

## Merlin Papadhopulli

Senior Associate

Paris

### Biography

As a quadrilingual senior associate in our International Arbitration group, Merlin focuses on cross-border commercial arbitration as well as investment treaty arbitration. With her multicultural background and language skills, she has a broad understanding of various regions of the world and is able to work on complex arbitrations involving multiple jurisdictions.

Merlin acts for clients from diverse industries in various countries as well as public entities in arbitrations under the major rules of arbitration and governed by various substantive laws. In particular, Merlin advises clients in the areas of distribution, joint ventures, energy and mining, TMT, with a particular focus on Africa and Southeastern Europe.

Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, Merlin was an associate in the dispute resolution team of a major international law firm in Paris.

### Representative experience

Representing a public mobile network operator in Southeastern Europe in ICC arbitration proceedings involving contractual claims concerning a mobile virtual network operator contract.

Representing a Spanish construction company in an ICSID arbitration against the Republic of Algeria under the Spain/Algeria BIT concerning the social housing program in Algeria.



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### Languages

French  
English  
Albanian  
Greek

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### Practices

International Arbitration  
Africa Regional Practice

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### Industries

Energy and Natural Resources  
Insurance  
Technology and Telecoms  
Sports, Media and Entertainment

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Representing a major oil and gas company and its West African subsidiary in two parallel ICC arbitrations concerning the distribution of its products in Benin.

Representing a Chinese mining exploration company in an ICC arbitration concerning the operation of a mining joint venture in Central Africa.

Representing a major insurance group in two parallel ICC and CACI arbitrations concerning the acquisition of shares in a major African insurance group.

Representing a State in Southeast Europe in a multimillion USD ICC arbitration arising from a dispute over the operation of the country's biggest onshore oilfield.

Representing a French engineering company in two arbitrations (ad hoc & ICC) against a State in Southwest Africa and a State-owned entity in East Africa.

## Areas of focus

Esports and Gaming

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Magistère in Business Law,  
Université Paris I Panthéon-  
Sorbonne, 2015

Master in Private International Law  
and International Business Law,  
Université Paris I Panthéon-  
Sorbonne, 2015

Master in Business Law, Université  
Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2014

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### Memberships

Co-chair, Paris Very Young  
Arbitration Practitioners

Member of Hogan Lovells' Paris-  
Afrique Group

Member of ICC YAF, Young ICCA,  
YIAG - LCIA

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### Bar admissions and qualifications

Paris

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