

# Fanny Sarnel

Associate



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## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Fietta LLP, associate (2017 onward), intern (2016-2017)
- Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP (Paris), intern (2016)
- Brown Rudnick LLP (London), intern (2015)
- Eversheds LLP (Paris), intern (2014)
- OECD, Investment Division (Paris), legal intern (2013)

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Fanny Sarnel is a French-qualified lawyer and Associate at Fietta LLP. The Legal 500 has recognised Fanny as “key lawyer” in public international law.

Fanny advises on a variety of public international law areas, including international investment law, law of the sea, maritime boundary delimitation, and human rights. She has wide-ranging experience in international disputes, including investment treaty arbitrations (under ICSID and UNCITRAL rules), commercial arbitrations (under ICC rules) and cases before the Iran-US Claims Tribunal. Fanny has also worked on investment treaty award annulment proceedings before the Paris Court of Appeal. Her advisory work includes recent advice on maritime boundary delimitation and law of the sea.

Fanny is active in our *pro bono* practice and has worked on *pro bono* projects involving issues of human rights, access to international human rights and criminal courts, and international investment and trade agreements.

Fanny holds an undergraduate degree in French Law and a Masters degree in European law from the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan and Université Rennes 1. She also holds a Masters degree in International Economic Law from Sciences Po Law School, Paris and Columbia Law School, New York. Prior to joining Fietta LLP, Fanny spent time with the Investment Division of the OECD and provided research assistance in international law at Columbia University School of Law, New York.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Highlights of Fanny's advisory and contentious practice have included:

- Representing an individual investor in an UNCITRAL arbitration against a Gulf State under the OIC Agreement in relation to a real estate project
- Representing Mr Bahgat, a Finnish national, in his UNCITRAL arbitration brought against Egypt under two successive Finland-Egypt BITs in relation to an iron ore and steel producing concession
- Representing City-State N.V. (Netherlands) and its subsidiaries in an ICSID arbitration brought under a bilateral investment treaty against Ukraine
- Advising a leading US private equity investor in relation to the challenge of an ICSID (Additional Facility) Award in the French Courts

- Advising an Asian State with respect to an UNCLOS arbitral award and related island sovereignty and other law of the sea issues
- Advising an Asian State on various aspects of maritime boundary delimitation with its neighbours
- Devising and delivering a practical training course on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), maritime delimitation and international dispute resolution to government lawyers of an Asian State
- Advising an energy investor on the possible outcomes, and implications for its investment, of an ITLOS maritime boundary delimitation proceeding
- Advising individuals on a potential application before the ECtHR relating to alleged breaches of due process and right to property
- Assisting on large international commercial arbitrations in the fields of construction, energy and broadcasting rights, including proceedings against sovereign States
- Assisting on cases before the Iran-US Claims Tribunal

Highlights of Fanny's *pro bono* work have included:

- Advising a university research centre on the human rights impact assessments of trade and investment treaties
- Advising a UN Agency on its guidance regarding children's access to remedy, including before international courts and tribunals
- Advising the Hungarian Helsinki Committee in connection with proceedings before the ECtHR related to the treatment of refugees
- Advising on the development of a global enforcement strategy and merits of a set-aside application at the seat with respect to a recent, substantial investment treaty award

## PUBLICATIONS

- "The applicability of the ECT to intra-EU disputes (*Belenergia SA v. Italy*)" (*Lexis®PSL*, 27 September 2019)
- Contributed to the OECD Working Paper, "Temporal Validity of International Investment Agreements" (Joachim Pohl (2013))

## PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to practise in France - Paris Bar (2017)

Masters degree in International Economic Law (*cum laude*) (2014), co-directed by Sciences Po Paris, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Columbia University School of Law, New York

*Research Assistant in public international law to Professor Anthea Roberts, Columbia University School of Law (2014)*

*Agrégation* in Economics, Law and Management (2012)

Masters degree in European Law (2011) and Undergraduate degree in French Law (2010), co-directed by Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan and Université Rennes 1

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

French (native), English (fluent) and Spanish (reading)