



**Catrice Gayer** is an arbitration practitioner with nearly two decades of experience as counsel and arbitrator in national and international arbitration proceedings under the auspices of various arbitration institutions, predominantly ICC, SIAC, DIS, SCAI, and ad hoc, at multiple seats and under different governing laws. She is particularly renowned and experienced in implementing cost-efficient strategies and handling voluminous and technically complex cross-border arbitration and litigation cases including technical, delay and quantum experts. Catrice has a strong focus on the steel industry, construction & infrastructure, manufacturing & engineering, rail/transport, TMT, energy (renewables and fossil) and automotive (including e-vehicles). Her range of experience covers, inter alia, disputes arising from EPC/FIDIC contracts, over all kind of commercial agreements (agency, distribution, (international) sale, license agreements to corporate/shareholder agreements including SPAs (M&A arbitrations)).

Her track record also includes advising and representing national and foreign clients before the German courts in commercial disputes with a strong technical focus (in particular rail/transport sectors) as well as in arbitration-related matters and in enforcement of foreign judgments/awards in Germany and abroad.

Catrice is recognised for her arbitration and litigation work in leading directories, such as JUVE, Legal 500 or Chambers. Most recently she has been ranked, inter alia, in Lexology's "Thought Leaders – Global Elite" for Partners in Arbitration under 45 (2026) and has been recommended as a Rising Star (Commercial Arbitration) in Expert Guides since 2017. She has been praised by peers for her “great deal of experience in arbitration” and is highly recommended for her “profound knowledge and commercially minded approach”. Further, peers add that she “is an excellent strategist with a great attention to detail”, and stress that “she has very strong knowledge of international arbitration law and practice.” In Germany, Catrice is recognised by Legal 500 Germany and Best Lawyers (in cooperation with Handelsblatt), describing her as an experienced counsel in international arbitration relating to complex projects.” Catrice regularly speaks at conferences and publishes on international arbitration, cross-border litigation, construction and energy (transition) law. She is also a member of the academy of the Swiss Arbitration Academy. She is fluent in English, French and German and has reading knowledge of Spanish. She is a graduate from German, French (Paris XII, Panthéon-Assas Université) and English universities (UCL/Queen Mary) and holds a Maîtrise en Droit (European law), a Postgraduate Diploma in Law (International Dispute Resolution) and an LL.M. (International Construction Contracts). She is admitted to the bar in Germany,

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