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# Resolving Disputes through Arbitration

*The features of arbitration explain its constant expansion as an efficient alternative to litigation. Arbitration is both a chosen and private type of justice.*

Chosen means that parties agree to submit their dispute to this type of jurisdiction. They can appoint the members of the arbitral tribunal, determine the possibility to appeal and the duration of the process. They can also set the applicable contract and procedural rules, therefore they can decide more freely in which countries they do business, without the issues pertaining to domestic courts.

Private means that hearings are not public. Moreover the procedure can be confidential at the parties' discretion, which is one of arbitration's most appealing features. It mostly means that the court is specifically appointed for the case at hand, so that its availability allows parties to expect an appropriate and pragmatic award.

As Arbitration is the business of the parties, it is unsurprisingly, one of the procedure which most leads to out-of-court settlements.

Arbitration awards can currently be enforced in around 150 countries. Arbitrators may, depending on the venue, exercise powers which until recently were reserved to State courts. For instance, interim awards can be provided in most centers of arbitration. Increasingly, parties finance the costs of an arbitration procedure with the help of third parties. Some innovative measures are currently being implemented to ensure the secrecy of assets such as intellectual property, know-how, data and the other secret

elements usually produced during a trial. Definitely arbitration is one of the most flexible forms of dispute resolution.

Consequently, it is very important to choose the right professionals (attorneys, arbitrators and experts) who take part in determining the outcome of the process.

Paris has always been one of the leading venues for Arbitration thanks to the arbitration-friendly French legal and court system.

SAJJ is a law practice dedicated to dispute resolution and contracts. It is headed by Sophie Ambrosi, an attorney at the Paris Bar practicing in business, intellectual property and litigation.

Trusted by her clients for more 20 years, Sophie has gained broad experience in preventing, negotiating and resolving complex litigation. She has a proven record of handling the different kinds of dispute resolution procedures. Thanks to her cross-disciplinary knowledge, she designs the most appropriate dispute provisions to secure clients' interests and make the process a strategic tool. An experienced project manager, she can cooperate if necessary with internal or external teams.

Her experience has naturally led her to be an arbitrator on the panels of different arbitration institutions. She is part of working groups on general arbitration matters. The latest one dealt with updating rules relating to parallel proceedings of a center of arbitration.

