

Who are going to be the next AIA-ArbIt-40's Co-Chairs? Meet the Candidates



Larisa Babyi
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My name is Larisa Babyi, I am part of AIA-ArbIt-40's Executive Committee and Senior Arbitration Associate at Cleary Gottlieb.

I believe in inclusive leadership, mentorship, diversity and in sponsoring young and talented lawyers. My daily work and all events I did and will organise reflect these values. I have an allergy for boring conferences. As Co-Chair, I plan on expanding AIA-ArbIt-40's outreach by working with our international chapters and fellow below-40 groups, focusing on the quality of our activities. I intend tackle a major difficulty for today's junior practitioners: isolation. A mentorship programme, speed-networking events, skills trainings, regular lunch/coffee chats giving floor and visibility to young practitioners, are all options on my list. I also wish to cultivate a dialog among mid-level and senior colleagues on career development and work-life balance.

It would be an honour and pleasure to continue contributing to AIA-ArbIt-40 in a new leadership role!



Anna Biasiolo
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Anna Biasiolo, 37, senior associate in the international arbitration team at BonelliErede (Milan), MIDS LLM (Geneva), and member of the First Executive Committee of AIA-ArbIt Below 40. Passionate about arbitration and life outside work, in all its facets. Mother of two.

My wishes are simple.

I am keen to promote a more inclusive arbitration community. Inclusiveness is something I care about deeply and strive for daily.

I would like to promote very young arbitration practitioners' growth and exposure. This world belongs to the youngest.

I hope to strengthen the ties with our friend associations across the globe. Italy needs to cross borders with energy!

The association I have in mind is modern, international and promotes talent. I very much hope to have the opportunity to put this into practice.



Isabella Cannatà
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I am an Italian lawyer based in Switzerland, and I focus my practice on investment arbitration, commercial arbitration, and public international law. After some years hopping around, I have found my home in Geneva, not too far away from my other home in Piedmont. As a young (but aging...) practitioner, I like exchanging knowledge and ideas with older and younger generations of arbitration enthusiasts. I have learned in the past two years that confinement is not good for me, but I have also learned how to use Zoom, luckily. Despite the uncertain times, AIA-ArbIt-40 has created a vibrant, international community of arbitrations practitioners with an interest in Italy. I have had the pleasure to contribute to it as a member of its Executive Committee, and I would be honoured to continue this path as a Co-Chair.



Federico Parise Kuhnle
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[White & Case's Bio](#)

I am a German-qualified lawyer based in Frankfurt, holding both Italian and German citizenship.

I am a member of White & Case's International Arbitration Practice, which I joined as an associate in 2016. Effective 1 January 2022, I will be promoted to local partner.

I advise clients on investment and commercial disputes spanning the energy, automotive and chemical sectors, as well as cross-border litigation focusing on Italy and Africa-related matters. More recently, I also advised clients on climate change disputes and already acted as an arbitrator.

I am fluent in four languages and grew up in France and Italy. I studied and worked in those two countries as well as in Germany and Sweden. International arbitration, being by definition rich in legal and cultural diversity, was thus a logical career choice to me. If elected, I commit to promoting the exchange between young Italian arbitration practitioners and their international peers.



Domenico Pauciulo
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I'm currently Researcher at Università Federico II in Naples and Adjunct Professor of International Law at LUISS University, and lawyer admitted to the Italian Bar: I have experience in teaching, researching and practicing arbitration and ADR mechanisms and I'm also a former AIA-ARBIT-40 Executive Committee's representative.

I would be honored to continue to further the Association's mission and its principles, as well as to foster the educational and professional advancement of its Members as Co-Chair, favoring connections between the arbitral and academic communities.

If elected, I would like to propose new initiatives for its members as:

- Expansion of our network (universities, research centers, law firms, judiciary), also favoring initiatives dedicated to domestic arbitration.
- Promotion of training and mentoring programs for young professionals and students and inspired by practical methodologies and "experiential" teaching.
- Preparation of content and insights to be published on AIA-ARBIT-40 website.



Gregorio Pettazzi
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[Freshfields Bio](#)

Experienced sailor, intermediate rower and terrible surfer, I also find the time to be an associate in Freshfields' international arbitration group. A really random participation in the public international law Jessup moot court made me discover an incredibly fascinating angle of the law I had no clue about. A few years later I realised that I could do that for a living. Ever since, I have been working in Milan, Rome and now Frankfurt and met along the way a very wide range of extremely talented, motivated and inspiring people, most of whom soon became very good friends – which is, as we all know, the best part of the arbitration world.



Flavio Ponzano
[ArbLit Bio](#)

I am a senior associate at ArbLit specialized in commercial and investor-State arbitrations. I have been involved in over 30 arbitrations on disparate matters. I hold a Ph.D. in international law and have long assisted Professor Luca G. Radicati di Brozolo with his courses of private international law, law of international arbitration and transnational commercial law at the Catholic University of Milan.

I love international arbitration as it provides a unique possibility to combine different areas of law and legal cultures in a challenging environment.

I like discovering new ways of looking at things and that is why I read and travel as much as I can.

As I strongly believe in future generations of lawyers, in ADR mechanisms and in Italy as place of arbitration, I would be delighted to commit further energy and time to AIA-ArbLit-40's mission.



Vincenzo Speciale
[GBS Disputes Bio](#)

Associate at Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes, I am currently one of the two coordinators of the French Chapter of AIA-ArbLit-40. In the past, I graduated from Bocconi University in Milan, completed a program in international dispute resolution at Paris-Est Créteil University, and obtained an LLM from Queen Mary University.

I am applying for a position as Co-Chair with the aim of further developing AIA-ArbLit-40 as a unique platform for young practitioners with a connection to Italy to meet, exchange and grow professionally. As I strive to continue serving the association with the knowledge acquired during my nine years of experience in the field and my personal skills (such as my curiosity and recognized relationship and leadership skills), becoming a Co-Chair would be an honor.

I hope that my personal and professional background will resonate with the passionate, rigorous and international profiles that the association members are looking for.