



Maria Paschou

OVERVIEW

Maria Paschou is an Associate at Queritius. She is a Greek qualified lawyer with experience in international and domestic dispute settlement, focusing on international commercial and investment treaty arbitration.

Maria advises and represents corporations and states in international commercial arbitration and investor-state disputes. She has worked extensively on complex arbitration and litigation matters, ranging from investment treaty cases to contractual disputes across the construction, energy and natural resources, retail and consumer goods, and telecom sectors. On the advisory front, Maria has negotiated and drafted complex commercial contracts and has valuable experience in contract, corporate, IP/IT, and privacy law.

Maria is a researcher at the Athens Public International Law Center (Athens PIL) and the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) International Arbitration Moot Coach of the National & Capodistrian University of Athens Law School. She holds an LLB from the Democritus University of Thrace, an LL.M. in Public International Law from the National & Capodistrian University of Athens, as well as a MIDS LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement from the University of Geneva and the Geneva Graduate Institute.

ARBITRATION

- Counsel to an international MEP contractor on a DIFC-LCIA construction arbitration concerning a real estate (hospitality) development project in Dubai, UAE
- Counsel to an international MEP contractor on an LCIA construction arbitration concerning a real estate (commercial) development project in Dubai, UAE
- Advisor to a foreign investor in the Middle East on the initiation of investment arbitration proceedings over adverse changes in the law
- Advisor to a construction company in an ICC BoP arbitration concerning a steel complex in Algeria
- Assisting Counsel to a European State in an ICSID arbitration (ECT) arising out of a petroleum development contract
- Assisting Counsel to a foreign investor in an ICSID arbitration arising out of the construction of a golf resort

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BAR ADMISSIONS

- Greece

- Arbitral Secretary and Assistant to Tribunals hearing commercial arbitration disputes

LITIGATION

- Assisting Counsel to a construction company in the setting-aside proceedings of a 40 million ICC award with respect to a 2004 Olympic Games-related project
- Assisting Counsel to a US search engine in disputes concerning the removal of allegedly defamatory content, IP-owned content, and personal data appearing online
- Assisting Counsel to oil and gas company in lawsuits by its minority shareholders
- Assisting Counsel to a food and beverages company in distribution disputes

PUBLICATIONS

- Investor-State Arbitration Laws and Regulations 2022: Greece' (co-authored) in: ICLG.com, available [here](#) (2022)
- Initial Stages of a Dispute: The State's Perspective' (co-authored) in: GAR Guide to Investment Treaty Protection and Enforcement, available [here](#) (2022)
- Annulled Awards as Persuasive Precedent in Investment Arbitration' in: Arb Dossier, available [here](#) (2020)
- The EU's Proposal for an Investment Court System: Does It Really Solve the Problem?' in: Diatisia & Diamesolavisi 2/2020 (2020)

Assistant Editor of Scherer, Bassiri, et al (eds), 'International Arbitration and the COVID-19 Revolution', Wolters Kluwer, 2020

EDUCATION

- LL.B. from the Democritus University of Thrace, 2017
- LL.M. in Public International Law from the University of Athens, 2018
- MIDS LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement from the University of Geneva and the Geneva Graduate Institute (2020)

LANGUAGES

English | Greek