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Avocat à la Cour, Paris Bar, France

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French, English, and Arabic speaker

Sarra Saïdi is a lawyer practicing in France and Canada, specializing in international arbitration and sports law. She assists sports participants in various arbitration and mediation proceedings (including anti-doping, non-selection, disqualification from major competitions, and safeguarding matters) before the SDRCC. She also serves on disciplinary panels within sports federations, at the national and international levels.

Sarra is an active contributor to the international arbitration, sports law, and esports communities. Her professional activities include teaching, speaking at conferences, and publishing on issues at the intersection of dispute resolution and sports governance.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2020 - Present **K&L Gates LLP**, France
International Arbitration and Litigation Lawyer
Assisting companies in pre-litigation and litigation proceedings before state courts or arbitral tribunals (*Ad hoc*, ICC, LCIA, CAIP, etc.).
- 2021 - Present **Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC)**, Canada
Lawyer • *Pro Bono* Program
Providing legal advice to unrepresented parties involved in disputes before the SDRCC.
- 2022 - Present **Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (OSIC)**, Canada
Specialized legal advisor • Abuse-Free Sport Legal Aid Program
Supporting sports participants (athletes, coaches, and officials) throughout the OSIC complaint management process, including during investigations, in matters involving alleged violations of the Universal Code of Conduct to prevent and address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS).

ROLES IN SPORTS FEDERATIONS

- 2021 - Present **Alpine Canada**
Member • Alpine Independent Supervisory Board
- 2024 - Present **World Sailing**
Member • Safeguarding Disciplinary Tribunal
- 2025 - Present **French Baseball and Softball Federation**
Member • Committee on gender-based and sexual violence, harassment, and discrimination
- 2025 - Present **French Triathlon Federation**
Member • Appeal Disciplinary Committee
- 2025 - Present **French Athletics Federation**
Member • Appeal Disciplinary Committee

EDUCATION

- 2025 **International Olympic Committee**, Switzerland • Safeguarding Officer in Sport Certificate
- 2020 **Université Paris-Est Créteil**, France • Sports Law Diploma
- 2016 **University of Sherbrooke**, Canada • LL.M. in Common Law and Transnational Law
- 2015 **Université Paris-Saclay**, France • Master's degree in International Arbitration Law

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- **Women in Sports Law (WISLaw)** • Member
- **Middle East Sports Law** • Member of the Advisory Board

OTHER

- **Université Paris-Est Créteil**, France • **Lecturer** • Since 2024
 - o "Introduction to safe sport"
- **Recent publications**
 - o "FIFA's new menstrual health policy: advancing gender equity in professional sport", *Sports Law Middle East*, Sader, 2025.
 - o "Athlete Ombuds. The one-person clearinghouse", *Sports Law Bulletin*, 3(2). LexisNexis, 2024.
 - o "The International Olympic Committee's perspective on Esports and its implications on dispute resolution", *Sweet & Maxwell's International Sports Law Review*, Vol.23, Issue 1, 2023.