

ICC International Arbitration Court Names Its 1st Woman President

Claudia T. Salomon, an arbitration partner at Latham & Watkins in New York, is to start her term in July at the 97-year-old Paris-based body.

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Claudia T. Salomon, an arbitration partner at Latham & Watkins in New York, has been selected as the next president of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris, effective July 1, 2021.

If her nomination is confirmed by the ICC executive board, Salomon would become the first woman to head the Paris-based arbitration body in its 97-year history.

Salomon is global co-chairwoman of Latham & Watkins' international arbitration practice and has been vice president of the ICC Court since 2018. In the past she has served as co-chairwoman of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and the ADR Task Force on Financial Institutions and International Arbitration.

She was chosen by a selection committee of the ICC to succeed Alexis Mourre, the current president of the court, who is due to step down when his second three-year term ends in June 2021.

"It is a true honor and privilege to have been selected to succeed Alexis Mourre," Salomon said in a statement. "I look forward to building on Alexis' success to assure that the ICC Court remains the most preferred arbitral institution worldwide."

John W.H. Denton, the ICC secretary general, said that "in naming Claudia, the Selection Committee has put forward the best candidate to lead the ICC Court into its next century."

A graduate of Harvard Law School, Salomon joined Latham & Watkins as a partner in 2013. Before that, she practiced as a partner at DLA Piper and as an associate at legacy firm Squire, Sanders, with stints in the firm's offices in Phoenix and Prague, according to her LinkedIn profile.

While arbitration hubs are emerging around the world, Paris remains one of the most important historic centers of international dispute



Claudia T. Salomon

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resolution, a practice area that is thought likely to see increased activity as companies cope with the fall-out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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