



Curriculum vitae

Mihaela Maravela

counsel, arbitrator, domain name panelist

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KEY FACTS

- Partner lawyer with Maravela Mihaela Law Office in Bucharest, Romania (member of Maravela Codescu Buliga Attorneys at law). Experienced counsel in arbitration, acting under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, VIAC, WIPO and CICA-CCIR Rules.
- Sits as arbitrator under the CICA-CCIR, VIAC Rules (solved +10 cases as chair, sole arbitrator or co-arbitrator) and as a domain name panelist with WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center in Geneva (solved over 340 UDRP cases).
- Ranked as a Global Leader in Arbitration for the 2022-2025 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.
- Experienced in various business sectors such as corporate, M&A, finance & banking, infrastructure, intellectual property, energy, oil & gas and environmental and climate change.
- Trademark attorney.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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 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 in a complex UNCITRAL investment arbitration having as object claims arising out of concession contracts.
- Acted as counsel for the investor 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.
- 12 arbitrations (CCIR-CICA, Romania) out of which four as presiding arbitrator and two as sole 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.
- Over 340 domain name disputes (WIPO), also as presiding panelist.

EDUCATION

2022-ongoing

- Doctoral studies for obtaining Ph.D in international arbitration.

2005-2006

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

2003-2004

- LLM private law, Law School, Bucharest University, Romania.

1999-2003

Law degree, Law School, Bucharest University, Romania.

LANGUAGES

Romanian: native

English: fluent

Spanish: advanced

MEMBERSHIPS

- Bucharest Bar, since 2005.
- Arbitration and Mediation Center of the World Intellectual Property Organization of Geneva, Switzerland (domain name panelist, since 2008, list of arbitrators, since 2024).
- Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania, since 2016.
- Vienna International Arbitral Center, since 2019.
- European Court of Arbitration – Romania and Moldova Chapters, 2025.
- Trademark Attorney, since 2009.

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 (together with Crina Baltag), 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.

ARTICLES

(selection)

- Author at www.maravela.blog on international arbitration, domain names and trademarks, 2021 onwards.

- Procedural aspects in domain name disputes, in Romanian Arbitration Journal, no. 2/2024.
- The applicable law to the arbitration agreement and its relevance in enforcement proceedings, in Romanian Arbitration Journal, no. 1/2023.
- Applicable Law in Domain Name Arbitrations, in Romanian Arbitration Journal, no. 1/2021.
- 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) (together with Crina Baltag).
- 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).
- 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).

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS (selection)

- 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).
- 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.
- 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, 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.
- Virtual hearings in international arbitration – London, Bucharest, Brussels, Paris, at Arbitration Hour, universuljuridic.ro, 2020.
- New Internet domain names: looming of a new practice of solving UDRP disputes, International conference, XI Edition, Timisoara, Romania, 2016.
- Considerations on sale of internet domain names. Case study, "National Conference of commercial law", Cluj, Romania, 2015.

Other information

- Other alternative means of solving litigation in the field of intellectual property, International Conference "Modern trends in international commercial arbitration", Bucharest, Romania, 2012.
- Assistant Editor with the Romanian Arbitration Journal, listed in the Kluwer data bases, since 2023.
- Graduated the ICC Advanced Arbitration Academy for Eastern Europe organized from September 2023 to October 2024 with 53 hours of in-person class, developed by the ICC Institute of World Business Law and organized under the auspices of the ICC Dispute Resolution Services.
- Associate Editor with the Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 2019-2020.
- Organising conferences in the international arbitration field, as co-founder of the Romanian Chapter of the Spanish Arbitration Club (CEA), 2019-2020.