



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 370 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 370 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. Baïas (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
PRESENTATIONS
(selection)**

AND

- *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.

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