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Ms. Haridi is a common and civil law trained trilingual lawyer whose practice focuses on complex international litigation and arbitration proceedings involving joint ventures, construction projects, international investments, service agreements, contracts, banking, and securities.

Ms. Haridi has been ranked by clients and peers in Chambers USA and Chambers Global for International Arbitration. She has been singled out by clients for her “brilliant,” “really, really phenomenal,” “no-nonsense and impressive” approach, and is noted for her “expert handling” of commercial, investor-state and public international law disputes, with “very good sense of diplomacy” using her fluency in Arabic and French to assist in a range of Middle Eastern and European matters. Sources also acknowledge her as being “hard-working and very entrepreneurial,” as well as a “unique practitioner with unique skills” who delivers “clear and intelligent arguments.” She is also recognized by The Legal 500, and by Who’s Who Legal: Global Elite Thought Leaders – Arbitration 2021.

Ms. Haridi has significant experience representing corporations and financial institutions from the United States, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, and Asia, and has represented parties in proceedings under the arbitration rules of all the major arbitral institutions.

She is currently serving as an officer in a number of arbitral organizations, including as Court Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, representing Egypt, Co-Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association and Vice President of the LCIA Arab Users' Council. Ms. Haridi also regularly sits as arbitrator in international proceedings and is a frequent speaker at conferences around the globe.

Ms. Haridi is a dual-qualified (United States/England & Wales) lawyer, and is admitted to practice in the U.S. in the states of New York and California. She is native in French and Arabic and fluent in English.



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Practices

Litigation and Arbitration
 International Arbitration
 International Trade and Investment
 Alternative Dispute Resolution

Education

LL.M., University of San Diego
 D.E.A., University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne
 Maîtrise en Droit, with honors, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne

Awards/Rankings

Who’s who, International Arbitration
 Global Elite Thought Leaders
Chambers USA, and *Chambers Global*,
 International Arbitration
Legal 500 U.S.
 Burton Award for Legal Achievement
 (Excellence in Legal Writing)

Selected Representative Experience

Arbitrator Experience

- Acting as co-arbitrator (appointed by the Claimant) in *BRIF TRES d.o.o. Beograd and BRIF-TC d.o.o. Beograd v. Republic of Serbia* (ICSID Case No. ARB/20/12) in relation to a dispute involving the construction of a shopping mall in Belgrade.
- Chairing an *ad hoc* arbitration brought by investors pursuant to the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments Among Member States of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, against a North African government, involving allegations of expropriation of an investment in the host country.
- Acting as co-arbitrator in an ICC dispute (Qatari law, London seat) related to the construction of the Doha Qatar international airport.
- Chairing a Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration arbitral tribunal (Egyptian law, Cairo seat) hearing a FIDIC construction dispute between a leading hotel management company and a construction company involving alleged breaches of a contract for the execution of mechanical infrastructure contract work in a luxury hotel in Cairo, Egypt.
- Acting as co-arbitrator in an ICC dispute between a multinational beauty company and a distributor (New York law, New York seat) regarding the distribution of luxury products in Brazil
- Acting as sole arbitrator in a AAA/ICDR arbitration (New York law, New York seat) between a UK-based international voice and IP solutions provider and a Lebanese telecommunications provider in a dispute involving alleged breaches of a telecommunications services agreement.
- Acting as co-arbitrator in AAA-ICDR arbitration (New York law, New York seat) regarding allegations of breach of a supply agreement, involving a manufacturer of fluorescent leak detection and UV equipment and a manufacturer of plastic injection molding.
- Chairing a Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration arbitral tribunal (Egyptian law, Cairo seat) hearing a dispute under Egyptian law between an Egyptian EPC contractor and a Spanish manufacturing group regarding a supply agreement in the oil & gas field.
- Chairing a Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) arbitral tribunal (UAE law, Dubai seat) hearing a construction dispute between a United Arab Emirates real estate developer and an Indian national regarding a large real estate project in Dubai.
- Acting as co-arbitrator in an ICDR dispute between a French alcoholic beverages company and a US wine and spirits distributor (New York law, New York seat) related to the alleged breach of a distribution agreement.

Memberships

Member, ICC Court of Arbitration

Co-Chair, Arbitration Committee,
International Bar Association

Vice President, LCIA Arab Users' Council

Member, SIAC Users Council

Co-editor-in-chief, ICC Dispute
Resolution Bulletin

Equal Representation in Arbitration
Pledge, Steering Committee Member

Executive Committee Member,
Foundation for International Arbitration
Advocacy (FIAA)

Member, French-American Bar
Association (FABA)

Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the Cairo
Regional Centre for International
Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA)

Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the
International Centre for Dispute
Resolution (AAA/ICDR)

Member, Panel of Arbitrators of the
Dubai International Arbitration Center
(DIAC)

Member, Advisory Council of Africa
Arbitration (AA)

Editorial Board Member, Kluwer Journal
of International Arbitration

Member, Arbitral Women

Member, New York International
Arbitration Club

Bar Admissions / Qualifications

New York

California

England and Wales

Languages

French (native)

Arabic (native)

English (fluent)

- Acting as sole arbitrator in an ICC arbitration (New York law, Los Angeles seat) between two members of a partnership regarding allegations of wrongful termination of buyout payments for partnership interest following a merger.
- Acting as co-arbitrator in an ICC arbitration (English law, London seat) between a U.S. international health services provider and a Kuwaiti medical center regarding the alleged breaches of a contract for the provision by the US party of know-how, intellectual property and experience to prepare a private general hospital in Kuwait to open and operate.
- Acting as co-arbitrator in a dispute (English law, Dubai seat) involving a U.A.E. armored vehicle manufacturer and an Iraqi security service provider in a DIFC-LCIA arbitration regarding the supply of armored vehicles for use by a multinational oil company in Iraq.
- Acting as Emergency Arbitrator in AAA/ICDR dispute (New York law, New York seat) between a Swiss electromechanical repair and consulting company operating in the aviation industry, and a US developer of Brain Fingerprinting technology relating to allegations of fraudulent inducement and IP right violations in connection with a partnership agreement between the parties.

International Commercial Arbitration Experience

- Representing a French car maker in JAMS arbitration proceedings governed by California law against a film production company in relation to the placement of the car's brand and logo in a major motion picture.
- Representing a French disposable consumer products manufacturer in a SIAC dispute under Indian law against an Indian former joint venture partner in relation to the French company's failed investment in India.
- Representing a Chinese footwear distributor in ICDR arbitration proceedings governed by New York law against a Brazilian manufacturer in relation to allegations of unlawful termination of a distribution agreement.
- Representing a U.S. commercial retailer against its Middle East distributor in three (3) separate DIFC-LCIA arbitration proceedings under the UNCITRAL arbitration rules, and governed by Saudi and Yemeni laws, involving allegations of unlawful termination of distribution and manufacturing relationships covering the territory of Yemen. Representation involves securing favorable interim relief remedies before the DIFC Courts in Dubai.
- Representing a leading China-based conglomerate, and its affiliates in an AAA-ICDR arbitration proceeding under Delaware law (San Francisco seat) brought by former business partners in relation to a

Citizenships

Egyptian
American

failed US-based online travel agency.

- Representing a Canadian construction company in a large *ad hoc* construction arbitration under the UNCITRAL arbitration rules, and governed by Saudi law, against a Saudi project developer. The dispute related to allegations of delay in performance and resulting damages.
- Representing a Djiboutian company in ICDR arbitration proceedings governed by Texas law against a U.S. government contractor for breach of contract for the performance of personnel recruitment and management at a U.S. Navy base in Djibouti.
- Representing a Spanish contractor in a Paris-based ICC arbitration under Greek law involving the upgrade of an oil refinery in Greece.
- Representing a hotel management company in a London-based ICC arbitration under the laws of the UAE relating to a hotel in the UAE.
- Representing a large international organization in an international commercial arbitration pursuant to the UNCITRAL arbitration rules involving a contractual dispute with an aircraft vendor servicing a Mission in South Sudan.
- Representing a large international organization in an international arbitration proceeding under the UNCITRAL arbitration rules filed by a former vendor, alleging that the organization had wrongfully terminated that vendor's contracts and improperly removed it from its vendor roster.
- Representing a Polish chemical manufacturer in a London-based ICC arbitration under New York law relating to the termination of a supply agreement.
- Representing a large Japanese telecommunications company an ICC arbitration under English law with a voice termination services provider involving alleged breaches of an international voice service agreement.
- Representing a hotel management company in a Paris-based ICC arbitration relating to a hospitality project in Lebanon under the laws of Lebanon.
- Representing a Malaysian joint venture in a dispute under the LCIA arbitration rules related to the supply of equipment to an offshore oil platform in Qatar.
- Representing a French car maker in JAMS arbitration proceedings governed by California law against a film production company in relation to the placement of the car's brand and logo in a major motion picture.
- Representing an Emirati hospitality company against a Mexican construction company in an *ad hoc* arbitration governed by Mexican

law and administered by the PCA, under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, in relation to allegations of delay in the construction of a hotel in Mexico.

- Representing a Hungarian energy company in an UNCITRAL arbitration proceeding administered by the PCA, in relation to allegations of corruption and related efforts to terminate agreements to acquire shares of a large energy company in Croatia.

Investment Treaty Arbitration Experience

- Representing American investors in a potential ICSID arbitration proceeding against the Kingdom of Morocco in connection with the expropriation of a landfill management contract in Casablanca.
- Representing Hungary in an ICSID arbitration under the Hungary-Portugal BIT in relation to the bankruptcy of the investor, and the handling of an insolvency process by Hungarian officials and court.
- Representing an American investor in an ICSID arbitration proceeding against a North African government in connection with the expropriation of a hotel and resort in the host state.
- Representing a Hungarian energy company in an ICSID arbitration under the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) involving the company's investments in the Croatian domestic energy sector.
- Advising a high-net worth, dual national regarding potential investment claim against the Arab Republic of Egypt under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.
- Representing an American investor in an ICSID arbitration proceeding against Oman in relation to the expropriation of a limestone quarry.
- Representing a Lebanese investor in a potential ICSID arbitration proceeding against a South Caucasus government in connection with an expropriation of a waste management contract.

Selected Published Works

“COVID-19 and Energy Disputes.” *International Arbitration and the COVID-19 Revolution*, Kluwer Law International (2020)

“Security for Costs and Claim Under the ICC Rules of Arbitration: Rare but Possible.” *ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin* (2020 – Issue 2)

Chapter Publication “*the Agreement on Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments Among Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)*.” *World Arbitration Reporter* (2019)

Chapter, “*Article 26 of the Convention on The Settlement of Investment Disputes Between States and Nationals of Other States*,” published in “the ICSID Convention, Regulation and Rules – A Practical

Commentary," Edward Elgar Publishing (2019)

Chapter Publication "*Enforcement of ICSID Awards*" published in "International Arbitration in the United States." *Wolter's Kluwer*, (2017)

"*Public Policy: Can the Unruly Horse be Tamed?*" *The International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation, and Dispute Management*, (02.2017)

"*Using New York Fora to Enforce Judgments After Motorola Credit Corp. v. Standard Chartered Bank and Daimler AG v. Bauman.*" *New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer (NYSBA)*, (04.2016)

"*Towards Greater Gender and Ethnic Diversity in International Arbitration.*" *International Arbitration Review of the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution*, (02.2016)

"*The Public Policy Exception Under the New York Convention: The Unruly Arabian Horse in the Middle East Region.*" *Transnational Dispute Management*, (03.01.2015)

"*Enforcement of International Arbitration Awards in New York.*" *New York Law Journal*, (04.2013)

"*Set-Aside Actions in France Under the New 2011 Arbitration Law.*" *IBA Newsletter*, (09.2012)

"*Syria and Lebanon Strengthen Investment Ties Despite Political Uncertainty and Instability.*" *International Dispute Resolution Alert*, (08.2011)

"*The Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) Newly Revised Arbitration Rules: Incorporating the New UNCITRAL Model Rules of 2010 and Expanding the Centre's Role as an Appointing Authority.*" *Transnational Dispute Management*, (03.2011)