

Sophie GOLDMAN



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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Sophie Goldman focuses on complex civil and commercial litigation, both in national and international setting, relating to, among others, partnership agreements, service contracts, distribution, directors' liability in various sectors such as aeronautics, insurance, energy, biotechnology, distribution of industrial products and construction.

A major part of her practice consists in national and international arbitration. She regularly acts as counsel or as arbitrator in ICC and CEPANI proceedings.

WORKING LANGUAGES

French, English

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2004 | Bachelor of Laws (<i>candidate en droit</i>) of the Free University of Brussels (Magna Cum Laude) |
| 2007 | Master of Laws (<i>Licenciée en droit</i>) of the Free University of Brussels (Magna Cum Laude)
Erasmus at the Free University of Amsterdam (following classes from the LL.M. in International Public Law) |
| 2008 | LL.M in International Public Law of the King's College London |
| 2008 | Member of the Brussels Bar |

2008-2009	Associate at STIBBE
2009-2012	Associate at TOSSENS & PRIOUX
2013-2016	Senior associate at STRELIA
2016 -	Founding Partner of TOSSENS GOLDMAN GONNE

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AND TITLES

2008 - 2019	Assistant Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the Free University of Brussels (contract law and tort law)
Since 2017	Teaching "Droit commercial international et résolution des conflits internationaux" at ICHEC Brussels Management School (together with E. Villano)

SELECTED RECENT EXPERIENCE AS ARBITRATOR

- Chair of the Arbitral tribunal in ICC proceedings opposing a French company active in cosmetics to its Spanish distributor about the termination of an exclusive distribution contract.
- Co-arbitrator of the Arbitral tribunal in ICC proceedings opposing an Indonesian company to a Dutch company about the execution of a contract with respect to the sale of molasses.
- Co-Arbitrator of the Arbitral tribunal in CEPANI proceedings opposing a Belgian company to an Italian company in a commercial dispute in the food sector.
- Sole arbitrator in an ICC proceeding concerning a dispute between a French company producing wood preservation products and a German company relating to the execution of a distribution contract.

SELECTED RECENT EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRAL PROCEEDINGS

- Representing a Belgian company active in the oil sector in CEPANI arbitration proceedings deciding a contractual dispute about the transfer of a plant
- Representing a leading Belgian company in the energy sector in various disputes, including ICC arbitration proceedings and national courts litigation, in particular in the recovery of a damage caused to power plant and in a complex contractual dispute about windturbines plants in Belgium

OTHER SELECTED RECENT COUNSEL EXPERIENCE IN OTHER MATTERS

- Sophie has represented a Canadian company active in the PVC business in its claim against a Belgian group for the termination of a distribution contract

- Representing a leading French insurance company in various losses in the aeronautical maintenance sector
- Representing a French group acting as General Sales and Services Agent in its dispute against an airline company for the early termination of an agency agreement
- Representing a leading European industrial group in its dispute against a Belgian public entity in the implementation of a public procurement contract of software for managing an electricity distribution network
- Representing a Belgian company active in the oil sector in a dispute against an international group on unfair commercial practices and violations of intellectual property rights (including an action for injunction and a descriptive seizure).

INTERNATIONAL RANKING

- Ranked as « Future leader” in International Commercial Arbitration in the “Who’s who legal: Arbitration” 2018, 2019 and 2020
- Ranked as “Rising Star” among the Belgium best Arbitrators, Leaders League Directory, Arbitration and ADR, 2019-2020 Edition
- Tossens Goldman Gonne listed among the best Belgian law firms as “Excellent” in International Arbitration (Leaders League, Arbitration and ADR, 2019-2020 Edition)

OTHER EXPERIENCES AND TITLES RELATED TO ARBITRATION

- Co-Chair of CEPANI40 (since 2017)
- Member of the CEPANI delegation at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (since 2017)
- Attendance of various training programs in arbitration:
 - Spring 2015: Cepani Arbitration Academy
 - January 2015: Young ICCA Brussels workshop
 - October 2013: ICC Advanced PIDA Training on International Commercial Arbitration
 - March 2012: ICC training on "the 2012 ICC Rules of Arbitration"
- Co-editor in chief of the CEPANI Newsletter (2016 - 2019)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Note on the Brussels Court of Appeal decision of 3 December 2012, (with Jean- François Tossens), *b-Arbitra*, 2013/2, p. 433 et seq.
- *Annulment of awards*, note on the Cour de Cassation decision of 7 November 2013 and the Brussels Court of Appeal decision of 6 December 2011 (with Jean-François Tossens), *b-Arbitra*, 2014/1, p. 221 et seq.
- *Dans quel délai le recours en annulation d'une sentence arbitrale doit-il être introduit?* Note on the Brussels Court of first instance decision of 19 June 2014, *b-Arbitra*, 2016/1, p. 93 et seq.
- *Comment appréhender le déséquilibre contractuel en droit commun* (with Stephanie Lagasse) in « Le droit des contrats ». Questions choisies (UB³), Bruxelles, Larcier, 2016.
- *Violence, lésion qualifiée et dominance économique*, *R.G.D.C.*, 2017, liv. 4, 216-22.
- *La perte d'une chance à la croisée des chemins*, *R.C.J.B.* 2019, liv. 4, p. 191-211 (with R. Jafferli)
- *Les litiges post-acquisitions: questions choisies de fond et de procédure* in « L'arbitrage et les sociétés » (with Didier Leclercq) (Bruxelles, Larcier, 2019).
- *How are arbitration clauses received by Belgian law and Belgian courts, like bricks or butter?* *Liber Amicorum CEPANI – 50 years of solution* (with Sigrid Van Rompaey) (Bruxelles, Larcier, 2019).
- *Les clauses abusives et les contrats de distribution*, *Les clauses abusives B2B après la loi du 4 avril 2019* (Bruxelles, Larcier, to be published) (with S. Griess)

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