

Sofia Cozac Attorney-at-Law and Arbitrator International Commercial Arbitration

Sofia works as Of Counsel for Suciu Partners, being focused on arbitration and litigation. She has over 18 years of experience in national and international arbitration, with extensive experience in construction arbitration and ICC and ICSID arbitration. Sofia Cozac is an arbitrator with the Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania, as well as President of the Dolj Arbitration Court.

Languages: Romanian German English French

Sofia Cozac is an arbitrator with the European Commission, for the settlement of trade disputes between the European Union and third countries and pleads as a lawyer in international arbitrations.

She regularly advises and assists clients on matters relating to investment disputes (ICSID arbitration) construction disputes, in particular FIDIC contracts, post-privatisation disputes, energy and oil & gas disputes as well as administrative disputes.

Sofia has a close connection with the academic life, being a PhD student in the field of commercial arbitration and also a trainer in the international arbitration competition Willem C. Vis Moot.

She is the VIAC Ambassador for Romania for the 2023-2027 mandate and Council Member for the EMEA Region for SIAC.

EDUCATION:

2024 – ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy, a training programme tailored for experienced arbitration practitioners who are interested in pursuing a career as an arbitrator

2020 - PhD student in International Commercial Arbitration, Faculty of Law, Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies

2013 - LLM in International Commercial Arbitration, Queen Mary University of London

2007 – LLB, Faculty of Business Administration in German Language, Academy of Economic Studies of Bucharest

2006 - Postgraduate studies in European Law, University of Hamburg

2005 – LLB, State University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- National Union of Romanian Bar Associations;

- Arbitrator at the European Commission for the settlement of commercial disputes.

- Dolj Commercial Arbitration Court (Arbitrator, President);

- Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania (CICA), Bucharest (Arbitrator);

- Court of Arbitration Iasi (Arbitrator);

- Vienna International Arbitration Centre, Austria (Arbitrator);

- Member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) and Group Advisor for ICCA Mentorship Programme - Group 24;

- Member of IBA – Arbitration Committee;

- Member of AI Task Force of the Silicon Valley Arbitration Center;

- Member of the international arbitration organization "Arbitral Women";

- Member of the international arbitration organisation "RAI Arbitrators - Rising Arbitrators' Initiative".

- Representative for Romania of Campaign for Greener Arbitration;

- Representative for Romania of the Project Arbitration Lunch Match.