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### AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

**Sophie Goldman** focuses on complex civil and commercial litigation, both in national and international settings, relating to, among others, distribution, partnership agreements, service contracts, post-M&A disputes, directors' liability, in various sectors such as distribution of industrial products, food industry, energy, biotechnology and construction.

A major part of her practice consists in national and international arbitration. She regularly acts as counsel or as arbitrator (sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator or chair) mainly in ICC and CEPANI proceedings.

### WORKING LANGUAGES

French, English

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>2016</b>	Founding Partner of TOSSENS GOLDMAN GONNE
<b>2013-2016</b>	Senior associate at STRELIA
<b>2009-2012</b>	Associate at TOSSENS & PRIoux
<b>2008-2009</b>	Associate at STIBBE
<b>2008</b>	Member of the Brussels Bar
<b>2008</b>	L.LM in International Public Law of the King's College London
<b>2007</b>	Master of Laws at the Free University of Brussels (Magna Cum Laude) Erasmus at the Free University of Amsterdam
<b>2004</b>	Bachelor of Laws at the Free University of Brussels (Magna Cum Laude)

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Member of the Jury of the CEPANI Scientific Prize (2023)
- Coeditor-in-chief of the Belgian Commercial Journal ("*Revue de droit commercial*") - Dispute resolution section (since 2022)
- Teaching "*International Commercial Disputes*" at the Solvay Summer School (since 2018)
- Teaching International Commercial Law and International Commercial Dispute Resolution at the ICHEC Brussels Management School (together with E. Villano, from 2017 to 2020)
- Assistant Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the Free University of Brussels (Contract Law, from 2008 to 2019)

## INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS IN ARBITRATION

- Ranked "Up and Coming" in International Arbitration by *Chambers & Partners*
- Ranked "Global Leader" in International Commercial Arbitration by *Who's Who Legal*
- Ranked "Highly recommended" among Belgium's best arbitrators, *Leaders League* Directory, Arbitration and ADR
- Ranked in the *Legal 500 Arbitration Powerlist: Benelux*
- The firm Tossens Goldman Gonne is listed among the best Belgian law firms as "Excellent" in International Arbitration by *Leaders League* and as "Firm to watch" by *Legal 500*

## OTHER EXPERIENCES AND TITLES RELATED TO ARBITRATION

- Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR (since 2018)
- Member of the CEPANI delegation at the United Nations Commission on International Trade law (since 2017)
- Co-Chair of the CEPANI Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (since 2021)
- Member of CIArb Benelux Committee (since 2021)
- Previous Co-Chair of CEPANI40 (from 2017 to 2022)

## SELECTED RECENT EXPERIENCE AS ARBITRATOR

- Chair of an arbitral tribunal in CEPANI proceedings relating to the termination of a services agreement
- Co-arbitrator in proceedings before the Arbitration Center of the Chamber of Commerce of Luxembourg relating to a post M&A dispute
- Sole Arbitrator in ICC proceedings relating to the execution of a subcontract for the execution of construction works in Algeria
- Co-Arbitrator in the first CSAR (Belgian Center for Sport Arbitration) proceedings related to the withdrawal of a football club's license to play in professional Belgian and European competitions
- Sole Arbitrator in CEPANI proceedings regarding a dispute between shareholders (application of a "bad leaver" clause)
- Chair of an arbitral tribunal in ICC proceedings opposing a company active in cosmetics to its Spanish distributor about the termination of an exclusive distribution contract
- Co-arbitrator of an 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 in CEPANI proceedings opposing a Belgian company to an Italian company in a commercial dispute in the food sector
- Sole Arbitrator in CEPANI proceedings relating to a post-M&A dispute
- Sole Arbitrator in ICC proceedings relating to the execution of a distribution contract, opposing a French company to its German distributor
- Sole Arbitrator in CEPANI proceedings relating to the execution of a services contract

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Ongoing major publication in arbitration ("*Répertoire Pratique du Droit Belge*" collection for Larcier, with G. Croisant), to be published in 2024
- *Les Modes alternatifs de règlement des conflits entre actionnaires*, Vanham & Vanham Seminar, 2023
- « Diversity and inclusion in Arbitration: Do more than the Pledge! But how? », in *The CEPANI & NAI approach towards Topical Trends in Arbitration. Reports from the Fourth*

*joint CEPANI - NAI Colloquium held on 22 April 2022 (with B. Korthals)*

- « La confirmation du contrôle de l'absence de contradiction dans les motifs par le juge de l'annulation sous l'ancien régime », *b-Arbitra*, 2022/2
- « 'A wind of change' dans l'arbitrabilité des litiges relatifs à la résiliation des contrats de concession exclusive à durée indéterminée » in *Liber Amicorum Xavier Dieux*, Larcier, 2022
- « Le contrôle de l'absence de contradiction dans la motivation des sentences arbitrales par le juge de l'annulation : la relance du débat ? », *b-Arbitra*, 2020/1
- « Le contrôle de la motivation des jugements et arrêts par le Cour de cassation et le contrôle de la motivation des sentences arbitrales par le juge de l'annulation : du pareil au même ? », in *Liber Amicorum Paul-Alain Foriers: entre tradition et pragmatisme*, Bruxelles, Larcier, 2021
- « Les clauses abusives et les contrats de distribution », in *Les clauses abusives B2B après la loi du 4 avril 2019*, Bruxelles, Larcier, 2020
- « How are arbitration clauses received by Belgian law and Belgian courts, like bricks or butter? » (with S. Van Rompaey) in *Liber Amicorum CEPANI – 50 years of solution*, Bruxelles, Larcier, 2019
- « Les litiges post-acquisitions: questions choisies de fond et de procédure » (with D. Leclercq) in *L'arbitrage et les sociétés*, Bruxelles, Larcier, 2019
- « Faut-il créer une Brussels International Business Court ? » (with G. Croisant et J. Pieret), *E-legal*, 2019/2
- « La perte d'une chance à la croisée des chemins » (with R. Rafferalli), *R.C.J.B.*, 2019/4
- « Violence, lésion qualifiée et dominance économique », *R.G.D.C.*, 2018/4
- « Comment appréhender le déséquilibre contractuel en droit commun ? » (With S. Lagasse), in *Le droit des contrats. Questions choisies (UB<sup>3</sup>)*, Bruxelles, Larcier, 2016
- « Dans quel délai le recours en annulation d'une sentence arbitrale doit-il être introduit? Note sous Tribunal de Première instance francophone de Bruxelles 19 juin 2014 », *b-Arbitra*, 2016/1

#### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (ON ARBITRATION RELATED TOPICS)**

- *Les modes alternatifs de résolution des conflits entre actionnaires* - Vanham & Vanham Seminar, Brussels, March 2023

- *The CEPANI & NAI approach towards Topical Trends in Arbitration* - CEPANI & NAI joint Colloquium, Rotterdam, 2022
- *Meet the experts!* – CEPANI40 Webinar, 2022 (moderator)
- *Legitimacy in and of Arbitration* - Co-Chairs' Circle Global Conference, Brussels, 2022 (organizer and speaker)
- *Due process & Virtual hearing: is the marriage going to last in the Post-Covid World?* - CFA40 and CEPANI40 joint seminar, Paris, 2021 (moderator)
- *Breaking into international arbitration* – ICC YAF seminar, Prague, 2019
- *Arbitral Parents: Managing Parenthood in the Context of an International Practice* - YAWP seminar, Zurich, 2019
- *Les sociétés et l'arbitrage* - CEPANI Conference (50th Anniversary), Brussels, 2019

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