

Tanya Landon

Independent Arbitrator



Tanya Landon is a trusted arbitrator in high-stakes international disputes. She has over 20 years of experience at leading international law firms in Geneva and Paris, where she acted as counsel and arbitrator in a broad range of commercial and investment arbitrations across diverse industries and institutional rules.

Now practicing independently as an arbitrator, Tanya brings to every dispute a combination of deep legal expertise, sound judgment, strong case management skills and an unwavering commitment to excellence, fairness and integrity.

Tanya is admitted to the New York bar, is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the Executive Committee of FIAA, and serves on the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Arbitration Centre. A dual national of Canada and France with longstanding ties to Switzerland, she handles common law and civil law disputes in both English and French.

BACKGROUND

Education:	McGill University, LL.B / B.C.L. – 2004 Columbia University, B.A. – 1998
Bar Admission:	New York
Nationality:	Canada; France
Languages:	Bilingual: English and French
Year of Birth:	1975
Maiden Name:	Whiteside

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sept. 2025 – Present	Independent Arbitrator, Landon Arbitration
Oct. 2010 – Aug. 2025	Sidley Austin LLP , Geneva, Partner (since 2014), Global Arbitration, Trade and Advocacy Group
Nov. 2005 – Sept. 2010	Winston & Strawn LLP , Geneva, Associate, International Arbitration Group
Mar. 1999 – Aug. 2001	Shearman & Sterling LLP , Paris, Paralegal & Paralegal Coordinator, International Arbitration & Corporate Finance Groups

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member, Arbitration Court, Swiss Arbitration Centre
- Lecturer, Masters in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS), Geneva (since 2013)
- Member, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- Member, Executive Committee, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA)
- Member, Swiss Arbitration Marketing Committee, ASA, LCIA, ICC Canada, Arbitral Women

MARKET RECOGNITION

- Chambers Global and Switzerland, Arbitrators, 2025:
 - *"Tanya Landon is an excellent lawyer and arbitrator who combines good judgement with diligence and superior oral and written communication skills."*
 - *"Tanya Landon has an eye for detail and, at the same time, can see the big picture and think strategically. She has extensive experience with complex arbitration matters."*
 - *"Tanya Landon has a good grasp of the commercial realities of a case."*
 - *"Tanya Landon is an excellent partner to work with. She has extraordinary expertise in international arbitration and is devoted to the case and client."*
- Legal 500 EMEA, Dispute Resolution: Arbitration – Switzerland, 2025:
 - *"Tanya Landon is highly intelligent, thoughtful and diligent. She is unflappable in challenging situations and pragmatic in finding solutions. Tanya also has excellent oral communication and drafting skills in English and in French."*
- Leaders League, International Arbitration, Switzerland, "Highly Recommended", 2025
- Who's Who / Lexology, National Leaders – Switzerland Arbitration, since 2019:
 - *"Tanya Landon comes highly recommended for her outstanding work in the field and is praised by peers as 'an excellent cross-examiner'."*
- Who's Who / Lexology Future Leaders – Arbitration, 2017-2023
- Europe Women in Business Law Awards, "Best in Commercial Arbitration", 2018
- American Lawyer, "Global Dispute of the Year Award: Commercial Arbitration (Europe)", 2017

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Broadcasting / IP

- Represented an investor in the broadcasting industry in a high-value investment arbitration (UNCITRAL Rules) against a Middle Eastern state under a multilateral investment treaty. (London seat)

Energy, Projects & Infrastructure

- Represented the Claimant in a high-value construction arbitration under the ICC Rules related to the cancellation of a nuclear power plant project in Eastern Europe. (Geneva seat; Bulgarian law)
- Represented a contractor against a Scandinavian counterparty in an ICC arbitration relating to breaches of an EPC Contract for a major energy project. (Paris seat; English law)
- Represented a Mongolian cement manufacturer in an ICC construction dispute against a Chinese contractor under an EPC Contract. (Hong Kong seat; Mongolian law)
- Represented an IT company in a dispute in Switzerland against an engineering company related to the construction of a data centre. (Geneva seat; Swiss law)
- Represented a Chinese company against a U.S. counterparty in enforcement proceedings related to an arbitral award concerning a shale gas purchase agreement. (U.S. law)

IT & Telecommunications

- Represented a Bermuda fund in a series of complex, high-value arbitrations concerning the telecommunications sector (ICC Rules, SCC Rules, ad hoc). (Zurich, Geneva, Stockholm seats; English and Russian law)
- Represented an IT supplier in a Swiss Rules arbitration against a bank relating to the provision of an IT platform. (Zurich seat; Swiss law)
- Represented an IT company in a dispute in Switzerland against an engineering company related to the construction of a data centre. (Geneva seat; Swiss law)

Joint Venture & Shareholder Disputes

- Represented a Lithuanian Claimant in an arbitration governed by the Rules of the Vilnius Court of International Arbitration against Cypriot and Lithuanian Respondents concerning a dispute under a partnership agreement. (Vilnius seat; Lithuanian law)
- Represented a Russian Claimant in an arbitration governed by the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration against a Central European joint venture partner relating to the metals industry and involving claims of fraud. (Geneva seat; Swiss law)

Life Sciences & Health Care

- Represented a global health care company in a Swiss Rules arbitration relating to the diversion of nutritional products to the U.S. grey market. (Zurich seat; Swiss law)
- Represented a U.S. pharmaceutical company in a post-M&A dispute against a French entity under the ICC Rules. (Paris seat; French law)
- Represented a Brazilian medical device manufacturer in an ICDR arbitration against a U.S. distributor arising out of a license and distribution agreement. (NY seat; NY law)
- Represented a global health care company in an ICC arbitration concerning claims under a license and distribution agreement relating to diagnostic testing, and enforcement proceedings to enforce favourable arbitral award. (London seat; Massachusetts law)

- Represented a U.S. biotech company in an ICC arbitration against a global life sciences company relating to claims under a license and collaboration agreement. (Washington, D.C. seat; NY law)
- Represented a French life sciences company in a CEPANI Rules dispute against a Belgian CMO related to breaches of a manufacturing agreement. (Brussels seat; Belgian law)

Maritime Insurance

- Represented a U.S. shipping company in an ad hoc arbitration concerning a dispute over maritime insurance coverage. (London seat; English law)

Metals & Mining

- Represented affiliates of the world's largest aluminium company in three complex, high-value arbitrations concerning disputes relating to barter agreements with an aluminium smelter in Central Asia under the ICC Rules, Swiss Rules, and SCC Rules. (Zurich and Geneva seats; Swiss, English, BVI and Russian law)
- Represented an Australian mining company and majority shareholder in investment arbitrations under two BITs against a European state relating to a coal mining project.
- Represented an Asian company against a Canadian counterparty in an ICC arbitration relating to a mining offtake agreement. (Montreal seat; Quebec law)

Post-M&A

- Presiding arbitrator in an ad hoc arbitration (UNCITRAL Rules) involving Canadian and French parties related to the performance of a guarantee in an SPA concerning the sale of real estate. (Geneva seat; French law; French language)
- Represented a U.S. pharmaceutical company in a post-M&A dispute against a French entity under the ICC Rules. (Paris seat; French law)
- Tribunal Secretary in an ad hoc arbitration between parties from the UK, Italy, and Zambia relating to a dispute arising out of a loan agreement. (Geneva seat; Swiss law)

Sale & Distribution Agreements

- Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration among Chinese, U.S. and Swiss parties concerning the sale of Covid 19-related medical equipment. (Geneva seat; Swiss law)
- Co-arbitrator in an ICC arbitration involving Swiss, Austrian and U.S. parties concerning a dispute under a distribution agreement for heavy machinery. (Vienna seat; Quebec law)
- Represented a Middle Eastern distributor in an ICC arbitration against a multinational beverage manufacturer relating to a distribution agreement. (Geneva seat; Swiss law)
- Represented a Taiwanese entity in a Swiss Rules arbitration concerning a dispute arising out of a supply agreement for garden products. (Geneva seat; Swiss law and CISG)
- Represented an Asian company against a European counterparty related to breaches of a sales contract for plastics products under the ICC Rules. (Geneva seat; Swiss law)
- Represented a U.S. wholesaler against a European food manufacturer in an ad hoc arbitration related to breaches of a sales and distribution agreement. (Geneva seat; Swiss law)
- Tribunal Secretary in an ICC dispute between U.S. and Spanish parties relating to claims under a sales contract for heavy machinery. (Geneva seat; U.S. law and CISG)

PUBLICATIONS

- "International Dispute Resolution 2.0: Innovative Tools to Empower Clients," 20 April 2023 (with David Roney)
- Book Review, "The Impact of Covid on International Disputes," Arbitration International, 7 January 2023 (with Katie von der Weid)
- Article, "Multi-Forum Strategies to Tackle Climate Change and Other Complex Problems: A Note from Practitioners," EJIL Talk, 1 November 2022 (co-author)
- Article, "Trends in International Arbitration: The Fallout from COVID-19," Pharmaceutical Technology Europe, 2 July 2022 (with Dorothee Schramm)
- Article, "Practical Tips for Handling Construction Claims and Disputes: Managing Documentary Evidence," Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 7 September 2018 (with Azal Khan)
- Article, "Remedies for Breach of the Arbitration Agreement – Dealing with Parties That Try to Circumvent Arbitration," International Comparative Legal Guide to: International Arbitration, Global Legal Group Ltd, London, 2015 (with Sabine Schnyder)
- Article, "Corruption as a Defence in International Arbitration: Are There Limits?," International Comparative Legal Guide to International Arbitration, Global Legal Group Ltd, London, 2014 (with Diana Kuitkowski)
- Article, "A Comparative Review of Emergency Arbitrator Provisions: Opportunities and Risks," International Comparative Legal Guide to International Arbitration, Global Legal Group Ltd, London, 2012 (with Marc Palay)
- Article, "Participation of Third Parties in International Arbitration: Thinking Outside of the Box," International Comparative Legal Guide to International Arbitration, Global Legal Group Ltd., London, 2011 (with Marc Palay)

PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "Arbitration Espresso: A Quick Shot of Arbitration in Canada", Baker McKenzie & ArbitralWomen, Toronto, 4 November 2025
- Lecturer, "Cross-Examination in International Arbitration", Africa Arbitration Academy, London, 13 June 2025
- Faculty Member, FIAA Workshop on Questioning of Fact Witnesses in International Arbitration for MIDS, Geneva, May 2025
- Lecturer, "Cross-Examination in International Arbitration", Africa Arbitration Academy, London, 26 June 2024
- Speaker, CILS Arbitration Symposium, "Is the New ICSID/UNCITRAL Code of Conduct for Arbitrators Useful or Harmful?", Salzburg, Austria, 6-9 June 2024
- Guest Lecturer, "Current Issues in International Arbitration", Stanford University, LL.M Colloquium on International Economic Law, Business & Policy, 10 April 2024
- Moderator, "A Report Card from Users – Is International Arbitration Making the Grade?", Swiss Arbitration Summit 2024, 1 February 2024
- Lecturer, "Initiating the Arbitration", Swiss Arbitration Academy, Online, 10 November 2023
- Lecturer, "Cross-Examination in International Arbitration", Africa Arbitration Academy, London, 13 June 2023

- Moderator, “New York and Swiss Perspectives on Arbitration: The Interplay of Arbitral Proceedings and Awards with the Courts”, Joint Swiss Arbitration / NYIAC Event, New York, 25 April 2023
- Speaker, Cambridge Arbitration Day, “Appropriate Appointing Mechanisms for a Multilateral Investment Court”, 15 April 2023
- Keynote Speaker, “Investment Arbitration and Climate Change Disputes: A certain friend in uncertain times,” MIDS Alumni Association 2nd Annual Event, Geneva, 18 November 2022
- Speaker, “Recent Reforms on Standards of Conduct, Transparency, Diversity, and Use of Technology,” ITESO Universidad Jesuit de Guadalajara Conference on Recent Trends in Commercial Arbitration, 9 November 2022
- Speaker, Sidley Breakfast Symposium, “The Energy Transition – Are We Ready for the Disputes on the Horizon?”, ICCA Congress, Edinburgh, 20 September 2022
- Lecturer, “Written Advocacy in International Arbitration”, Africa Arbitration Academy, London, 22 June 2022
- Lecturer, “Fundamentals in Good Legal Writing”, MENA Women in Law, Doha, Qatar, 19 March 2022
- Lecturer, “Cross-Examination and Written Advocacy in International Arbitration”, Africa Arbitration Academy, 21 October 2021
- Lecturer, “Practical Considerations for Pre-Arbitral and Arbitral Processes”, ELSA Athens Summer Law School, Online, August 2021
- Co-Organizer, Swiss Arbitration Launch Event, Geneva, 22 June 2021
- Lecturer, “Effective Witness Examination”, Gruppo ASA della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano, 16 May 2019
- Speaker, “Ethical Issues for WTO Litigants,” WTO, Geneva, 11 March 2019
- Organizer, Arbitration Flash Networking event, Geneva, 1 February 2019
- Faculty Member, FIAA Workshop on Questioning of Fact Witnesses in International Arbitration, Paris, June 2018
- Lecturer, “States and State-Owned Entities”, Swiss Arbitration Academy, Geneva, June 2018
- Speaker, “Construction Disputes: Practical Aspects to Consider When Drafting the Contract during its Implementation and in Case of a Dispute”, SCAI / Centro de Arbitraje de México, Geneva and Mexico City, 24 May 2018
- Organizer, ArbitralWomen SpeedNet event, Geneva, 3 February 2017
- Moderator, “Contracts and Disputes in MedTech and BioTech – Problems and Solutions”, In-House Counsel Seminar Geneva, 2 February 2017
- Speaker, “Making Your Case – Mastering Written Advocacy”, Young ICCA Skills Training Workshop, Berlin, 27 September 2016
- Lecturer, “Written Submissions in Arbitration – Drafting Pointers and Common Mistakes”, Swiss Arbitration Academy, Geneva, 6 June 2016
- Speaker, “Party Autonomy: Use It Wisely, Use It Efficiently”, ArbIt / ASA Below 40, Rome, 12 February 2016
- Workshop leader, “Managing the Hearing”, Swiss Arbitration Association Practice Seminar, Istanbul, 17 September 2015
- Speaker, “The Investment Chapter of the CETA between Canada and the European Union”, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners Spring Symposium, Paris, 25 June 2015
- Speaker, “The Arbitrator as Settlement Facilitator: Welcome Assistance or Inappropriate Interference”, Joint ASA / NYIAC Event, New York, 16 October 2014

- Moderator, “Court Assistance in International Arbitration – How to Use it Wisely and Efficiently”, ASA Below 40 Seminar, Geneva, 23 May 2014
- Moderator, “The Mechanics of Third-Party Funding of International Arbitration”, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners Fall Symposium, Toronto, 24 October 2013