



Meriam Nazih Al-Rashid

Partner
Global Co-Chair of International
Arbitration and Co-Head of Latin
America Arbitration Practice Group
New York

P: +1.212.287.7055
E: meriamal-rashid@eversheds-sutherland.com

Education

LL.M., George Washington
University Law School
J.D., Loyola Law School
B.A., University of California at
Irvine

Bar Admissions

New York
California
District of Columbia
Registered Foreign Lawyer, UK

Background

Meriam Al-Rashid represents and advises clients on complex international disputes with a focus on public international law including issues related to human rights, international investment arbitration, international commercial arbitration, and foreign investor risk management. Her practice covers various industries, including mining, mineral resources, infrastructure, oil and gas, civil engineering, textiles hospitality and real estate.

Meriam has served as counsel in disputes and transactions involving parties from across the globe, including the Americas, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe and Oceania. Her experience includes participation in arbitrations before the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), International Court of Justice (ICJ), Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at The Hague, International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

Meriam has served as counsel in disputes and transactions involving parties from Libya, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Romania, Papua New Guinea, Colombia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Austria, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Thailand, the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States. Meriam also acts as arbitrator on commercial and investor-state disputes primarily involving parties from the Middle East and North Africa.

Meriam also works on matters surrounding post-conflict peace negotiations and governance, and investigation and adjudication of war crimes, including but not limited to:

- Analyzing and documenting atrocity crimes against the Rohingya in Myanmar for the determination of genocide, crimes against humanity and atrocity crimes as well as international adjudication of atrocity crimes in mass deportation or displacement. It also included a recommendation to the 2018 UN Human Rights Council to establish an independent investigative mechanism to collect, consolidate, preserve and analyze evidence of the most serious international crimes and violations of international law committed in Myanmar.
- Assessing and advising on legislative and judicial reform to preventing, protecting against and repairing economic violence against women in all Latin American countries.
- Supporting the government of Kenya and civil society organizations in their efforts with domestic accountability for election-related violence and politically motivated human rights abuses.

- Analyzing Libya's draft constitution's provisions and working with Libyan attorneys and judges to train them on key transitional justice matters to support the development of platforms for new initiatives and/or reforms that promote transitional justice within Libya.
- Providing legal and policy planning assistance to the High Negotiations Commission in Syria, assisting pro bono organizations to provide legal and policy guidance to Syrian civil society activists for their advocacy efforts on key issues in peace-building and negotiation processes.
- Engaging with South Sudanese civil society organizations engaged in the legislative and constitutional process and providing assistance to actors involved in the peace process.

Meriam has been appointed as a committee member of the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice. The Vance Center is a member of the International Coalition on the Responsibility to Protect, the International Legal Assistance Consortium and the Coalition for an Effective African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. The center also has consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council. The Vance Center provides pro bono legal representation to dozens of social justice organizations and engages hundreds of law firms in this worldwide work, while promoting diversity in the legal profession.

In conjunction with the Vance Center, Meriam has worked with a US-based nonprofit, to assess, better protect, and advance, the rights of children in one of the poorest districts in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Meriam provided legal assistance to assess whether the conditions constitute violations of children's rights to a healthy environment, life, dignity and any other rights that must be protected under the Inter-American Human Rights System and/or other international instruments.

To view Meriam's articles, please [click here](#).

To view Meriam's presentations, please [click here](#).

To view Meriam's awards and rankings, please [click here](#).

Experience

- Represented the Independent State of Papua New Guinea in an arbitration brought under the ICSID Rules over a dispute regarding taxes on crude oil production.
- Representing Honwood Services Ltd against the State of Poland under the Cyprus-Poland Bilateral Investment Treaty for the expropriation of a potash mining project.
- Representing Future Pipe International B.V. against the Arab Republic of Egypt under the Egypt-Netherlands Bilateral Investment brought under the ICSID Convention.
- Represented Champion Holding Company against the Arab Republic of Egypt under the US-Egypt Bilateral Investment Treaty brought under the ICSID Convention regarding the expropriation of the investor's assets in several industries.
- Represented a Canadian investor in an investor-state arbitration against a South American Sovereign State, brought under the ICSID Rules and the Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement over a dispute related to the gold mining sector.

-
- Represented the State of Libya in parallel commercial and investor-state arbitrations brought by Turkish investors under the ICC Rules of Arbitration regarding the Great Man Made River Authority of Libya and events surrounding the 2011 Arab Spring.
 - Represented a client in an investor-state arbitration against an Arab State and State Owned Entity under the Organization for the Islam Cooperation, Agreement on the Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments.
 - Represented an Austrian company against the United Arab Emirates under the UAE-Austrian Bilateral Investment Treaty in relation to an oil and gas pipeline project.
 - Consulting the US Dept. of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program and Afghanistan Parliament, and the Ministries of Justice and Finance in regards to the development of the Afghan Center for Dispute Resolution and revise Afghanistan commercial law.
 - Advising to sellers in international sale of goods disputes in relation to jurisdiction, applicable law, and the applicability of the United Nations Convention on CISG 1980.
 - Successfully settled an international sale of goods dispute under the auspices of UN Convention on CISG 1980 involving the textile industry between an Uzbekistan state-owned entity as buyer and a Lebanese textile producer and distributor as seller.
 - Represented Caratube International Oil Company LLP in an ICSID arbitration against Kazakhstan under the US-Kazakhstan BIT, relating to the government's expropriation of the investor's oil production concession.
 - Represented the United Nations under the auspices of the UNCITRAL rules in a commercial dispute under the laws of England and Wales.
 - Representing a Fortune 500 company against corporations headquartered in Dubai and Dublin before the auspices of the ICC and the ICDR, resp., in a commercial dispute involving the hotel and lodging industry, under the laws of England and Wales.
 - Representing a US Fortune 500 company in a Paris-based ICC arbitration related to a hotel and tourism project in Lebanon.
 - Representing a French subsidiary of a US contractor in an arbitration in Cairo under the rules of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration based on Egyptian substantive law, concerning an oil industry project in Egypt.
 - Represented clients from Kazakhstan, Lebanon and Rwanda in INTERPOL related matters.

Awards

- Recognized by *Law360* as a "MVP" in the area of international arbitration **(2020)**
- Recognized as one of *New York Business Journal's* Women of Influence **(2020)**
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 US* as a "Recommended Lawyer" in International Arbitration **(2019-2020)**

-
- Recognized by *Crain's New York Business* as "Notable Women in Law" (2019, 2021)
 - Recognized as a Leader by *Global Arbitration Review Who's Who Legal Arbitration* (2021) and as a Future Leader (2017- 2020)
 - Recognized for "Excellence in International Human Rights Pro Bono" by the Vance Center for International Justice (2020)
 - Recognized by the *New York Law Journal* as "New York Law Journal's Top Women in Law" (2016)

Professional Activities

- Member, 2020 *Law360* International Arbitration Editorial Advisory Board
- Adjunct Professor, International Investment Arbitration, Fordham Law School
- Guest Lecturer, International Arbitration, Georgetown Law School
- Adjunct Faculty Member, International Organizations and International Trade and Finance, George Washington University (former)
- Member, Peer Review Board for the American Review of International Arbitration (ARIA) at Columbia Law School
- Member, Advisory Board of Investment Claims, published by Oxford University Press
- Board of Advisors, Ex Curia International
- Committee Member, Vance Center for International Justice
- Committee Member, New York Bar International Law Committee, Women in International Law
- Member, International Arbitration Club of New York
- Member, New York Bar International Law Committee, Women in International Law
- Member, Universal Institute of Professional Management
- Member, International Bar Association
- Member, American Society of International Law
- Founder and Board Member, Arab Legal Forum
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Arbitral Women
- Member, National Association of Women Lawyers

-
- Member, ICC/USCIB Young Arbitrators Forum
 - Member, ICDR Young & International
 - Member, LCIA Young International Arbitration Group

Articles

- The Role of Artificial Intelligence in International Arbitration (July 29, 2019)
Global Arbitration Review
- Advocating for Peace in Human Rights and Resolution in Infrastructure (May 30, 2018)
Lawyer Monthly
- State liability to foreign investors in the renewable energy sector: *Eiser v Spain* and its implications (September 2017)
Power Law Newsletter
- Managing Risk in International Arbitration: Third Party Funding Developments in Asia (August 30, 2017)
CPR Speaks
- Investment Claims in the Context of Civil Unrest: Questions of Attribution and Responsibility (March 1, 2017)
Third Edition of the BCDR-AAA International Arbitration Review (IAR), *Kluwer Law International*
- Investment Claims Amid Civil Unrest: Questions of Attribution and Responsibility (2016)
BCDR International Arbitration Review, Issue 2, pp. 181–218
- The Surge of Investments in Egypt's Public Infrastructure Sector: A Golden Opportunity for European Investors/Contractors and a Natural Precursor to Future International Arbitrations (March 1, 2016)
International Bar Association Construction International
- Chinese Investment: Some thoughts on a new age of business between MENA and the Far East (February 1, 2016)
Arab Legal Forum
- Understanding Egypt's Public Infrastructure Investment Strategy and Dispute Resolution Atmosphere (December 1, 2015)
International Bar Association Construction Law International
- The Revival of Islamic and Middle East Regional Investment Treaties: A New Way Forward? (2015)
Transnational Dispute Management
- New Developments in Investment Treaty Arbitration: A Return to Fundamentals? – Assessment of Damages Investment Treaty Arbitration (March 2014)
Eighth Annual Juris Conference on Investment Treaty Arbitration

-
- England & Wales: Getting the Deal Through (2014)
Arbitration 2014
 - England & Wales, English Law Section - Getting the Deal Through (2013)
Arbitration 2013
 - Impact of Third Party Funding on Privilege in Litigation and International Arbitration (October 2012)
Dispute Resolution International
 - The CRCICA Newly Revised Arbitration Rules: Incorporating the New UNCITRAL Model Rules of 2010 and Expanding the Centre's Role as an Appointing Authority (March 29, 2011)
Transnational Dispute Management
 - International Arbitration in the Middle East: A Case Study of Qatar (2009)
The International Dispute Resolution News, Winter 2010 Edition, Vol. 1, No. 1
 - ICSID Awards Moral Damages Based Upon Malicious Conduct Asserting Fault-Based Liability (May 2008)
Global Arbitration Review Volume 3, Issue 2
 - Default Judgment Insurance: Transferring Risk in Third Party Funding of International Investment Arbitrations (January 2015)
 - The "Comprehensive" Immigration Reform: Only as Good as the Bureaucracy it is Built Upon
Nexus: Chapman's Journal of Law and Public Policy, Volume 13 2007/2008, 29

Presentations

- Non-signatories and arbitration (October 14, 2020)
GAR Live
- Enforcement issues and the New York Convention: To march with the status quo or to petition for change? (September 24, 2020)
Asian International Arbitration Centre
- Partnering for economic recovery – Morocco (September 23, 2020)
Corporate Council of Africa
- Live video Q&A on M&A: Buyers' and Sellers' Perspectives in the Current Market (March 27, 2020)
- Podcast: Q&A on the impact of coronavirus on global M&A in 2020 (March 17, 2020)
- Can Arbitration be Effective in Resolving Business and Human Rights Disputes? (September 5, 2019)
- Protecting Human Rights in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (May 2019)
- Investment Claims Annual Juris Conference (April 8, 2019)

-
- Role of Women in Shaping the Legal Field, International Arbitration, and Obstacles Along the Way (March 6, 2019)
 - What to do about corruption allegations? Debating the options for investment law: What is sufficient proof of corruption? (February 19, 2019)
Georgetown International Arbitration Society / ILA American Branch Investment Law Committee
 - Women in International Law: The Journey to Parity (November 19, 2018)
International Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association
 - Regional Investment - Inter-Arab Investment Disputes (November 5, 2018)
International Bar Association 2nd Annual Arab Regional Conference
 - International Arbitration & The Middle East/North Africa Region (April 20, 2018)
ABA Annual Conference: International Section of International Law
 - Corruption of international arbitration – time to address the ‘open secret’? (November 30, 2017)
Legal Business International Arbitration Summit 2017
 - Annual Juris Conference (May 2017)
 - Recent Developments in International Arbitration (May 2017)
Fordham International Arbitration Association
 - Contemporary Issues & Emerging Trends in International Arbitration (March 2017)
Women in International Arbitration and Diversity and Culture
 - Women in International Law: Charting the Path (November 2016)
International Law Committee of the New York City Bar Conference
 - Dispute Resolution and Construction Contracts in Egypt (October 25-26, 2016)
ICC/SCL Conference
 - Settlement in International Arbitration (October 2016)
ICC Young Arbitrators Forum
 - Amicus Curiae in International Arbitration (September 2016)
International Centre for Settlement of Investment Dispute (ICSID) and Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) Joint Conference on International Investment Arbitration
 - Second Annual Oxford University Press Investment Claims Summer Academy (August 3-4, 2016)
 - LL.M. in International Trade Law – Contracts and Dispute Resolution (June 6, 2016)
ITCILO-UNITO

-
- 6th Annual Middle East Vis Pre Moot in Cooperation with Bahrain Ministry of Justice and Judicial and Legal Studies Institute (February 2016)
23rd Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot
 - Third Party Litigation Funding (February 2016)
Kochanski Zeiba & Partners
 - First Annual Oxford University Press Investment Claims Summer Academy (July 13-15, 2015)
 - Third Party Litigation Funding in International Arbitration (May 2015)
CEE Consulting Group Conference
 - Closing Courts Down: Residual Mechanisms and the After-Life of International Criminal Courts (October 2014)
ABA Fall Meeting
 - New Developments in Investment Treaty Arbitration: A Return to Fundamentals? – Assessment of Damages Investment Treaty Arbitration (March 2014)
Eighth Annual Juris Conference on Investment Treaty Arbitration
 - Avoiding Expensive Pitfalls in Owner Managed Relationships (February 22, 2012)
HOSPA, PKF (UK) LLP

Books

- The Legacy and Future of International Criminal Tribunals (Ongoing)
Oxford University Press