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PROFESSIONAL OVERVIEW

Accomplished international arbitration lawyer with nearly 15 years' experience in sports, commercial and investor-state arbitration at an arbitral institution, a law firm, a dispute funder and legal tech company. Creative, a self-starter, collaborative, and a recognized thought-leader in my field, I enjoy applying my legal technical and business development skills to foster win-win solutions.

ARBITRATION/MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

ARBITRATOR

Sole Arbitrator, ICC Case No. 28301 PDP, Final Award 4 November 2024

Sole Arbitrator, AAA-ICDR Case No 01-23-0005-4307, pending

MEDIATOR

Acting as mediator in 10 litigated cases before the national courts in Quebec (2016-2019)

TRIBUNAL SECRETARY

Drafting awards, procedural orders, memoranda on questions relating to factual evidence and witness testimony as well as questions of law and advising members of the arbitral tribunal in over 50 arbitrations, including the following in sports arbitration:

SDRCC Doping Appeal Tribunal

- David Drouin v CCES, SDRCC DAT 17-0010, 6 March 2018
- Athletics Canada, CCES, IAAF & WADA v Alicia Brown, SDRCC DAT 15-0006, 20 April 2015

SDRCC Doping Tribunal

- CCES v Samuel Thomassin, SDRCC DT 18-0306, 15 April 2019
- CCES & CWFHC v Taylor Findlay, SDRCC DT 16-0242, 13 March 2017

SDRCC Ordinary Tribunal

- Athletics Canada v Jessica Smith, SDRCC 16-0304, 5 August 2016
- Jeffrey Chung Lim v CWFHC, SDRCC 13-0196, 8 April 2013

CAS

- Johan Bruyneel v. United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) / Jose Martí Martí v. United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) / World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) v. Johan Bruyneel, Pedro Celaya Lezama, Jose Martí Martí & United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), CAS 2014/A/3598, 3599 & 3618, 24 October 2018
- International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) v. Turkish Athlete Federation (TAF) and Nevin Yanit, CAS 2013/A/3373, 29 May 2015
- Dominique Blake v. Jamaican Anti-Doping Commission (JADCO), CAS 2013/A/3361, 2 May 2014
- Viktor Troicki v. International Tennis Federation (ITF), CAS 2013/A/3279, 5 November 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JUS MUNDI, Montreal, Canada

Head of Americas, August 2023 to Present

OMNI BRIDGEWAY (ASX: OBL), Montreal, Canada/New York City, USA

Head of Latin America, Investment Manager and Legal Counsel, May 2019 to July 2023

CABINET YVES FORTIER, Montreal, Canada

International Arbitration and Mediation Lawyer, July 2012 to April 2019

PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION, The Hague, Netherlands

Assistant Legal Counsel, April 2011 to April 2012

STIKEMAN ELLIOTT LLP, Montreal, Canada

Corporate Lawyer and Student-at-Law, July 2007 to March 2011

EDUCATION

LEIDEN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Leiden, The Netherlands
LL.M. International Law, *cum laude*, January 2010

UNIVERSITY OF MONTREAL SCHOOL OF LAW, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
LL.B., April 2008

OTHER

- Mediating the Litigated Case, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University, 2016
- Certificate, Transnational Law, University of Geneva, 2008
- Certificate, Introduction to Chinese law, China University of Political Science and Law, 2007

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Selected Publications

- Annie Lespérance et al, *The State of Dispute Funding in Latin America*, featured in the Guide to Arbitration in Latin America, edited by José Astigarraga, published by Global Arbitration Review (2022)
- Annie Lespérance, *Canada Encourages Gender Equality and Diversity in its Modernized FIPA Model*, ArbitralWomen Blog, 27 May 2021.
- Annie Lespérance et al, *Third-Party-Funding and Covid-19*, featured in International Arbitration and the COVID-19 Revolution, edited by Maxi Scherer, Niuscha Bassiri, Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab (Wolters Kluwer 2020).

Selected Speaking Engagements

- *Cultural Sensitivity and Diversity in International Arbitration*, Harvard Law School, 2 February 2024
- *The Business of Arbitration: The State of the Dispute Funding Market*, Paris Arbitration Week, 29 March 2023
- *Financimiento en el Arbitraje*. Energy Related Arbitration Practitioners (Mexico), 29 September 2022, Webinar
- *The flight of the award. The importance of enforcement*. Open de Arbitraje, 4-5 May 2022, Madrid, Spain (in person)
- *Creating leverage: How technology companies can use investment treaties to mitigate regulatory risk*, CPR Annual Conference, 3 March 2022, Webinar
- *Accelerated Route to Fellowship Course*, Tutor - CIArb, 10-11 December 2021, Miami (in person)
- *Perspectives on Dispute Funding in Latin America*, Latin Lawyer, Lexology, GAR, 16 June 2021, Webinar
- *Le financement de différends*, Guest Lecturer Diplôme de droit international économique africain (Paris II), 24 March 2021, Webinar
- *The Art of Settling Investment Disputes*, GAR Live BITs, 21 January 2021, Webinar

RECOGNITION AND SERVICE

- **Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators** (London), (since 2018)
- **Certified mediator and arbitrator, IMAQ and Quebec Bar** (since 2018)
- Member of the Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Centre's AI Education Taskforce (since 2025)
- Who's Who Legal: Arbitration, Leader (2021 and 2022)
- Served on the Board of Directors of:
 - Canadian Council on International Law (2013-2020)
 - United Nations Association Canada (Montreal Branch), Member, Secretary and Vice-President (2014-2019)
 - Institut de médiation et d'arbitrage du Québec (IMAQ) (2018-2020)

ADMISSIONS

Quebec Bar (2010); Paris Bar (2011)

LANGUAGES

Bilingual (French and English). Advanced level of Spanish.