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As a dual-qualified lawyer, Aditi Durand assists her clients across a broad range of matters and sectors, in French law and English law. She acts as counsel and co-counsel in arbitration proceedings spanning multiple jurisdictions, *ad hoc* and under the auspices of institutions including the ICC, the LCIA, the AAA and the GAFTA. She also represents clients before the French courts in arbitration-related matters including for annulment proceedings against arbitral awards, and before courts exercising their powers in support of arbitration. Aditi also accepts appointments as arbitrator and has experience as administrative secretary allowing her to have a comprehensive understanding of proceedings.

In addition, Aditi has significant experience in banking and finance, and structured finance and extensive knowledge of financial analysis. From this she draws a deep understanding of complex quantum issues and financial disputes.

Bar admissions

Avocate au Barreau de Paris (2018)
Solicitor of England & Wales (2022)

Languages

French (native)
English (native)
Spanish (intermediate)
Italian (intermediate)

Education

Harvard Online
Certificate in Financial Analysis and Valuation for Lawyers, 2025

BPP Law School, London
LL.B. Honours, 2020

BPP Law School, London
Graduate Diploma in Law, 2016

Université Paris X Nanterre
Master 2, *Droit des affaires Contentieux des affaires*, 2013

Université Paris X Nanterre
Master 1, *Droit international et européen*, 2012

Université Paris X Nanterre
Master 1, *Droit des affaires – Contentieux des affaires*, 2012

London School of Economics (LSE) Certificate in Corporate Law and Governance, 2011

Experience

AD Litigation, Paris, 2026 to date, *Avocate*, Solicitor and arbitrator

rory.legal, Paris, 2021 to 2025, *Avocate*, Solicitor and administrative secretary

LPA-CGR Avocats, Paris, 2018 to 2021, *Avocate*

Clifford Chance, Paris, 2018, Trainee

ODDO BHF, Paris, 2017, Trainee followed by In-house counsel

Eversheds Sutherland France, Paris, 2014, Trainee

DLA Piper, Paris, 2013, Trainee

Reinhart Marville Torre, Paris, 2012, Trainee

Professional engagement

Member of the Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG) at the LCIA, Member of the Young ICCA Group at the International Council for Commercial Arbitration, events for ICC YAAF, Moot coach

Experience

Arbitration

Co-counsel in a LCIA (London Court of International Arbitration) arbitration seated in LCIA-DIFC (LCIA-Dubai International Financial Centre), representing a leading Saudi corrosion testing company in a dispute with minority shareholders of a major subsidiary. The claim amounted to OMR 4.3 million. English law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.

Counsel in two LCIA (London Court of International Arbitration) arbitrations, representing a Saudi company against an English company in a dispute over the payment of a debt arising from a share purchase. The claim amounted to SAR 9 million. English law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.

Co-counsel in a LCIA-DIFC (London Court of International Arbitration-Dubai International Financial Centre) arbitration, representing the acquirers of a company against a director and shareholder. The claim amounted to USD 5 million. English law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.

Co-counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a Chadian contracting party in a complex dispute against a multinational corporation involving breaches of six framework contracts. The claim amounted to USD 12.5 million. English law applied. The proceedings were conducted in both English and French.

Co-counsel in an AAA (American Arbitration Association) arbitration, representing a French kitchen equipment distributor against a US supplier in a dispute concerning the abrupt termination of a commercial relationship. The claim amounted to USD 2 million. French law and New York law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.

Counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a West African reinsurer in a dispute against a reinsurer and a shareholder. The claim amounted to EUR 5 million. The laws of a West-African country applied. The proceedings were conducted in French.

Co-counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in London, representing a Middle Eastern energy company in a dispute related to the rehabilitation of a power plant in the GCC region. The claim amounted to EUR 140 million. English law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.

Co-counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a subcontractor in a dispute against the main contractor for a power plant construction project in North Africa. The claim amounted to EUR 32 million. French law applied. The proceedings were conducted in French.

Co-counsel in an LMAC (Lebanese Mediation and Arbitration Center) arbitration seated in Beirut, representing a digital security company against a Dubai investment company in a dispute related to a loan investment. The claim amounted to USD 800,000. Lebanese law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.

Arbitration

Counsel in several *ad hoc* arbitrations, representing companies operating in the retail sector. The claims ranged from EUR 500,000 to EUR 4 million. The Tribunal had to adjudicate *ex aequo et bono*. The proceedings were conducted in French.

Counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing two Spanish companies in a dispute against an Emirati contractor in the construction sector concerning a project in Algeria. The claim amounted to EUR 750,000. French law applied. The proceedings were conducted in English.

Co-counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a West African subsidiary of an oil group in a dispute with a trader concerning the supply of heavy fuel oil. The claim amounted to USD 2,7 million. French law applied. The proceedings were conducted in French.

Co-counsel in an ad hoc arbitration seated in Paris, representing an oil company in a dispute with a partner concerning the long-term supply of natural gas and the construction of a pipeline in the Middle East. The claim exceeds USD 450 million. French law applies.

Counsel in an arbitration and appeal before GAFTA (Grain and Feed Trade Association), representing a company in a dispute related to the sale of rice in Senegal. The claim amounts to USD 2 million. English law applies. The proceedings are conducted in English.

Counsel in an arbitration and appeal before GAFTA (Grain and Feed Trade Association), representing a company in a dispute related to the sale of corn in Algeria. The claim amounts to USD 9 million. English law applies. The proceedings are conducted in English.

Co-counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a West African company in a dispute against two companies and a state concerning refineries and the supply of petroleum products. The claim amounted to EUR 400 million. The laws of a West African country applied. The proceedings were conducted in French.

Co-counsel in the pre-litigation phase and in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a German company in a dispute against companies and individuals concerning an investment contract and misrepresentation. The claim amounts to EUR 7 million. French law applies. The proceedings are conducted in English.

Counsel in an ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) arbitration seated in Paris, representing a company in a dispute against a French industrial group related to a commercial agency agreement. The claim amounts to USD 800.000. French law applies. The proceedings are conducted in English.

Conciliation / Mediation

Counsel in several CMAP (*Centre de médiation et d'arbitrage de Paris*) conciliation and mediation proceedings, representing companies operating in the retail sector. The claims ranged from EUR 500,000 to EUR 4 million. The Tribunal had to adjudicate *ex aequo et bono*. The proceedings were conducted in French.

Counsel in a CMAP (*Centre de médiation et d'arbitrage de Paris*) conciliation and mediation, representing a franchisee against a franchisor. The claim amounted to EUR 1,5 million. The Tribunal had to adjudicate *ex aequo et bono*. The proceedings were conducted in French.

Annulment procedures before French Courts

Counsel in a challenge to an ICC arbitral award handed down in Paris, representing a West African subsidiary of an oil group in a dispute with a trader concerning the supply of heavy fuel oil. The challenge was based on the arbitrator's alleged failure to disclose information.

Co-counsel in a challenge to an ICC arbitral award handed down in Paris, representing two Spanish companies in a dispute against an Emirati contractor. The challenge was based on the award being contrary to public policy.

Assisted a team representing a company in an application for the enforcement of a foreign arbitral award in France, and in a subsequent challenge to that award.

Involved in a challenge to an arbitral award which adjudicated against a state regarding soil pollution remediation.

Administrative Secretary

Administrative Secretary to the Arbitral Tribunal in an ICC arbitration seated in Abuja, Nigeria, in the context of a concession. The dispute involves a claim of EUR 21 million.

Business law (general)

Counsel to a holding company in the health equipment and facilities sector that acquired shares in a company in the context of an IPO, with a view to avoid disputes between shareholders and management. English law applied.

Counsel to an event management company that obtained a concession for a sporting tournament in the Middle East, regarding the application of a limitation of liability clause. English law applied.

Counsel to an audit, accounting and consulting firm in the pre-litigation phase of a dispute against a network due to data access cuts and network withdrawal. English law applied.

Counsel to a website and application development company in a dispute with a company following the failure to perform a service contract. English law applied.

Counsel in pre-litigation negotiations regarding the commissioning and supply of electricity to a power plant and several contracts governed by Chadian law.

Counsel to a company against a counterparty in the renegotiation of a contract and price escalation clauses for the storage of petroleum products. French law applied.

Assisted a team representing a French telecommunications company before French courts in a dispute relating to the abrupt termination of commercial relationships, distribution contracts, and misleading and unfair commercial practice.

Assisted a team representing pharmaceutical companies and French nationals before French courts in complex and serial litigation concerning product defects, pharmaceutical product defects, and manufacturer and distributor liability.

Assisted a team representing a company in an internal arbitration concerning exclusive beer distribution contracts.

Assisted a team representing racers in proceedings before the Court of Arbitration for Sport relating to a motorsports' competition.

Counsel assisting a company in negotiations following a dispute arising from the validity and application of a non-compete clause in a business introduction contract.

Counsel to two companies that had formed a consortium regarding the validity and application of a non-recourse clause.

Counsel assisting a company in negotiations on a contract and a demand guarantee in the field of civil aviation.

Banking and Finance

Advised banks, investment funds, insurance companies, and corporate groups on their investments and acquisitions, transaction structuring, and related security packages for investments with real estate underlying assets or share deals.

Advised Société Générale in connection with the financing for the acquisition of the Corelog logistics asset portfolio by the GreenOak Real Estate fund.

Advised Helaba in connection with the financing and acquisition of the La Coupole building by DEA Capital Real Estate France.

Advised AAREALBANK AG in connection with the financing and acquisition of the Crystal Park building by Samsung Securities and Groupe La Française, for an investment totaling 691 million euros.

Advised The Student Hotel (TSH) in connection with the financing of two hotel residence construction projects in Paris and Toulouse for a total amount of 82 million euros.

Advised Primonial Reim in connection with the financing and acquisition of the Le Jour building for the SCPI Primopierre.

Advised PBB Deutsche Pfandbriefbank and Scor Investment Partners in connection with the financing and acquisition of the Gaspard building.

Advised Crédit Suisse and La Banque Postale in connection with the acquisition of the Inspira building.

Advised and provided Vendor Due Diligence for Groupe Casino in connection with the sale of Leader Price stores and warehouses in France for 735 million euros.

Advised PBB Deutsche Pfandbriefbank in connection with the financing and acquisition of the WellWest building by Schroder Real Estate.

Advised banks, investment funds, insurance companies, and corporate groups on banking law, corporate law, and structured finance matters; negotiated and drafted financing agreements and security packages.

Legal counsel involved in the implementation of AMF (French Financial Markets Authority) regulations, particularly concerning laws and regulations relating to financial instruments, investment vehicles, and investment services.

Legal counsel responsible for negotiating and drafting contracts for investment service providers, for the distribution and management of these services, for investment advice, and for custody services.

Legal counsel responsible for negotiating and drafting IT hosting agreements, software licensing and maintenance contracts, and confidentiality agreements for an investment group.