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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Niuscha Bassiri is a partner at Hanotiau & van den Berg in Brussels.

For more than two decades, she acts as arbitrator and counsel in numerous international arbitrations under the major arbitral institutions and arbitration rules (CEPANI, DIFC-LCIA, DIS, ICC, LCIA, NAI, Swiss Rules, SCC, SIAC, UNCITRAL, VIAC) governed by various procedural and substantive laws, including ad hoc. The arbitrations in which she has been involved concern State-entities and private entities alike, spanning a multitude of sectors such as banking, construction, energy, entertainment, finance, food and beverage, highways, infrastructure, insurance, luxury and leisure, maritime equipment, metallurgical industry, mining, nuclear power plants, oil & gas, pharmaceuticals, railways, real estate, satellites, solar power plants, steel, telecommunication, third-party funding, transportation, watches, wind parks and yachts and relating to diverse legal issues including corruption, distributorship, investment, joint ventures, licensing, patents, post-M&A, sales of goods and shareholdings.

Her training as a District Court and Court of Appeal judge in Germany gives Niuscha Bassiri relevant insight to judicial approach.

Her diverse and vast experience has led her to become a sought-after strategic adviser on setting-aside and enforcement matters, in particular under the New York Convention regime. She appears as counsel before EU Member State courts, also representing sovereign States.

As a mediator, she has successfully concluded an ICC mediation in an international post-M&A matter.

Niuscha Bassiri is a member of the faculty of the University of Miami White & Case International Arbitration LLM program. She was a Visiting Senior Fellow at the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law and a guest lecturer in the Geneva LLM in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) program. She was a long-time lecturer in the master's program of the ICHEC Business and Management School in Brussels on International Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution. She has given lectures at the ICC's ePIDA Training on International Commercial Arbitration in 2020. Since 2020, she has been a faculty member of the CIArb's Virtual Diploma on International Commercial Arbitration program. In 2023-2024, she is sharing her expertise as the Co-Chair and faculty member of the ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for Eastern Europe. She is also the Chair and faculty member of the Delos Dispute Resolution's Writing Awards Course. As a member of the ICC Task Force Addressing Issues of Corruption in International Arbitration, she is a Co-coordinator of one of the tracks, focussing on the use of technology detecting red flags and other indicia.

Niuscha Bassiri regularly speaks at leading conferences and seminars on international arbitration. She publishes on relevant matters concerning international arbitration, such as efficiency in investment arbitration, arbitrators' nationality, EU consumer law and arbitration, enforcement of awards rendered in ODR, default arbitration proceedings and arbitrators and their online identity. She is the co-editor and author of various landmark books, amongst them

International Arbitration and the COVID-19 Revolution, as well as *Arbitration in Belgium*, the sole English-language commentary on the Belgian arbitration law. She is also a co-author in the leading German language commentary on the ICC and DIS Rules. Amongst others, she has led the task force on the Young ICCA Guide on Arbitral Secretaries and translated from English into German *ICCA's Guide to the Interpretation of the 1958 New York Convention*.

Niuscha Bassiri is a member of the Advisory Board of CyberArb and the Indian Review of International Arbitration, a member of the CEPANI Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of International Arbitration, a member of the CIAM Award Scrutiny Commission, a Court Member of the Casablanca International Mediation And Arbitration Center (CIMAC), a member of the IBA Investment Arbitration as well as the IBA Rules and Guidelines Sub-Committees, a member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law, the ICCA-IBA Joint Task Force on Data Protection in International Arbitration Proceedings and a member of the SIAC Users Council. She is also a member of ASA, CEPANI, BVI International Arbitration Centre panel of arbitrators, DIS, IBA, ICCA, India International Arbitration Centre, LCIA, and the SIAC panel of arbitrators. Currently, she is a Mentor in the Young-ICCA Mentoring Programme.

Niuscha Bassiri is a former member of the International Board of the Finnish Arbitration Institution (FAI), the Appointing Committee of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS) as well as the ICC Task Force on Emergency Arbitrator Proceedings and a former Vice-President of the Belgian Chapter of the Club Español de Arbitraje. She was the Chair of the Jury of the CEPANI Academic Prize 2021.

Niuscha Bassiri attended the Universities of Cologne and Barcelona. She is admitted to the Cologne Bar and is a member of the Brussels Bar. She holds German and Iranian nationalities. She is a native German and Farsi speaker, with fluency in English and a working knowledge of Dutch, French and Spanish.

Niuscha Bassiri has received many professional accolades, recognizing her as one of the best in international arbitration. Since 2014, she has been praised in Who's Who Legal—Arbitration. Already in 2016, she was ranked in the top 20 practitioners worldwide by *WWL: Future Leaders – Arbitration*, described by peers and clients as an “extremely sharp arbitrator and counsel”, which followed by praising her “clever and sophisticated advocacy”. Since 2018, Who's Who Legal—Arbitration has acknowledged Niuscha Bassiri as a Thought Leader and Global Leader. Over the years, peers and clients commented on her being “super-organised and insightful”, as well as “extremely knowledgeable in investment arbitration”. The arbitration community acknowledged her arbitrator career by describing her as an “elegant and skillful arbitrator” who has deep “experience in international commercial arbitration and construction” disputes, and is an “excellent arbitrator; top speaker and extremely knowledgeable in investment arbitration”. She continues to be “[h]ighly recommended for her leading investment and commercial arbitration expertise” and has been described as a “very smart and hard-working lawyer” and a “brilliant arbitrator”, who is “sharp, quick and attentive to details”, “has an abundance of hands-on experience” and “excellent experience in investment arbitration and energy-related disputes”. Who's Who Legal—Arbitration 2024 states that “Niuscha is able to handle tricky situations as arbitrator with finesse and sound judgment” and that she is “very experienced in investment arbitration”. Observers of her work also state that “her skills as an arbitrator are so polished she shines.”

EXPERIENCE

HANOTIAU & VAN DEN BERG, BRUSSELS

Partner from January 2012 to present; Associate from April 2006 to December 2011

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW, MIAMI

Member of the Faculty of the LLM International Arbitration Program from 2020 to present

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE

Visiting Senior Fellow 2021

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (MIDS), GENEVA

Member of the Faculty of the LLM program 2021

ICHEC BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT SCHOOL, BRUSSELS

Lecturer from January 2009 to 2021 in *International Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution*

ROBERT KNUTSON, LONDON

Associate from October 2003 to March 2006 with focus on construction arbitration

WILMER CUTLER PICKERING HALE AND DOOR, LONDON

Associate from September 2002 to September 2003; Intern from January 2002 to May 2002

EDUCATION

HIGHER REGIONAL COURT OF COLOGNE

Legal Training and Second Legal State Examination July 2002

UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA

Erasmus Scholarship September 1996 to July 1997

UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE

September 1993 to January 2000

First Legal State Examination January 2000

NATIONALITIES

German and Iranian