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EXPERTISE

Nadia Ohlhoff-Smahi, LL.M., is a Senior Associate in the Litigation and Arbitration group of our Geneva office. Her practice focuses on international and domestic arbitration as well as cross-border and domestic litigation. She represents parties and acts as Arbitrator in numerous arbitration proceedings, both *ad hoc* and institutional. She also represents and advises clients in civil litigation, including in relation to the challenge, recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and court decisions in Switzerland. In addition, she has experience in representing and advising clients in intellectual property matters, in particular trademarks, patents, copyrights, designs and unfair competition law disputes.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2023	Senior Associate at Lenz & Staehelin
2018-2023	Associate/Senior Associate at a Swiss business law firm
2017-2018	Associate at a Swiss business law firm
2015-2016	Trainee Lawyer at Lenz & Staehelin
2017	Admission to the Geneva Bar
2016	University of Geneva (MLaw)
2014	University of Geneva (Certificate of Advanced Legal Studies)
2013	Stockholm University (LL.M in International Commercial Arbitration Law)
2011	University of Geneva (BLaw)

SPECIALIST AREAS

Litigation and Arbitration, Commercial and Contracts, Intellectual Property

LANGUAGES

French, English, German

MEMBERSHIPS

Geneva Bar Association (OdA), Swiss Bar Association (SBA), Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), Swiss Arbitration Association Below 40 (ASA Below 40), Association Internationale de Jeunes Avocats (AIJA), ArbitralWomen, LCIA



Young International Arbitration Group (LCIA YIAG), Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Alumni Association (MAA), International Commercial Arbitration LL.M. Alumni Association (ICAL AA)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Ohlhoff-Smahi N., Panorama de jurisprudence suisse – Swiss Arbitration Case Law Review, in: Les Cahiers de l'Arbitrage – The Paris Journal of International Arbitration; 4/2022; 4/2021; 2/2020; 3/2019; 3/2018; 4/2017; 3/2016; 3/2015; 4/2014; 3/2013
- Ohlhoff-Smahi N., New Claims and Amended Claims in International Arbitration – Finding Landmarks in Navigating the Tribunal's Discretion, in: SchiedsVZ Zeitschrift für Schiedsverfahren/German Arbitration Journal 2/2022
- Ohlhoff-Smahi N., Applying "Foreign" Mandatory Laws in International Arbitration Despite the Parties' Choice of Law: A Necessary Evil?, in: ASA Bulletin 3/2021
- Ohlhoff-Smahi N., Due Process Under the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration, in: ASA Bulletin 4/2020
- Ohlhoff-Smahi N., Propriété intellectuelle et horlogerie – Résumé du Rapport sur l'Aropiade 2017 du 14 sep-tembre 2017, in: sic! – Revue du droit de la propriété intellectuelle, de l'information et de la concurrence, sic! 2019
- Ohlhoff-Smahi N., The Arbitrator's Liability and Immunity Under Swiss Law – Part II, in: ASA Bulletin 1/2017
- Ohlhoff-Smahi N., La responsabilité civile et l'immunité de l'arbitre en droit suisse, in: Magister, Bern (Editions Weblaw) 2016 (ISBN 978-3-906836-41-6), 2016
- Ohlhoff-Smahi N., The Arbitrator's Liability and Immunity Under Swiss Law – Part I, in: ASA Bulletin 4/2016

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Vice-President of the AIJA International Arbitration Commission
- Guest Lecturer at Stockholm University

REFERENCES

Nadia is a leading practitioner of her generation

Who's Who Legal – Arbitration Future Leaders 2023

She is extremely hard-working and clued up on arbitration process and procedure

Who's Who Legal – Arbitration Future Leaders 2023

Nadia is always well-prepared and very responsive

Who's Who Legal – Arbitration Future Leaders 2023

Nadia is very dedicated to her cases and clients

Who's Who Legal – Arbitration Future Leaders 2022

She is a hardworking practitioner with a great reputation

Who's Who Legal – Arbitration Future Leaders 2022

Nadia is a likeable, organised and helpful practitioner

Who's Who Legal – Arbitration Future Leaders 2022

She has deep knowledge, instinct and dedication

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Incredibly talented and easy to work with

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