



## Julie Bédard

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Julie Bédard is an associate in Skadden's Litigation Group. Prior to joining Skadden, from 1996-1998, she practiced with the largest litigation firm in the province of Québec, Canada. In 1998-1999, she served as law clerk to the Honorable Justice Charles D. Gonthier of the Supreme Court of Canada. In 1999-2001, she taught an introduction to the common law and U.S. law to foreign LL.M. students at Columbia University. In 2001, she served as an intern to the Honorable David Edwards of the Court of Justice of the European Communities. She also worked as an intern at the Secretariat of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce. In 2002, she pursued her Ph.D. dissertation at Columbia University, and she earned her degree in May 2006 (*International Conflicts of Antitrust and Securities Regulation: It's All About Effects*).

Julie concentrates her practice in international litigation and arbitration. She has served as counsel in international arbitration proceedings held under the auspices of the International Chamber of Commerce, the American Arbitration Association and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes.

In recent cases, she was a member of the Skadden team which has represented:

- a Mexican company seeking to protect a large investment in Venezuela against expropriation;
- a U.S. pharmaceutical company in an international arbitration against a Canadian manufacturer governed by the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods;
- a Canadian company in connection with prospective indemnification litigation against a U.S. company in New York;
- a Bermuda company in a Barbados litigation against a Barbados company involving a dispute arising under a swap agreement;
- a Luxembourg company facing a hostile takeover by an Indian company;
- a Singapore company in an ICC arbitration involving a shareholders' dispute venued in London against the Cayman subsidiary of a Hong Kong private equity investor;

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### **Education**

J.S.D., Columbia University School of Law, 2006

LL.M., Columbia University School of Law, 2001

LL.B., McGill University Faculty of Law (common law), 1996

B.C.L., McGill University Faculty of Law (civil law), 1996

### **Admissions**

Quebec, 1997

New York, 2002

### **Associations/Affiliations**

Member, Arbitration Committee, Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Member, CPR International Committee on Arbitration

Member, American Branch, International Law Association

Member, CPR Energy Committee

Member, Committee on Arbitration, New York City Bar Association, 2003-2005

Member, Arbitral Women

Member, Young Arbitrators Forum

Member, Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners

### **Languages**

English

French

Spanish

Romanian

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- a U.S. company, in an ICC arbitration involving a post-acquisition dispute with a French company;
- a Brazilian company, in an ICC arbitration arising out of a shareholders dispute with a Venezuelan company;
- a U.S. company, providing advice on grounds for vacating an ICC award and opposing enforcement of the award;
- a Peruvian company, providing arbitration advice in connection with a power plant project in Peru;
- a U.S. company, providing advice on the consolidation of arbitrations and the enforcement of arbitral awards;
- a U.S. company, providing advice on a prospective ICC arbitration to resolve a shareholders dispute with a Brazilian company;
- a Singapore investor, in proceedings against a Southeast Asian government involving claims under the ICSID Convention, the ASEAN Investment Agreement and public international law;
- a Chilean company, in an arbitration under the AAA International Arbitration Rules against a Thai company concerning sale of goods; and
- an Argentine company, in an ICC arbitration arising out of an acquisition dispute with a Brazilian company.

Julie has acted as sole arbitrator in an ICC arbitration concerning a distribution agreement involving a U.S. company and a Peruvian company, and was appointed in another ICC arbitration involving a manufacturing contract dispute between a U.S. company and a Chinese company. She also regularly assists members of the firm who are acting as arbitrators.

Julie is a member of the ICC Task Force on Reducing Time and Costs in Arbitration and the ICC Task Force on Criminal Law and Arbitration.

### **Lectures and Publications**

*The Concept of Ethical Rules or the New IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration*, co-authored with Dana H. Freyer (forthcoming);

*Comverse, Inc.: Methodological Issues in Anti-Suit Injunctions*, 22 Mealy's International Arbitration Report, co-authored with Viren Mascarenhas (February 2007);

*Effective Management of Costs in Arbitral Proceedings*, Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group Conference, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (December 2006);

*Enforcing Foreign Judgments and Awards: Worlds Apart?*, International Law Weekend, moderator (October 2006);

*Arbitration Unbound? Consumer Disputes, Class Arbitrations, Antitrust Claims*, 18th International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) Congress, Young Arbitration Practitioners Event (June 2006);

*The Arbitrability of Antitrust Claims in the United States*, co-authored with Peter E. Greene and Peter S. Julian (May 2006);

Canadian Bar Association, International Commercial Arbitration: Natural Resources, Environment and Technology Disputes, moderator of panel on *Recent Developments and Future Trends* (June 2005);

Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners, Fundamentals on Successful Arbitration, member of panel on *Constituting the Right Arbitral Tribunal - How Many and Who?* (October 2004);

Young Arbitrators Forum on *Effective Advocacy in International Arbitration* (October 2004);

American Bar Association, Section of Dispute Resolution, Sixth Annual Conference *International Arbitration and the Shrinking World*, lecture on recent trends in international commercial arbitration procedure (May 2004);

Annual lecture for French judges (Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature) on the common law and the American judicial system (May 2001 and 2002), and alternative methods of dispute resolution (ADR) (May 2003); and

*Réflexions sur la théorie de l'imprévision en droit québécois - Reflections Upon the Theory of Unforeseeability in Quebec Law*, 42 McGill L.J. 761 (1997).