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Margaux is an associate at Derains & Gharavi, specialising in international arbitration. She represents States, State-owned entities and companies in commercial and investment arbitrations, as well as in set-aside proceedings before French courts. She has acted in arbitrations conducted under the ICC, ICSID, HKIAC and UNCITRAL Rules, across a wide range of sectors including the construction, energy and mining sectors.

Prior to joining the firm, Margaux represented African governments and State-owned entities in commercial and investment arbitrations at an international law firm in Paris. Her experience included advising on public international law, development projects and legislative and regulatory reform, particularly in the maritime sector. Margaux also spent several years practicing in Dubai, representing public and private sector entities in arbitrations as well as set-aside, recognition and enforcement proceedings before onshore and offshore courts.

Margaux holds an LL.M. and a Certificate in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution from Georgetown University Law Center. She also holds a Master's degree in International Law from Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and a Master's degree in Public International Law and a postgraduate diploma in International Economic Law in Africa from Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas.

Margaux is admitted to the Paris Bar and the New York State Bar.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

As from 23 September 2026: Associate, Derains & Gharavi (Paris)
May 2023-September 2026: Associate, Dispute Resolution Team, Asafo & Co (Paris)
June 2021-January 2023: Associate, Dispute Resolution Team, King & Wood Mallesons (Dubai)
September 2020-March 2021: Trainee Lawyer, International Arbitration Group, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (Dubai)
January 2020-June 2020: Trainee Lawyer, Teynier Pic (Paris)
July 2019-December 2019: Trainee Lawyer, International Arbitration Group, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (Paris)

ACADEMIC POSITION

Since 2026: Lecturer in International economic law at Paris II Panthéon-Assas
2023-2025: Lecturer in French contract and tort law at CentraleSupélec

EDUCATION

- 2017: LL.M. and Certificate in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution - Georgetown University Law Center (Washington, DC)
- 2016: University Diploma, International Economic Law in Africa - Université Paris II Panthéon Assas (Paris)
- 2015: Master's Degree (Master 2), Public International Law - Université Paris II Panthéon Assas (Paris)
- 2014: Master's Degree (Master 2), Strategic Studies (with honours) – Université Paris XIII Sorbonne Paris Cité (Paris)
- 2013: Master's Degree (Master 1), International Law – Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne (Paris)
- 2012: Undergraduate Degree (*Licence en droit*), European and International Law (with honours) – Faculté Libre de Droit de l'Université Catholique de Lille (Lille)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of ArbitralWomen since 2017
- Co-Chair of the Paris Very Young Arbitration Practitioners organisation since January 2025

PUBLICATIONS

- "2025 Year in Review – France Chapter", Jus Mundi, February 2026
- "*Commentaire de l'arrêt de la Cour d'appel de Paris du 9 décembre 2025 dans l'affaire du Sultan de Sulu : quand l'histoire coloniale s'invite dans l'arbitrage international contemporain*", Les Cahiers de l'arbitrage, 2025-4, p. 921
- "2024 Year in Review – France Chapter", Jus Mundi, April 2025