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Nicolò is an associate at Derains & Gharavi, specialised in international arbitration. He has acted in international commercial and investment arbitration proceedings under the arbitration rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) as well as UNCITRAL. His practice focuses on various sectors including construction, energy, heavy industries, pharma, and defense. He has also acted as counsel in litigation proceedings before Italian courts.

Before joining Derains & Gharavi, Nicolò worked as Deputy Counsel at the International Chamber of Commerce where he was in charge of administering a large number of international commercial arbitrations (approx. 100 cases), gaining extensive procedural experience and a deep understanding of the functioning of arbitral institutions. In addition to this institutional experience, Nicolò also interned at ICSID in Washington DC, while he was studying for his LLM degree.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since June 2026:	Associate, Derains & Gharavi (Paris)
May 2024-June 2026:	Deputy Counsel, International Chamber of Commerce (Paris)
January 2024-May 2024:	*Juriste*, White & Case (Paris)
January 2020-September 2023:	Associate, ARBLIT (Milan, Italy)

EDUCATION

2023	LLM in International and Comparative Law – The George Washington University Law School (Washington DC, USA)
2019	Juris Doctor (*cum laude*) – Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Law School (Milan, Italy)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Co-head of the French Chapter of AA40 and former member of AA40's Executive Committee (April 2022 – January 2025)

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Conundrum of Costs Allocation in International Investment Arbitrations: a Proposed Practical Solution to Enhance Predictability of Costs Decisions", in *Arbitration International*, Dec. 2024, XX, 1-19 (Oxford University Press).
- Chapter 12 "Italian Law and Investment Arbitration" in *International Arbitration in Italy*, Massimo V. Benedettelli, WoltersKluwer, 2020, (co-authored with Prof. Benedettelli).