

CHRISTOPHER CHINN, FCIArb
Independent International Arbitrator



Nationalities: USA, FRANCE
Residence: Paris, France

Avocat, Paris (2013)
Solicitor, England and Wales (2010)
Attorney at Law, New York (2005)

LANGUAGES

English (native), **French** (fluent), **Polish** (basic)

EXPERIENCE

Chinn Arbitration, Paris, France (June 2017-present)
Arbitrator and Counsel.

Arbitrator in international arbitrations under the rules of the AAA/ICDR, DIAC, HKIAC, ICC, KCAB, LEWIATAN, SAKIG, SIAC, SWISS ARBITRATION CENTRE, and UNCITRAL under common law and civil law legal systems in the French, English, and Polish languages. Matters have included disputes in the construction, energy, hospitality, shipping, sale of goods, commercial, merger and acquisition, executive compensation and shareholder sectors involving States, individuals and international corporations. Applicable laws have included those of Belgium, Dubai/UAE, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Korea, Poland, Romania, Singapore, Switzerland and the United States.

Counsel to international corporate clients. Matters as counsel have included construction arbitrations seated in the UAE subject to Abu Dhabi and Dubai law, an ICC arbitration seated in Lebanon (FIDIC Conditions of Subcontract), a QICCA arbitration seated in Doha (FIDIC Red Book) and a SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore. Provided legal advice in ICC and other institutional arbitration proceedings. Non-contentious matters have included international M&A transactions under English law and rendering New York and French law legal advice.

Mayer Brown, Paris, France (July 2014–June 2017; 3 years)

Associate. Counsel in ICC, SIAC, LMAA and Ad Hoc commercial and construction arbitrations conducted in English and French, including for and against MENA and West African state entities. Successfully acted for both Employers and Contractors in FIDIC disputes. Prepared advisory memoranda in relation to investor-state claims in ICSID and NAFTA arbitrations. Obtained significant FIDIC dispute board decision related to landmark project in West African state.

Hafez, Paris, France (November 2011–February 2014; 2 years 4 months)

Associate. Counsel in ICC, CRCICA and Ad Hoc commercial and construction arbitration proceedings, including disputes arising out of shareholder agreements and hotel management agreements. One of lead drafters of largest successful delay and disruption (FIDIC) statement of claim in CRCICA arbitration proceedings.

Baker & McKenzie LLP, New York, New York (2006–2011; 5 years)

Associate, Counsel in U.S. state and federal complex litigation and anti-trust proceedings; research and drafting in international commercial and investor-state arbitration.

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Covington & Burling, New York, New York (2005– 2006; 1 year)
Staff Attorney; U.S. Contract, Securities, and Regulatory Disputes.

Rust Consulting, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2004–2005; 6 months)
Law Clerk; U.S. Real Estate Law.

Minnesota Human Rights Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2004; 3 months)
Law Clerk; Public International Law.

Coudert Brothers, Paris, France (1999- 2001, Summer 2003; 2 years)
International Arbitration Trainee.

Shearman and Sterling LLP, Paris, France (Summer 2002; 3 months)
International Arbitration Trainee.

U.S. Embassy, Paris, France (Summer 1998; 3 months)
Economics Section Intern, U.S. Department of State.

Supreme Court of Hawai'i, Honolulu, Hawai'i (Summer 1997; 3 months)
Summer Extern Law Clerk, Justice Steven Levinson.

EDUCATION

FAI/FAA Arbitration Masterclass
2026, Certificate

ADR ODR International
2024, Certificates, Accredited Civil/Commercial Mediator;
Online Dispute Resolution and AI Course

SCC/SAA Diploma Course for International Arbitrators
2024, Certificate

International Academy for Arbitration Law
2011 Finalist for the Laureate of the Arbitration Academy

University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota
JD, May 2004, Dean's List 2002-2004, Jessup International Moot Court

University of Lyon, Jean Moulin III Law School, Lyon, France
Spring Semester 2003 French Civil Law and European Union Law Courses

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
B.A., History, May 1999, Distinction in History

Punahou School, Honolulu, Hawai'i
Diploma with Honors, June 1995

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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING APPEARANCES

Moderator, Krakow, 24 April 2026, CIArb European Branch Annual Conference: International Arbitration and the Rule of Law, “Panel 3 – International arbitration and waiver of fundamental rights.”

Moderator, Paris, 27 March 2026, Arbitration Week, “Arbitration along the Belt and Road: An East-West Dialogue on Comparative Insights and Future Synergies.”

Speaker, Paris, 24 March 2026, Arbitration Week, “To annul, or not to annul, that is the question.”

Moderator, Budapest, 27 September 2025, 3rd ArbCEE Arbitration Retreat, “Academic session 4: Annulment Ground – Art. 34(2)(a)(iv), UNCITRAL Model Law.”

Speaker, London, 13 May 2025, The Arbitration Summit 2025, “Analysing the Synergies and Differences of Arbitration Across Different Sectors.”

Moderator, Athens, 25 April 2025, CIArb European Branch Annual Conference, “Emerging trends in the resolution of construction disputes.”

Speaker, Vienna, 12 April 2025, Finland Arbitration Institute Conference at the Vis Moot, “The Dark Side of the Energy Transition: Risks and Disputes in Renewable Energy Projects.”

Speaker, Paris, 10 April 2025, Arbitration Week, “Arbitration in and with Japan: where are we now?”

Speaker, Prague, 6 March 2025, ICC Prague Arbitration Day 2025, “Practice as Arbitrator in a Large Firm and as Independent Practitioner in a Boutique Firm – Conflict of Interest and Other Challenges.”

Moderator, London, 27 September 2024, China Arbitration Week European Chapter, “New Regulations and Arbitration.”

Delegate, Vienna, September 2024, 49th Session of UNCITRAL Working Group III on Behalf of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)

Moderator, Copenhagen, 19 April 2024, CIArb European Branch Annual Conference on Sanctions in International Arbitration: Challenges, yes, but also opportunities?, “Sanctions and Arbitrators.”

Ingeborg Schwenzer, Cesar Pereira & Christopher Chinn, “Chapter 8 - 2019-2020 Water Turbines,” in **Danubia Files 2: Lessons from the Vis Moot** (Kee et al., Jus Mundi 2024).

Speaker, Bangkok, 9 November 2023, Thai ADR Week, “ADR as a Catalyst for International Investment and Economic Growth”

Delegate, Vienna, September 2023, 78th Session of UNCITRAL Working Group II on Behalf of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)

Speaker, Paris, 8 September 2023, China Arbitration Week Paris Session, “From Contracts to Arbitration: New Challenges of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) in the International and Business Environment”

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Moderator, Paris, 10 February 2023, CIArb European Branch (France Chapter) and London Branch Joint Conference on the Impact and Future of Technology in International Arbitration, “GDPR and cybersecurity: Document Management and Production in the Electronic Age – Is It Different Everywhere Else?”

Christopher Chinn, “Some Reflections on Arbitration Hearings in the COVID-19 Era,” in **Arbitration Bulletin** (Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw, June 2021), Issue 27.

Speaker, Warsaw, 19 February 2021, SAKIG and AFM Below 40 Webinar, “Virtual Hearings in Arbitration: Recent Experiences.”

Speaker, Paris, 22 September 2020, CIETAC China Arbitration Week 2020 Webinar, “Virtual Meetings in the COVID-19 Era: Chinese and French/European Perspectives.”

Speaker, Istanbul, 4 December 2019, Perspectives of the Hearing: The ISTAC Approach, “Panel 2 – Use of Evidence: Witnesses and Documents.”

Christopher Chinn, “Understanding Chinese State-Owned Entities,” in **ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin** (International Chamber of Commerce, 2019), Issue 2.

Alejandro Lopez Ortiz, Patricia Ugalde-Revilla & Christopher Chinn, “The Role of National Courts in ICSID Arbitration,” in **ICSID Convention After 50 Years: Unsettled Issues** (Crina Baltag ed., Kluwer 2017).

Arthur Rovine and Christopher Chinn, “Balancing the State’s Regulatory Rights with the Investor’s Jurisdictional Rights in International Arbitration,” in **New Horizons of International Arbitration: Collection of Essays** 132 (Anton V. Asoskov, Alexander I. Muranov and Roman M. Khodykin eds., Nauka Prawa 2015).

Christopher Chinn, “Arbitration: International Justice in an Era of Globalization,” Finalist for the Laureate of the Arbitration Academy 2011 (Prize Winning Essay), **International Academy for Arbitration Law**, available at <http://arbitrationacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Christopher-Chinn-1.pdf>

Contributor, **Baker & McKenzie International Litigation and Arbitration Alerts** newsletter (2006–2010).

Grant Hanessian and Christopher Chinn, “The U.S. Model for International Class Action Arbitration,” (2009) 75 **Arbitration: The International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management**, No.3, 400.

David Zaslowsky and Christopher Chinn, “The American Red Cross Dispute,” **Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice**, 2009, Vol. 4, No.2, 91.

Arthur W. Rovine and Christopher Chinn, “The International Arbitrator’s Duty to Investigate Conflicts: The United States Approach,” **Transnational Dispute Management** (transnational-disputemanagement.com), July 2008, Vol. 5, issue 4.

Christopher Chinn, “Arbitration of Antitrust Claims in the United States and Europe,” (2008) 74 **Arbitration: The International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management**, No.4, 439.

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Researched and edited leading arbitration textbook with W. Laurence Craig, **International Chamber of Commerce Arbitration**, 3rd Edition, 2000.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

CIArb

- European Branch Executive Committee (2019-present); Vice-Chair (2024-present)
- Approved Faculty List 2020-present (In-person lectures and webinars for Headquarters in London, European Branch, London Branch, France Chapter and Qatar)

Arbitrator Panels

- AIAC Panel of Arbitrators and AIAC Academy Tutors Panel
- BICAM Panel of Arbitrators
- BVI IAC Panel of Arbitrators
- CAIP List of Arbitrators
- CIETAC Panel of Arbitrators
- CRCICA Arbitrator Panel
- Delos Arbitrator Network (Arbitrator)
- DIAC qualified arbitrator
- eBRAM Panel of Arbitrators and Panel of Neutrals, eBRAM Panel of Mediators
- HKIAC List of Arbitrators
- ICDR Panel of Arbitrators
- JCAA Panel of Arbitrators
- KCAB Panel of Arbitrators
- LEWIATAN Court of Arbitration, List of Recommended Arbitrators
- NZIAC Panel Member
- OAC Panel of Arbitrators
- PMAC List of Neutrals of the Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre
- SAKIG List of Recommended Arbitrators of the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw
- SIAC Panel of Arbitrators
- THAC Panel of Arbitrators
- VCCA (Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration) Panel of Arbitrators

Other Associations

- ArbCEE
- CEPANI
- Comité français de l'arbitrage (CFA)
- European Chinese Arbitrators Association (ECAA)
- Society of Construction Law (SCL) France
- Swedish Arbitration Association (SAA)
- Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- Ukrainian Arbitration Association (UAA)
- Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Arbitrator)