



Curriculum vitae

Mihaela Maravela

Independent Arbitrator, Counsel, Domain Name Panelist

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KEY FACTS

- Independent arbitrator and counsel (Mihaela Maravela Law Office) in Bucharest, Romania.
- Sits as commercial arbitrator under various rules (solved +10 cases as chair, sole arbitrator or co-arbitrator).
- Sits as a domain name panelist with WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center (WIPO-AMC) and with the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Center (ADNDRC) (solved over 380 UDRP cases).
- Ranked as a Highly Recommended in Arbitration for the 2022-2026 edition by Lexology (former WWL). Named a Future Leader in Arbitration – Partners Chapter for 2018-2021 by WWL and GAR. Featured in the 2017 and 2022-2025 editions as Who's Who in Trademarks (now Lexology).
- Experienced in various business sectors such as corporate, M&A, finance & banking, infrastructure, intellectual property, energy, oil & gas and environmental and climate change.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 05/2026

Independent arbitrator and counsel, M. Maravela Law Office
Sitting as arbitrator and domain name panelist; advising and representing clients in international commercial and investment arbitration and domain name disputes.

Since 02/2020

Partner Lawyer, Mihaela Maravela Law Office, Bucharest

(member of Maravela Codescu Buliga Attorneys at law since 03/2021)

- Advising and representing clients in international arbitrations; sitting as arbitrator and domain name panelist; Advising clients on corporate and M&A and financing transactions; advising and

representing clients in IP, environmental law related disputes, including climate change, corporate law.

2006-2020

Leaua, Damcali, Deaconu, Paunescu & Asociații – LDDP, Bucharest

- Partner; practice focused on international commercial and investment arbitration. Coordinated the IP practice of the firm.

2004-2006

Badea, Asociații in association with Clifford Chance, Bucharest

- Associate; practice focused on finance & banking and capital markets.

**ARBITRATION
EXPERIENCE**

Counsel

Counsel in ICC Cases

- Represented a Romanian state authority in an ICC arbitration initiated by the concessionaire of offshore gas fields over amounts due under the concession agreement.
- Represented a Romanian project company (subsidiary of a large Canadian company acting in the field of exploration and production of oil and gas at international level) in a dispute concerning amounts owed under a production enhancement services agreement of nine mature oil fields of Romania.
- Represented the defendants, Italian companies, in a dispute regarding the consultancy fees requested by the claimant, in an amount of 25% of the entire share capital held in a large company acting in the field of steel production in Romania.
- Assisted and represented an important Romanian company against a Dutch investor in an arbitration concerning the early fault termination of a share assignment agreement whereby the Dutch investor had obtained 50% of the shares in a project company that had developed a real estate project of over Eur 50,000,000.
- Assisted and represented an important Romanian company against a Dutch investor in an ICC arbitration concerning the shareholder's liability for the decrease of the value of the real estate project developed by the association.

Counsel in investment cases

- Represented the Romanian State as part of a team in complex investment cases under the ICSID Rules concerning: the

termination of a privatisation agreement (ARB/10/13), investments in the alcohol market (ARB/14/29), a mining concession (ARB/15/31).

- Represented the Romanian state as part of a team in a complex UNCITRAL investment arbitration having as object claims arising out of concession contracts.
- Acted as counsel for the investor as part of a team in an UNCITRAL investment case involving the expropriation of a film business in Romania.

Counsel under other arbitration rules

- Assisted and represented a large and well-known Czech retailer of furniture, home appliance, interior and exterior decoration and other household products in an WIPO expedited arbitration with the seat in Vienna.

Arbitrator/panelist

- One VIAC arbitration as sole arbitrator.
- +10 arbitrations (CCIR-CICA, Romania), acting either as sole arbitrator, chair, or co-arbitrator. One of the arbitrations was a Eur 2,8 million dispute related to a complex infrastructure project concerning the construction of a national road, and another one was a high stake international commercial contractual dispute between a Romanian company buyer and a Bosnian seller of military ammunition, with a value in dispute of over Eur 7,5 million.
- Over 380 domain name disputes (WIPO and ADNDRC), also as presiding panelist.

** some of the experiences listed above as counsel concern missions as a member of a team of lawyers of the law firm I worked at before 2020*

EDUCATION

2022-ongoing

- Doctoral studies for obtaining Ph.D in international arbitration, Jurisdiction in domain name disputes.

2005-2006

- Second bar exam, National Institute for lawyers training and proficiency, Bucharest, Romania.

2003-2004

- LLM private law, Law School, Bucharest University, Romania, thesis on Conflicts between trademarks and domain names.

1999-2003

- Law degree, Law School, Bucharest University, Romania.

LANGUAGES

Romanian: native

English: fluent

Spanish: advanced

**MEMBERSHIPS/ARBITRAL
INSTITUTIONS**

- The Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre (PMAC) of the Unified Patent Court (UPC), since 2026.
- Asian Domain Name Dispute resolution Center (ADNDRC), since 2025.
- Arbitration and Mediation Center of the World Intellectual Property Organization of Geneva, Switzerland (domain name panelist, since 2008, list of arbitrators, since 2024).
- Vienna International Arbitral Center, since 2019.
- Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania, since 2016.
- Bucharest Bar, since 2005.

**PUBLICATIONS BOOK
CHAPTERS
(selection)**

- *Practical Insights on Anti-Suit Injunctions and Practical Insights on Anti-Arbitration Injunctions*, in Kluwer Arbitration Practice Plus, Joshua Karton, Simon Greenberg, Fan Yang (eds), Wolters Kluwer (co-author), 2021.
- *Survey on the Non-State Observers' Contribution to an ISDS Advisory Centre, Proposal for an ISDS Advisory Centre, for the UNCITRAL Working Group III: Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform*, as member of ITA UNCITRAL Taskforce, 2020.
- *.RO Domain Name Disputes in Romania* in: *Arbitration in Romania, a Practitioner's Guide*, Crenguta Leaua and Flavius A. Baias (eds), Wolters Kluwer, 2016.
- National Romanian correspondent for the Bielefeld University, Germany, to the project "EU Consumer Law Compendium, Update of the EU Consumer Law Acquis Database", 2007-2011.
- National Romanian correspondent to the project "Pilot Field Study on the Functioning of the National Judicial Systems for the Application of Consumer Protection Law Rules", 2007-2011.
- Author at www.maravela.legal/blog on international arbitration, domain names and trademarks, 2021 onwards.
- *Alternative dispute resolution procedures regarding the new generic internet domain names: objections from the interested*

**ARTICLES
(selection)**

communities, also with a view on the gTLD expansion that will take place in 2026, Romanian Review of European Law, no. 3/2025.

- *Requests for setting aside arbitral awards: Overview of recent case law of the Bucharest Court of Appeal*, Romanian Arbitration Journal, no. 3/2025.
- *Procedural aspects in domain name disputes*, Romanian Arbitration Journal, no. 2/2024.
- *The applicable law to the arbitration agreement and its relevance in enforcement proceedings*, Romanian Arbitration Journal, no. 1/2023.
- *Applicable Law in Domain Name Arbitrations*, Romanian Arbitration Journal, no. 1/2021.
- *The Brave New and Old World of Arbitration: CEA's Code of Good Practices*, in Int'l Com. Arb. Rev., 250, 2019.2-2020.1.250 (co-author).
- *Applicable Law to Arbitration Agreement and No Oral Modification Clause: Case Note on the Decision of the England and Wales Court of Appeal*, in Contemporary Asia Arbitration Journal (ESCI), (Vol. 13, No. 2) (co-author).
- *The new generic Internet domain names. Considerations from the practice of solving generic Internet domain name disputes under UDRP*, the Romanian Magazine of Intellectual Property Law no. 1/2017 (co-author).
- *Case law benchmarks on the defence of the personal name protected as trademark*, the Romanian Magazine of Intellectual Property Law no. 1/2014 (co-author).
- *Practice of solving disputes deriving from breach of rights over trademarks by registration of .ro domain names by alternative means*, the Romanian Magazine of Intellectual Property Law no. 1/2013 (co-author).
- *Brief submissions on the services of dispute resolution by alternative means provided by the Arbitration and Mediation Center of the World Intellectual Property Organisation in specific fields*, the Romanian Magazine of Intellectual Property Law no. 3/2012 (co-author).

**LECTURES
AND
PRESENTATIONS
(selection)**

- *Breach of rights of third parties by registration of a domain name. Alternative means of solving disputes*, the Romanian Magazine of Intellectual Property Law no. 2/2012 (co-author).
- *Internet domain names*, the Romanian Magazine of Intellectual Property Law no. 1/2012 (co-author).
- *Trademarks for Medicine. Choice. Special conditions, relevant public*, the Romanian Magazine of Intellectual Property Law no. 2/2011 (co-author).
- *Alternative procedures to solve disputes regarding internet domain names*, the Romanian Magazine of Arbitration no. 1 of January - March 2010, Bucharest (co-author).
- *Domain name and its legal protection*, the Romanian Magazine of Arbitration no. 4 of October-December 2009 (co-author).
- The law(s) applicable to the arbitration agreements, conference: *The Lingua Franca of International Arbitration? 40 Years of the UNCITRAL Model Law*, organised by Pázmány Péter Catholic University, the Hungarian Arbitration Association and the Arbitration Court attached to the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Budapest, 2026;
- *Procedures for alternative dispute resolution concerning the new generic Internet domain names and the interference with the CEDO jurisprudence*, National Conference of PhD students, Law School, Craiova University, Ed VIII, 2025;
- *Solving disputes concerning the new Internet domain names: interested communities objections, with a view over the gTLD expansion that will take place in 2026*, CSDE: Conference Private Arbitration in European context, ed. IX, 2025;
- *Alternative dispute resolution processes dealing with new generic Internet domain names, in the wake of the new gTLD expansion program scheduled in 2026*, The Conference on Law Dynamics and Legal Realities, the Institute for Legal Studies, Bucharest, Romanian Academy, 21 November 2025;
- *Out of court settlement of disputes under the Digital Services Act*, CSDE: The conference Law of New Technologies, second edition, organized by the Institute of Legal Research Andrei Radulescu of the Romanian Academy, Center for European Law Studies, 19 September 2024.

- *Protection of trademarks against abusive registrations of Internet domain names used for criticism*, International conference Perspectives of IP Law, Law School of the Academy for Economic Studies, Bucharest, 26 October 2023.
- *Applicable law in the arbitration concerning Internet domain names*, CSDE: Conference Privat Arbitration in European context, ed. VII, 18 January 2023.
- *Protection of trademarks against online counterfeiting through the UDRP procedure against abusive registration of domain names*, Conference: Value of intellectual property for increase of business competitiveness, Bucharest, Romania, 2022.
- Reader at the Bucharest University Law School, for the class on 'Intellectual Property and Arbitration' on UDRP disputes within the School's LLM Programme 'International Commercial Arbitration', Bucharest, 2015-2020.
- *The New Internet Domains: the Shaping of a Dispute Resolution Practice subject to UDRP (Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy on Domain Names)*, International Biennial Conference, XI Edition, Timisoara, Romania, 2016.
- *Considerations on sale of internet domain names. Case study*, "National Conference of commercial law", Cluj, Romania, 2015.
- *Considerations regarding the services of solving disputes by alternative means by the WIPO Center in specific fields*, International Scientific Conference "Creativity Unites the Planet", Second Edition, Constanta, Romania, 2012.
- *Other alternative means of solving litigation in the field of intellectual property*, International Conference "Modern trends in international commercial arbitration", Bucharest, Romania, 2012.
- Lecturer at the Intellectual Property Law and Practice "Constancy in Innovation", International Conference, Bucharest, Romania, 2012.
- Teaching activities (seminarist), on international commercial trade at the Law School of the Nicolae Titulescu University, Bucharest (since 2025).
- Member of the Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe, ArbCEE (since 2025).

Other information

- Assistant Editor with the Romanian Arbitration Journal, listed in the Kluwer data bases, 2023-2025.
- Graduated the ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for Eastern Europe organized from September 2023 to October 2024, ICC Dispute Resolution Services.
- Graduated Advanced Course on Arbitration and Mediation Procedure under the WIPO Rules, 2021.
- Associate Editor with the Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 2019-2020.
- co-founder of the Romanian Chapter of the Spanish Arbitration Club (CEA), 2019.

May 2026

