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Me Despina Mavromati est une experte reconnue en droit international du sport et une arbitre au sein du Tribunal Arbitral du Sport (TAS). Elle fournit des conseils juridiques aux clubs, athlètes et fédérations sportives sur des questions de droit de contrat, de droit disciplinaire et de gouvernance et les assiste également dans les procédures de reconnaissance et d'exécution des sentences arbitrales. Dr Mavromati est membre de l'Instance de contrôle financier des clubs de l'UEFA (UEFA CFCB Appeals Chamber) et elle a siégé en tant qu'arbitre dans plusieurs tribunaux de fédérations internationales (World Athletics Disciplinary Tribunal ; Tribunal indépendant de la Fédération internationale de tennis ; Fondation d'éthique de la gymnastique ; Doping Hearing Panel de la Fédération internationale de Powerlifting). Elle a co-écrit (avec M. Reeb) le Commentaire sur le Code du TAS (2015, Wolters Kluwer). Depuis 2018, elle est classée chaque année dans la catégorie WWL Thought Leaders - Sports and Entertainment.



*Despina Mavromati is a leading name in sports law according to market commentators, who describe her as "an amazing lawyer with immense knowledge and expertise when it comes to disputes before the CAS."
Who's Who Legal Switzerland 2023*

*Despina Mavromati enjoys a strong reputation as "a very well-known sports lawyer" with significant experience representing clubs and athletes in complex disputes.
Who's Who Legal Switzerland 2022*

PARCOURS

- 2023 ● Membre UEFA ICFC
- DEPUIS 2023 ● Arbitre au TAS
- DEPUIS 2022 ● Of Counsel chez BianchiSchwald
- 2017 - 2023 ● UEFA Chambre d'appel
- 2017 - 2023 ● Chargée de cours à la Faculté de droit de l'Université de Lausanne
- 2017 - 2022 ● Avocate, SportLegis Lausanne
- 2008 - 2017 ● Avocate / Managing Counsel, Tribunal arbitral du sport (TAS)
- 2007 ● Docteure en droit, Université de Fribourg
- 2003 - 2007 ● Chargée de cours à la Haute école suisse d'enseignement à distance (droit des poursuites et faillites), FernStudien Schweiz et Faculté de droit de Fribourg (droit international privé)
- 2002 - 2003 ● Assistante d'enseignement à la Faculté de droit de l'Université de Neuchâtel
- 2002 ● Commission européenne, DG marché intérieur

EXPERTISE ET PRINCIPAUX DOMAINES D'ACTIVITÉ

Sport | Contentieux et Arbitrage | Droit européen

LANGUES

Anglais, français, allemand, grec

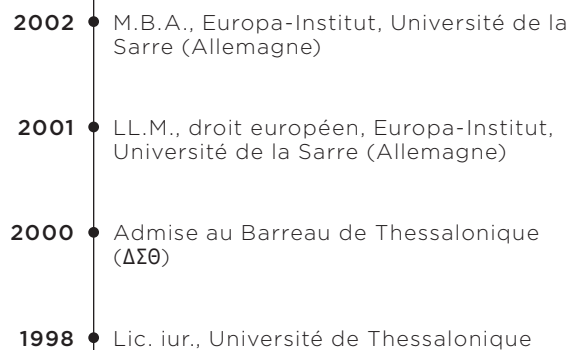
AFFILIATIONS

- Ordre des avocats vaudois (OAV)
- Fédération Suisse des Avocats (FSA)
- Ordre des avocats de Thessalonique
- Arbitre au Tribunal Arbitral du Sport (TAS)
- Membre de l'Instance de contrôle financier des clubs de l'UEFA (CFCB Appeals Chamber)
- Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage (ASA)
- Association Suisse de Droit du Sport
- Sports Lawyers Association (SLA) (Conseil d'administration)

AUTRES ACTIVITÉS

- Ancienne chargée de cours à la faculté de droit de l'Université de Lausanne (2017 - 2023)
- Fondatrice / ancien membre du conseil de Women In Sports Law (WISLaw)
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Comité de rédaction, LawInSport
- Présidente de la Commission d'éthique et de discipline, IWF (2020-2021)

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- 2002** ● M.B.A., Europa-Institut, Université de la Sarre (Allemagne)
 - 2001** ● LL.M., droit européen, Europa-Institut, Université de la Sarre (Allemagne)
 - 2000** ● Admise au Barreau de Thessalonique (ΔΣΘ)
 - 1998** ● Lic. iur., Université de Thessalonique

CONFÉRENCES

Septembre 2022

- **Human Rights Panel Member**
8th LawInSport Annual Conference in London, UK

Août 2022

- **Legal Aspects of the Qatar World Cup 2022**
Hamad Bin Khalifa University College of Law, Qatar

Juin 2022

- **A comparison of Sports Justice Systems (presentation on the Swiss legal framework)**
Webinar organized by the Milan Bar Association
- **20th Rex Sport General Assembly & Conference**
Round table discussion with Dr. Hansjörg Stutzer on the recent Swiss Federal Tribunal case law regarding the independence and impartiality of CAS arbitrators
- **Lecture (sports law) at the Temple University Beasley School of Law (invited by Prof. Kenneth Jacobsen)**
Rome, Italy

Février 2022

- **Lectures to the students of the FIFA Executive Programme in Sports Arbitration**
FIFA offices in Paris, France

Juin 2021

- **UEFA Appeals Body Member present on-site at the UEFA Euro 2020**
London, UK

Avril 2021

- **Lecture at the UEFA Football Law Program (case law of the Swiss Federal Tribunal)**

Décembre 2020

- **Bosman at 25: Contemporary issues in EU sports law (panelist discussing the EU General Court ISU v EU Commission Decision – T-93/18)**
Webinar hosted by the Edge Hill University
- **High-level policy dialogue on sports governance and EU law**
organised by the School of Transnational Governance of the European University Institute

Octobre 2020

- **VII Annual Seminar on Sports Arbitration of the Spanish Arbitration Association**
with Profs. Ulrich Haas, Massimo Coccia, Luigi Fumagalli; Clifford Hendel, Lucas Ferrer et al.

Juin 2020

- **Comparing approaches in dispute resolution in football (Panel Chair)**
LawInSport Webinar

Mai 2020

- **Working Group assessing the impact of Covid-19 on procedures in sports dispute resolution**
with Nick DeMarco QC, Murray Rosen QC, Jeff Benz, Steven Flynn, Kendrah Potts, Roberto Barracco et al.

CONFÉRENCES (suite)

Janvier 2020

- **Schiefelbein Global Dispute Resolution Conference**
(speaker on the International Sports Disputes panel with Jeff Benz, Louise Reilly, Kenneth Shropshire and Ray Anderson), Phoenix (AZ), USA

Novembre 2019

- **The Future of Sports Law and Business Conference (speaker)**
Etihad Stadium, Manchester UK

Juin 2019

- **Think Sport Conference organized by the University of Lausanne**
Round table on the future of sports law and sports governance, with a key lecture by the IOC President Thomas Bach

Mai 2019

- **Round Table discussion at the 45 Sports Lawyers Annual Conference (speaker)**
Phoenix (AZ), USA
- **Presentation on the UNESCO Anti-Doping Convention**
at the IX St. Petersburg Legal Forum
- **Presentation on eSports and Doping at the RexSport Congress**
Madrid, Spain

Avril 2019

- **Round Table on the Protection of clean Athletes at the PCC Conference**
(with Brent Nowicki, Adolpho Birch, Mike Morgan & Travis Tygard), London, UK
- **FIFA Master class on sports dispute resolution**
University of Neuchâtel

Mars 2019

- **WISLaw Talk on jurisdictional issues related to football disputes**
hosted by the Hellenic Football Federation in Athens, Greece

Octobre 2018

- **Presentation at the 29th Annual National Sports Law Institute Conference**
Milwaukee (AZ), USA
- **Harvard Law Talk on the Challenges when Drafting Sports Regulations: From Doping to Gender Classification**
(with Paul Greene), Harvard Law School, Cambridge (MA), USA
- **Presentation on the standard and burden of proof in CAS proceedings at the 2nd International Sports Law Journal Annual Conference**
at the Asser Institute in The Hague
- **Lunch talk on the Pechstein Judgment (with Prof. Margareta Baddeley) at the 2nd International Sports Law Journal Annual Conference**
at the Asser Institute in The Hague

CONFÉRENCES (suite)

Septembre 2018

- 2nd WISLaw Conference at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne
(panel chair at a dispute resolution round table discussion with Michael Beloff QC, Philippe Sands QC & Catherine Pitre).
- UEFA Disciplinary Workshop in Cyprus, Speaker on “The Review of Disciplinary Sanctions in Football Matters and the Question of Proportionality”

Mai 2018

- Round Table on Anti-Doping matters (with Michael Beloff QC, Nick Steward QC, Yury Ganus et al.)
at the XIII Legal Forum in St. Petersburg, Russia

Mars 2018

- Sports Law and Business Conference, (Panelist with Mark Hovell, Samantha Hilas, Gareth Farrelly & Kevin Carpenter)
Etihad Stadium, Manchester (UK)

Février 2018

- Presentation to the Members of the Disciplinary Tribunal of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) on Due Process in CAS proceedings
Lausanne

Novembre 2017

- Presentation on “Contractual Penalties in Football” at the CEDIDAC Sports Law Conference
University of Lausanne

Octobre 2017

- Harvard Talk on Arbitration and Athletes’ Rights (with Paul Greene)
Harvard Law School, Cambridge (MA), USA
- WISLaw Seminar on Sports Arbitration hosted by the Canadian Olympic Committee (“Corruption cases and the Court of Arbitration for Sport: Jurisdiction, Scope and Limits”, with Janie Soublière and Prof. Richard McLaren)
Montreal (Canada)
- Intensive course on sports arbitration (with Prof. Richard McLaren)
at the University of Western Ontario (Canada)
- 1st International Sports Law Journal Annual Conference (panelist with Howard Jacobs, Lindsay Brandon et al.)

Septembre 2017

- LawInSport Annual conference, Panelist, Best Practices in Sports Arbitration
with Nick de Marco QC, John Mehzard QC, Jon Taylor QC, Nina Goolamali QC et al.
- Womens’ Career Panel at the New York University, Tisch Institute of Sports Management
(organized by Prof. Cameron Myler OLY)

Mars 2017

- Tackling Doping in Sport – Presentation “Swiss Law in Doping Cases: why does it matter?”
(with Prof. Antonio Rigozzi), London, UK
- Swiss Chamber of Commerce in Istanbul Conference – Presentation on the functioning and the mechanics of the Court of Arbitration for Sport
(with Dr Fabrice Robert-Tissot, Ms Carole Mallinvaud and Prof. Antonio Rigozzi), London, UK

CONFÉRENCES (suite)

Mai 2016

- Sports Lawyers Annual Conference, Presentation on the Leading Disciplinary and Governance Procedures before the Court of Arbitration for Sport
Los Angeles (CA), USA

Mars 2016

- Lecture on the “Consensual” Nature of CAS Arbitration
Harvard Law School, Cambridge (MA), USA
- Lecture on the Dispute Resolution at the Olympics, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (with Michael Lenard)
TUFTS University, Medford (MA), USA
- Harvard Round Table on Olympic Sports and Doping (with Jeff Benz, Paul Greene and Mary McCagg)
Harvard Law School, Cambridge (MA) USA.
- Lecture on the Good Governance and the Rule of Law, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
TUFTS University, Medford (MA), USA

Février 2016

- Presentation on the CAS jurisprudence in Disciplinary Matters at the CAS Seminar
Vancouver (Canada)

Octobre 2015

- Presentation on Sports Mediation at the American Bar Association Fall Seminar (with Prof. Richard McLaren)
Montreal (Canada)

SÉLECTION DE PUBLICATIONS

LIVRES ET MONOGRAPHIES

2023

- The Judicial System of the International Tennis Federation (ITF), in Colucci / Coccia (eds.) International and Comparative Sports Justice

2022

- CAS through the Lens of the European Court of Human Rights and other Tribunals, in Nafziger / Ross (eds.), International Handbook on Sports Law, Edward Elgar Publishing
- International Football Disputes and the CAS (co-authored with Mark Hovell), in Nick de Marco (ed.), Football and the Law, Bloomberg

2015

- The Court of Arbitration for Sport: Commentary, Cases and Materials, Kluwer Law International, 2015 (with Matthieu Reeb), (2nd edition forthcoming – 2022-2023)

2008

- The Law of Payment Services in the EU, Kluwer Law International, European Law Series

SÉLECTION DE PUBLICATIONS (suite)

RUBRIQUES DANS DES OUVRAGES

2022

- The Court of Swiss Federal Tribunal judgment 4A_486/2019, Trabzonspor et al. v. Turkish Football Federation (TFF), Fenerbahçe and FIFA, in Rigozzi/ Duval (eds.), Yearbook of International Sports Arbitration 2019-2020, Asser Press

2017

- Applicability of Swiss law in Doping cases, in Rigozzi/ Duval (eds.), Yearbook of International Sports Arbitration 2016, Asser Press

2015

- Jurisprudence of the Swiss Federal Tribunal in Appeals against CAS Awards, in M. Bernasconi (ed.), Arbitrating Disputes in a Modern Sports World, 5th Conference CAS & FSA / SAV Lausanne 2014, Weblaw 2015

2014

- National disputes before CAS, in M. Bernasconi (ed), International Sports Law and Jurisprudence of the CAS, 4th CAS & SAV/FSA Conference Lausanne 2012, Weblaw 2014

ARTICLES ET COMMENTAIRES DANS DES REVUES

Février 2023

- Governance of International Sports Federations through the Lens of Global Administrative Law, Marquette Sports Law Review, (accepted for publication, Vol 2/2023).

Janvier 2023

- The Appeal Proceedings before the CAS: Key Insights and Practical Tips, ASA Bulletin, Vol. 1 / 2023, pp. 145-167.

Septembre 2020

- Selected procedural issues -and questions- arising out the Caster Semenya Judgment of the Swiss Federal Tribunal, International Sports Law Blog

Janvier 2020

- Riza v Turkey: European Court of Human Rights gives further guidance on establishing independent arbitral tribunals, LawInSport

Novembre 2018

- A review of the CAS Panel's Decision in AC Milan v. UEFA - the Devil is in the (procedural) Detail, LawInSport

Octobre 2018

- The validity of FIFA's arbitration clause and the independence of the CAS: A detailed review of the RFC Seraing cases, LawInSport

Mars 2017

- The Swiss Federal Tribunal and its impact on CAS arbitration, ABA Special Issue on the CAS and the Olympics

Mars 2017

- The rules of the CAS Anti-Doping Division and the CAS Ad Hoc Division at the Olympic Games - A commentary, International Sports Law Review (ISLR), Issue 1/2017, Thomson Reuters UK

SÉLECTION DE PUBLICATIONS (suite)

2016

- Application of the 2015 WADA Code through the example of a recent CAS Award (Sharapova v. ITF), CAS Bulletin 2/2016
- How CAS deals with Excessive Contractual Penalties in Football, LawInSport
- The Legality of the Arbitration Agreement in favour of CAS under German Civil and Competition Law, CAS Bulletin 1/2016, pp. 27-41

2015

- Mediation of sports-related disputes: facts, statistics and prospects for CAS mediation procedures, Football Legal Vol 4 / December 2015, pp. 93-99
- Res judicata in sports disputes and decisions rendered by sports federations in Switzerland, CAS Bulletin 1/2015, pp. 40-52

2014

- Autonomy and Good Governance in Light of the Case Law Rendered by the CAS, International Sports Law Review (ISLR), Issue 4/ 2014, Thomson Reuters UK, pp. 71-79
- The Panel's right to exclude evidence based on Article R57 para. 3 CAS Code: a limit to CAS' full power of review?, CAS Bulletin 1/2014, pp. 48-57
- Indirect detection methods for doping from a legal perspective: the case of the Athlete Biological Passport, International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics Vol. 6, 2/2014, Routledge (Taylor & Francis), pp. 241-258
- Recent Jurisprudence of the Swiss Federal Tribunal on Motions to Set Aside CAS Awards: Some Lessons to be Drawn, ISLR, Issue 1/2014, Sweet & Maxwell 2014, pp. 3-11

2013

- Article R57 of the CAS Code: A Purely Procedural Provision?, ISLR, Issue 2/2013, Sweet & Maxwell (with Pauline Pellaux), pp. 36-44
- Les délais dans le Code de l'Arbitrage en matière de sport, CAS Bulletin, 1/2013, pp. 2-12

2012

- Language of procedure before CAS: practice, criteria and impact of the language on the outcome of the case, CAS Bulletin, 1/2012, pp. 39-48

2011

- Jurisprudence of the SFT in Appeals Against CAS Awards - Issues related to jurisdiction, ISLR, Issue 2/2011, Sweet & Maxwell, pp. 37-48
- Status of the Player and Training Compensation, CAS Bulletin, 1/2011, pp. 21-30

2009

- The Revised Lugano Convention from a Swiss Perspective, European Business Law Review, Vol. 20, Issue 4/2009 (with Prof. Rodrigo Rodriguez), pp. 579-590