

MELANIE VAN LEEUWEN



Melanie van Leeuwen joined Derains & Gharavi as a partner in 2011. Who's Who Legal France 2016 commends Melanie for her *'exceptional talent and her precision and accuracy'* listing her *'as a leading light in the energy, media and construction sectors'* while the 2017 edition considers her to be *'one of the best in France.'* Legal 500 2017 lists Melanie as *'an excellent strategist who has a profound knowledge of investment law and impresses by the outstanding quality of her written and oral pleadings.'*

Melanie has solid experience as counsel and arbitrator in numerous international arbitrations under all major sets of arbitration rules (ICC, LCIA, SCC, ICDR, ICSID, PCA, UNCITRAL, DIAC, NAI, CEPANI and Swiss Rules) and governed by various procedural and substantive laws.

She has been appointed to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and Conciliators by the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Melanie has handled arbitrations arising out of international commercial contracts, cross-border investment, joint ventures, M&A and investment protection under international law. She has been particularly active in the sectors of energy, media, information and communication technology, construction and engineering, and infrastructural and defense projects. She also regularly represents clients in annulment, enforcement and consolidation proceedings before the Netherlands state courts. Before joining Derains & Gharavi, Melanie practiced international arbitration and commercial litigation with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and Loyens & Loeff.

- Appointed to the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators by the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Vice Chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee
- Member of the ICC Arbitration Commission
- Member of the Supervisory & Advisory Board of the Netherlands Arbitration Institute
- Member of the Board, Paris, the Home of International Arbitration
- Member of the Swiss Arbitration Association
- Member of the LCIA
- Member of the ICCA