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Practices

- Arbitration
- International Dispute Resolution
- Litigation & Trial
- Commercial Litigation
- International Arbitration
- International Litigation
- Civil Antitrust Litigation
- Emerging Companies & Venture Capital
- Infrastructure

Randa Adra is a counsel in the New York office of Crowell & Moring, where she practices in the firm's International Dispute Resolution and Litigation groups. Randa provides counsel on complex disputes for domestic and multi-national companies with a particular focus on the Middle East and North Africa region.

In her practice, Randa represents clients in both international and domestic disputes, including international commercial and investment arbitration matters, and a broad spectrum of litigation matters that include class actions and multidistrict proceedings. Randa has extensive experience representing clients in commercial disputes between corporations as well as against foreign sovereign governments, and in related enforcement proceedings. She has counseled parties in a broad spectrum of industries, namely in the construction, medical, hospitality, shipping, logistics, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and energy sectors.

Representative Engagements

International Dispute Resolution

- Representing a Fortune 100 company in a \$120 million commercial arbitration against an Israeli company under the ICC Rules of Arbitration, involving alleged breaches of a supply agreement governed by New York law.
- Representing a multinational joint venture in a \$1.2 billion commercial arbitration against an Egyptian state agency under the ICC Rules of Arbitration, governed by Egyptian law and in the Arabic language.
- Representing a Russian investor in a \$100 million UNCITRAL arbitration against the State of Kuwait.
- Representing a Middle Eastern company in a \$40 million shareholder dispute with a Hong Kong company under the ICC Rules of Arbitration.

- Representing an Egyptian consortium and Kuwaiti supply chain management company in an \$80 million ICC commercial arbitration brought by a South Korean supplier.
- Representing a major international hotel company in an ICC commercial arbitration governed by U.S. and Lebanese law.
- Representing a Canadian uranium mining company in its effort to enforce an international arbitration award against the Government of Mongolia.
- Representing an American hotel investor in an ICSID arbitration against the Arab Republic of Egypt under the U.S.-Egypt BIT.

Domestic Dispute Resolution

- Representing a multinational corporation in connection with a class action litigation and criminal antitrust investigation related to the pharmaceutical industry.
- Representing two multinational food chains in connection with false advertising class action litigations in multiple district and state courts.
- Representing a major international hotel company in defense of claims governed by U.S. and Lebanese law stemming from an international arbitration.
- *In re Titanium Dioxide Antitrust Litigation*: Representing DuPont in defense of Sherman Act Section 1 class action and opt-out litigation alleging conspiracy to fix the price of titanium dioxide. Successfully represented DuPont in a subsequent Third Circuit appeal.
- Counseling corporations with respect to litigation risk, dispute resolution provisions, and in multimillion-dollar acquisitions, such as Flowers Foods' \$355 million acquisition of the Hostess bread assets, and AT&T Inc.'s \$1.2 billion acquisition of Leap Wireless.

Randa also maintains an active *pro bono* practice, primarily focusing on representing Middle Eastern clients in asylum and refugee resettlement proceedings. She has also represented dozens of low-income tenants in a NY State action bringing claims of fraudulent rent overcharges.

An active firm citizen, Randa serves as the NY office leader for the Women's Leadership Initiative. She is also the co-founder of the firm's MENA Affinity Group and serves as a member of the firm's Diversity Council.

Randa earned her J.D. with specialization in international legal affairs from Cornell Law School, with an additional concentration in business law and regulation. After her first year of law school, she spent two months in Paris studying international and comparative law at Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. Prior to law school, Randa grew up in Beirut, Lebanon, where she cultivated her passion for cooking and world travel.

Admissions/Affiliations

Admitted to practice: New York, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Memberships

American Bar Association – International Section, Young Lawyers Division
 New York City Bar Association – MENA Committee; Associate Leadership Institute Fellow (2018)
 Arab Bankers Association of North America
 Lebanese International Finance Executives (LIFE)
 Urban Assembly School for Criminal Justice (Advisory Board)

Awards

Empire State Counsel for Pro Bono Service, multiple years

Education

- American University of Beirut, B.A. (2008) economics, political studies, with distinction
- Cornell Law School, J.D. (2012)

Languages

- Arabic (Fluent)
- French (Proficient)
- Spanish (Beginner)

Recent Highlights, News & Knowledge

<p><u>"Supreme Court Unanimously Holds that Nonsignatories to an International Arbitration Agreement May Compel Arbitration,"</u> <i>International Dispute Resolution Alert</i> (June 4, 2020). Contacts: Randa Adra, Ian A. Laird</p>	<p><i>Client Alert/Newsletter</i></p>
<p><u>"Virtual Arbitral Hearings, COVID-19, and Award Enforcement,"</u> <i>International Dispute Resolution Alert</i> (April 29, 2020). Contacts: Ian A. Laird, Laurence Winston, Randa Adra, John Laird</p>	<p><i>Client Alert/Newsletter</i></p>
<p><u>"Amid Court Closures and COVID-Related Chaos, Arbitration Goes On,"</u> <i>International Dispute Resolution Alert</i> (April 16, 2020). Contacts: Randa Adra, Ian A. Laird, Laurence Winston, Edward Norman</p>	<p><i>Client Alert/Newsletter</i></p>
<p><u>"The March Towards Cybersecurity Maturity In Arbitration,"</u> Web (March 13, 2020).</p>	<p><i>Publication</i></p>

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<u>Egyptian Authority Liable Over Cancelled Port Project</u> — <i>Global Arbitration Review</i> (February 20, 2020)	<i>Media Mentions</i>
<u>"Can I get a ... Diverse Tribunal?" Young ICCA and BASIL Workshop on Improving the Participation of Minorities in International Arbitration, New York, NY</u> (September 26, 2019). Speaker: Randa Adra.	<i>Speech/Presentation</i>
<u>Pret A Manger Looks To End \$5M Suit Over 'Natural' Label</u> — <i>Law360</i> (September 13, 2019)	<i>Media Mentions</i>
<u>"In Unprecedented Move, DOJ Turns to Binding Arbitration in Merger Challenge,"</u> <i>Antitrust Law Alert</i> (September 12, 2019). Contacts: Juan A. Arteaga, Wm. Randolph Smith, Randa Adra	<i>Client Alert/Newsletter</i>
<u>With New Law, The UAE Looks To Make Itself An Arbitral Hub</u> — <i>Law360</i> (March 20, 2018)	<i>Media Mentions</i>
<u>Crowell & Moring Elects Seven New Partners and Promotes 23 Associates to Counsel</u> (Jan.04.2018)	<i>Firm News/Announcement</i>