

Biography

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Yas Banifatemi is a partner in Shearman & Sterling's International Arbitration Group and leads the firm's Public International Law Practice.

She has represented multinational corporations, States and State-owned entities in over 50 international arbitration cases. She has acted as counsel and arbitrator in arbitration cases under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, LCIA, SCC, CRICA and Swiss Arbitration Rules, with particular focus on international investment, oil & gas and general commercial matters.

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Yas Banifatemi has been praised as being a “*star performer*” and a “*brilliant lawyer with a sharp intellect*” in *Chambers Global*. Clients also commented on the “*clarity of her opinions*,” describing her as a “*reliable and robust advocate*” having a “*thorough understanding of the law she practices*.” She appears in the “*45 Under 45*” feature of *American Lawyer*'s January 2011 issue, a ranking of “*The Best and the Brightest*” female lawyers under 45.

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