

# BETTO PERBEN

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Gaëlle Filhol advises and represents clients in international commercial disputes, in particular in pre-arbitration and arbitration proceedings, negotiations, and dispute adjudication. Gaëlle Filhol also trained in mediation with the Paris Arbitration and Mediation Center.

Gaëlle has significant experience in complex arbitration and dispute adjudication board proceedings, especially in the sectors of construction, including energy (nuclear and oil & gas), infrastructure, and heavy industry. She has an excellent understanding of the specificities of construction projects, contracts and claim process and has been listed among National Leaders in France in the field of Construction in Who's Who Legal. She also acts regularly in international disputes relating to aviation/aeronautics, defence, and post-M&A transactions, as well as information and high technologies.

Gaëlle acts regularly as an arbitrator.

## LANGUAGES

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French, English

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Since 2022	Partner, BETTO PERBEN
2019-2022	Managing Partner, BETTO PERBEN FILHOL
2018-2019	Partner, BETTO PERBEN PRADEL FILHOL
2007-2017	Associate, White & Case LLP (Paris Office), International Arbitration

## EDUCATION

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2007	Paris, Bar Admission
2005	DEA in International Private Law, University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas)
2003	DEA in the Sociology of Law, University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas)
2002	Maîtrise (Honours) in Private Law, University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas)
2001	Licence (LLB), University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas)
2000	DEUG, University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas)

## PROFILE

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Secretary to the Board of Directors of ArbitralWomen  
Co-Founder of MUTE OFF Thursdays  
Member of the IADC (International Association of Defense Counsel)  
Member of the CFA (*Comité Français de l'Arbitrage*) and CFA under 40  
Member of the AFA (*Association Française de l'Arbitrage*)

## RANKINGS

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Who's Who Legal 2022:

**Global Guide - Arbitration Future Leaders - Most highly regarded partners:**

*"The 'incredibly convincing and technically impeccable' Gaëlle Filhol at Betto Perben Pradel Filhol is 'extremely knowledgeable about arbitration and judicial litigation'. Respondents commend her 'creative strategic thinking' and 'extensive experience in commercial and investment cases'."*

**National Leader - France - Construction 2021**

Décideurs 2020, 2021, 2022:

"Excellent" – Litigation & Arbitration – International Arbitration

"Excellent" – Africa Desk – Arbitration & Litigation

Lawdragon 500 Global Litigation Lawyers 2021

Expert Guides 2021: "Expert" – Commercial Arbitration France

Women in Business Law Expert Guide 2021: "World's Leading Female Practitioners" - Commercial Arbitration France

Best Lawyers 2021: International Arbitration (France)

Expert Guides 2020: « Rising star » – Commercial Arbitration France

Legal 500 EMEA 2020: "Gaëlle Filhol has the rare ability of listening, thinking and debating before coming to a conclusion"

Who's Who Legal 2020: Arbitration Future Leaders - Partners

Legal 500 EMEA 2019: "Gaëlle Filhol is 'always ready for a good fight!'"

Who's Who Legal 2019: Arbitration Future Leaders - Partners

Décideurs 2019:

"Excellent" – Litigation & Arbitration – International Arbitration

Expert Guides 2019: "Rising Star" – Commercial Arbitration France

Décideurs 2018:

"Leading" – Africa Desk – Arbitration & International Litigation

"Excellent" – Litigation & Arbitration – International Arbitration – Mediation / Africa Desk – Oil, Gas, Mining, Natural Resources, and Energy

## CREDENTIALS

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### As arbitrator:

Sole arbitrator in an ICC case opposing an Algerian company to a Korean company in the construction sector. (1,5 million euros, Algerian law, ICC, English language)

Co-arbitrator in an ICC case opposing an Irish company to a French company in a post-M&A dispute in Serbia. (8,5 million USD, Serbian law, ICC Paris)

Party-appointed arbitrator in an arbitration involving a partnership agreement. (1 million euros, French law, AFA, French language)

Sole Arbitrator in an arbitration involving the breach of a subscription agreement.  
(500,000 euros, Finnish law, FAI, English language)

As counsel, amongst others:

Representing a major European energy provider in two arbitrations concerning the construction and installation by contractors of a nuclear power plant, including a long-running high-stakes €7 billion dispute.  
(7 billion euros, ICC, Stockholm, English language)

Representing a Middle East company in an ICC arbitration arising out of disputes relating to the construction of a major real estate project in the Middle East.  
(AED 100 million, Dubai law, ICC, Dubai, English language)

Assisting a French supplier in the nuclear sector in a construction dispute against the main contractor of a major European nuclear plant.  
(4 million euros, English Law, English Language)

Representing the main contractor on one of the world's largest infrastructure projects located in Central America, in a dispute against the employer. This matter also included dispute adjudication proceedings.  
(2 billion USD, law of the Central American country, ICC, Miami, English language)

Representing an international consortium in pre-arbitration disputes on a major infrastructure project in North Africa.  
(900 million euros, law of the North African country, ICC, Paris, English language)

Advising an international consortium in disputes over the construction of a large infrastructure project in Latin America.

BIT Arbitration relating to the expropriation of a Western investor in an Eastern European State in various industrial sectors and in real estate.  
(12 billion dollars - UNCITRAL/BIT, Seat in Madrid, English language)

Representing the subsidiary of a French listed company in a dispute concerning a post-M&A transaction in the oil storage sector.  
(200 million euros, Dutch law, ICC, Geneva, English language)

Advising a European contractor concerning pre-arbitration disputes regarding an energy project in sub-Saharan Africa.  
(160 million dollars, French law, ICC, Paris, English language)

Representing a major aeronautics group in two disputes related to purchase agreement.  
(105 million euros, Swiss law, ICC, English language)

Representation of an aeronautics group against a US company specializing in the high-tech industry in a dispute related to the supply of aerospace equipment.  
(100 million USD, Swiss law, ICC Geneva, English language)

Breach of a supply agreement in the Aeronautic sector.  
(47 million euros, French law, ICC, seat in Paris, English language)

Representing a leading French audit company concerning a dispute arising out of an IT project.  
(40 million euros, French law, ICC, Paris, French language)

Representation of a major aeronautics group in a dispute related to a license agreement.  
(25 million euros, French law, ad hoc procedure, English language)

Representation of a major aeronautics group in a dispute related to a license agreement.  
(25 million euros, NY Law, ICC procedure, English language)

Representation of a French company regarding a dispute between shareholders.  
(9 million euros, French law, French Courts)

Representation of a consulting firm in the defence sector industry company in a dispute related to the termination of a consultancy agreement with a major European aviation group of representation regarding the sale of military equipment.  
(3 million euros, French law, ICC, Paris, French language)

Advising a leading high-technology company concerning a dispute arising out of a supply contract.  
(1.5 million euros, Swiss law, ICC, Geneva, English language)

Representing a sub-Saharan African State entity in a dispute concerning a port concession.  
(OHADA law, ad hoc, French language)

Advising a French electric utility company concerning long-term gas supply agreements.

## PUBLICATIONS

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"Avoiding and Resolving Disputes Through Dispute Boards", ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin, 2018, No. 3

Co-author "*Refonte du droit des investissements en Afrique du Sud: vers l'exclusion d'un droit de recours général à l'arbitrage international?*" (South Africa issues draft bill on investment protection without general recourse to international arbitration for foreign investors), *Option Droit & Affaires*, 4 December 2013 (with Ch. von Krause)

Co-author, "*Révolutions, guerres civiles, actes de terrorisme: quand et comment invoquer la force majeure?*", *Bulletin Européen du Moniteur* (BEM), March 2013, p. 10 (with N. Bouchardie)

Co-author, "*International arbitration: French judges confirm that Paris is the leading place*", *La Lettre des Juristes d'Affaires*, 4 April 2011 (with Ch. von Krause)