: Paris (France); applicable law: Tunisian; language: French).
- Representing an Italian company in the gas industry in an arbitration before the Foreign Trade Court of Arbitration of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia relating to the sale of natural gas compressors (seat: Belgrade (Serbia); applicable law: Serbian; language: English).
- Representing an Albanian company in an ICC arbitration relating to the construction of a dam in Albania (seat: Paris (France); applicable law: Italian; language: Italian).
- Representing a US manufacturer of furnaces in an ICC arbitration relating to the sale of furnaces in the nuclear energy sector (seat: Brussels (Belgium); applicable law: French; language: English).
- Representing two Italian companies in the railway sector in a VIAC arbitration relating to the termination of a contract for force majeure (seat: Vienna (Austria); applicable law: Russian; language: English).
- Representing a French company in the sugar industry in an ICC arbitration relating to the construction of conditioning silos (seat: London (UK); applicable law: English; language: English).
- Representing an Italian company in the renewable energies sector in an ICC arbitration relating to a JV dispute (seat: Paris (France); applicable law: Italian; language: English).
- Representing an Italian company in the aeronautical sector in an ICC arbitration arising out of the termination of a supply contract (seat: Frankfurt (Germany); applicable law: German; language: English).
- Acting a co-arbitrator in a CPAM case (seat: Paris (France); applicable law: French; language: French).
- Acting as Sole Arbitrator in an ICC case (seat: Paris (France); applicable law: Cameroon; language: French).
- Acting as Sole Arbitrator in an ICC case (seat: Paris (France); applicable law: French; language: English).

- Acting as Sole Arbitrator in an ICC case (seat: Geneva (Switzerland); applicable law: Swiss; language: French).
- Acting as co-arbitrator in an ICC case (seat: Geneva (Switzerland); applicable law: Swiss; language: English).
- Acting as Sole Arbitrator in an ICC case (seat: Paris (France); applicable law: French; language: French).

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Paris Arbitration Week – CEPANI40 & CFA40, “Due process and virtual hearing: is the marriage going to last after covid?”, 24 September 2021.
- Paris Arbitration Week – Kroll, “Construction Disputes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region”, 24 September 2021.
- Webinar, Atelier AFJE, “Les biais inconscients dans les professions du droit”, 16 December 2020.
- Certificate in International Arbitration, Università degli Studi Roma Tre, 7th edition, “Drafting the arbitration clause”, 23 September 2020.
- ArbIt Webinar, “Force Majeure and Other Contractual Remedies in a Time of Pandemic: A French perspective”, 3 June 2020.
- 7th Biennial Conference on Construction Projects from Conception to Completion, 1-2 November 2019, Berlin (Germany).
- Arbit turns 10, 4 October 2019, Rome (Italy).
- Certificate in International Arbitration, Università degli Studi Roma Tre, 6th edition, “Drafting the arbitration clause”, 17 September 2019, Rome (Italy).
- Italian Embassy in France, Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne – Università degli Studi Roma Tre, “Sguardi incrociati sull’arbitrato internazionale”, 24 June 2019, Paris (France).
- XI Belgrade Arbitration Conference, “Legal privilege and arbitration”, 4 April 2019, Belgrade (Serbia).
- Third Global Conference of the Co-chairs’ Circle (co-organiser), 18 May 2018, Rome (Italy).
- YPCP Conference, “Management of a construction arbitration case”, 8 January 2018, Paris (France).
- ArbIt/ArbitralWomen joint conference, “New Frontiers and Challenges in International Arbitration: from Stone Age to Artificial Intelligence”, 6 December 2017, Milan (Italy).
- IBA 6th Construction Projects from Conception to Completion Conference, “Top tips for the best awards in construction disputes”, 14-16 September 2017, Brussels (Belgium).
- 29th Annual ITA Workshop, “Recent developments in France and Switzerland”, 14-16 June 2017, Dallas (Texas, U.S.A.).
- Joint event AIA/Arbit, “Advocacy and legal Privilege in International Arbitration”, 23 June 2017, Rome (Italy).
- CIARB European Branch Conference, “The parties’ and counsel’s legal background and its impact on arbitral practice”, 28-29 April 2017, Rome (Italy).
- Luiss University, “Recent developments in France and the new ICC Rules”, 27 April 2017, Rome (Italy).
- ICC YAF/ICDR Y&I/Young ICSID, “2016’s hot topics: change is in the air”, 8 December 2016, Paris (France).
- ICC YAF, “The emergency arbitrator in the ICC Rules”, 8 April 2016, Thessaloniki (Greece).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- V. Chessa, N. Barysheva; ITA Arbitration Report for France – KluwerArbitration; since 2015.
- V. Chessa, N. Barysheva, A. Camillacci; ICCA research project Does a Right to a Physical Hearing Exist in International Arbitration?; National Report for France; 2020.
- V. Chessa, N. Barysheva, M. Matousekova, The Legal 500: International Arbitration Country Comparative Guide, France Chapter; 2020.
- V. Chessa, N. Barysheva, M. Matousekova; The International Arbitration Review, France Chapter (Law Business Research, 2020).
- V. Chessa, N. Barysheva, M. Matousekova; The International Arbitration Review, France Chapter (Law Business Research, 2019).
- V. Chessa, A. Musella; GAR Know how - Construction Arbitration 2018 – Italy.
- V. Chessa, A. Musella; GAR Know how - Construction Arbitration 2017 – Italy.
- V. Chessa, A. Musella; GAR Know how - Construction Arbitration 2016 – Italy.
- V. Chessa, A. Mourre; in Commentario breve al diritto dell’arbitrato nazionale ed internazionale by Massimo V. Benedettelli, Claudio Consolo, Luca G. Radicati di Brozolo; Parte II Titolo II. La convenzione arbitrale.
- V. Chessa, N. Barysheva; Impecuniosity And Denial Of Justice: Walking On Eggshells; Kluwer Blog; 16 November 2016.
- V. Chessa; ICC Arbitration, New Rules for a New Era in Current Issues and Future Challenges in International Arbitration; International Bar Association (IBA) ebook; 2016.
- V. Chessa; Non-Participating Parties and Burden of Proof: French Cour de Cassation Quashes a Paris Court of Appeal Decision Refusing Enforcement. Yukos Capital v. Tomskneft; Kluwer Blog; 3 August 2015.
- V. Chessa, A. Mourre; A comparative Approach to the Standards of Review of Arbitral Awards under Substantive Public Policy, in Liber Amicorum dedicated to Professor Jerzy Rajski; 2015.
- V. Chessa, J. Fouret, A. Musella; Enforcement of Investment Treaty Arbitration Awards - Chapter Italy; Globe Law and Business; 2015.
- V. Chessa; Report on a conference held in Rome in July 2014 on the new IBA Guidelines on Party Representation; Global Arbitration Review; 25 July 2014.
- V. Chessa, S. Migliorini; Arbitrato e Concorrenza, Limiti e Prospettive di una Convivenza; Bocconi Legal Papers N°3; June 2014.

- V. Chessa, A. Mourre; The New French Arbitration Law: Innovation & Consolidation; Dispute Resolution Journal; May-July 2011.
- V. Chessa; Arbitrators' Discretion and Powers with respect to Evidence; Quaderni dell'Arbitrato N°1 La Prova nell'Arbitrato Internazionale; 2010.