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Languages: English, Arabic

Meriam represents and advises clients on complex international disputes, with a focus on public international law, including issues related to human rights, international investment arbitration, international commercial arbitration and foreign investor risk management.

Meriam has served as counsel in disputes and transactions involving parties from across the globe, including Latin America, the Middle East and North Africa, Far East Asia and Europe. Her practice covers various industries, including but not limited to mining and mineral resources, infrastructure, oil and gas, civil engineering, textiles, hospitality and leisure.

Meriam's experience includes participation in large-scale arbitrations before the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), International Court of Justice (ICJ), Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at The Hague, International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), American Arbitration Association (AAA), The London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

She has served as counsel in disputes and transactions involving parties from Libya, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Poland, Romania, Papua New Guinea, Colombia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Austria, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Thailand, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. Meriam also acts as an arbitrator on commercial and investor-state disputes primarily involving parties from the Middle East and North Africa.

Praised by Chambers as a “standout lawyer” and “formidable litigator,” Meriam's experience is vast across sectors, regions and arbitral institutions. Clients also report to Chambers that she is a “strong lawyer who is well regarded and very smart,” specifically “very meticulous, [with] outstanding drafting skills and is well organized.

Meriam also works on matters surrounding post-conflict peace negotiations and governance, and investigation and adjudication of war crimes, as well as growing out a practice in Business and Human Rights, serving as one of the founding board members of the first ever Business and Human Rights Lawyers Association (BHRLA).

Meriam's Public International Law and Human Rights practice continues to grow and develop across jurisdictions in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and West Africa. Meriam and her team have worked on matters related to economic violence of women as a human rights matter in all countries of Central and South America, the treatment of armed and unarmed combatants in Iraq and Afghanistan, and worked alongside the Public International Law Policy Group (PILPG) to assist in presenting a case that analyzed how the mass deportation, among other particular and intentional acts of a State or Paramilitary, of a protected people, can be classified as a genocidal act. This legal memorandum and analysis was instrumental to the case brought by The Gambia and 57 members of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation at the ICJ, alleging that Myanmar failed to fulfill its obligations to prevent and punish acts of genocide committed against the Rohingya in Rakhine State as required under the Genocide Convention.

Meriam has been appointed as a committee member of the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice. The Vance Center is a member of the International Coalition on the Responsibility to Protect, the International Legal Assistance Consortium and the Coalition for an Effective African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. The Center also has consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council. The Vance Center provides pro bono legal representation to dozens of social justice organizations and engages hundreds of law firms in this worldwide work while promoting diversity in the legal profession.

In conjunction with the Vance Center, Meriam has worked with a US-based nonprofit to assess, better protect and advance the rights of children in one of the poorest districts in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Meriam provided legal assistance to assess whether the conditions constitute violations of children's rights to a healthy environment, life, dignity and any other rights that must be protected under the Inter-American Human Rights System and/or other international instruments.

Client experience

- Representing an international consortium of energy producers in an AAA arbitration relating to a power plant dispute in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Advised a French financial institution in a contractual dispute with a multinational conglomerate.
- Advising a client in the marble mining sector on a multi-jurisdictional, multifaceted dispute resolution strategy for enforcing the client's claims and rights arising out of a \$50 million fraud in an Eastern European jurisdiction
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- Advised a French national in connection with a \$35 million potential investment treaty arbitration in the hospitality sector against a North African host State.
- Represented clients from Kazakhstan, Lebanon and Rwanda in INTERPOL related matters.
- Representing a French subsidiary of a US contractor in an arbitration in Cairo under the rules of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration based on Egyptian substantive law, concerning an oil industry project in Egypt.
- Representing a US Fortune 500 company in a Paris-based ICC arbitration related to a hotel and tourism project in Lebanon.
- Representing a Fortune 500 company against corporations headquartered in Dubai and Dublin before the auspices of the ICC and the ICDR, resp., in a commercial dispute involving the hotel and lodging industry, under the laws of England and Wales.
- Represented the United Nations under the auspices of the UNCITRAL rules in a commercial dispute under the laws of England and Wales.
- Represented Caratube International Oil Company LLP in an ICSID arbitration against Kazakhstan under the US-Kazakhstan BIT, relating to the government's expropriation of the investor's oil production concession.
- Successfully settled an international sale of goods dispute under the auspices of UN Convention on CISG 1980 involving the textile industry between an Uzbekistan state-owned entity as buyer and a Lebanese textile producer and distributor as seller.

- Representing Guatemalan Telecommunications and Media operations related company in an investment arbitration dispute against the Government of El Salvador Article 36 of the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States (the “ICSID Convention”); Chapter 10 Section B of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (“CAFTA-DR”) Chapter 3, Section B of the Treaty on Investment and Trade in Services between the Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua (the “CACM Treaty”) including relevant amendments from the Protocol to the CACM Treaty.
- Advising to sellers in international sale of goods disputes in relation to jurisdiction, applicable law, and the applicability of the United Nations Convention on CISG 1980.
- Consulting the US Dept. of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program and Afghanistan Parliament, and the Ministries of Justice and Finance in regards to the development of the Afghan Center for Dispute Resolution and revise Afghanistan commercial law.
- Represented an Austrian company against the United Arab Emirates under the UAE-Austrian Bilateral Investment Treaty in relation to an oil and gas pipeline project.
- Represented a client in an investor-state arbitration against an Arab State and State Owned Entity under the Organization for the Islam Cooperation, Agreement on the Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments.
- Represented the State of Libya in parallel commercial and investor-state arbitrations brought by Turkish investors under the ICC Rules of Arbitration regarding the Great Man Made River Authority of Libya and events surrounding the 2011 Arab Spring.
- Represented a Canadian investor in an investor-state arbitration against a South American Sovereign State, brought under the ICSID Rules and the Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement over a dispute related to the gold mining sector.
- Represented Champion Holding Company against the Arab Republic of Egypt under the US-Egypt Bilateral Investment Treaty brought under the ICSID Convention regarding the expropriation of the investor’s assets in several industries.
- Representing Future Pipe International B.V. against the Arab Republic of Egypt under the Egypt-Netherlands Bilateral Investment brought under the ICSID Convention.
- Representing a Cypriot mineral exploration company against the Republic of Poland under the Cyprus-Poland Bilateral Investment Treaty for the expropriation of a potash mining project.
- Successfully defended the Independent State of Papua New Guinea in an arbitration brought under the ICSID Rules over a dispute regarding taxes on crude oil production.

Articles

- [The Escazú Agreement: internationalizing environmental matters and sustainable rights](https://www.pgaction.org/pdf/2022/factsheet-escazu-agreement.pdf)(February 16, 2022)_Global Arbitration Review <https://www.pgaction.org/pdf/2022/factsheet-escazu-agreement.pdf>
- [AI Issues in International Disputes Are Here To Stay](#)(March 15, 2021)_New York Law Journal
- [The Role of Artificial Intelligence in International Arbitration](#)(July 29, 2019)_Global Arbitration Review
- [Advocating for Peace in Human Rights and Resolution in Infrastructure](#)(May 30, 2018)_Lawyer Monthly
- [State liability to foreign investors in the renewable energy sector: Eiser v Spain and its implications](#)(September 2017)_Power Law Newsletter
- [Managing Risk in International Arbitration: Third Party Funding Developments in Asia](#)(August 30, 2017)_CPR Speaks
- Investment Claims in the Context of Civil Unrest: Questions of Attribution and Responsibility(March 1, 2017) Third Edition of the BCDR-AAA International Arbitration Review (IAR), Kluwer Law International
- [Investment Claims Amid Civil Unrest: Questions of Attribution and Responsibility](#)(2016)_BCDR International Arbitration Review, Issue 2, pp. 181–218
- Chinese Investment: Some thoughts on a new age of business between MENA and the Far East(February 1, 2016) Arab Legal Forum

- Understanding Egypt's Public Infrastructure Investment Strategy and Dispute Resolution Atmosphere(December 1, 2015) International Bar Association Construction Law International
- The Revival of Islamic and Middle East Regional Investment Treaties: A New Way Forward?(2015) Transnational Dispute Management
- England & Wales: Getting the Deal Through(2014) Arbitration 2014
- England & Wales, English Law Section - Getting the Deal Through(2013) Arbitration 2013
- Impact of Third Party Funding on Privilege in Litigation and International Arbitration(October 2012) Dispute Resolution International
- The CRCICA Newly Revised Arbitration Rules: Incorporating the New UNCITRAL Model Rules of 2010 and Expanding the Centre's Role as an Appointing Authority(March 29, 2011) Transnational Dispute Management
- International Arbitration in the Middle East: A Case Study of Qatar(2009) The International Dispute Resolution News, Winter 2010 Edition, Vol. 1, No. 1
- ICSID Awards Moral Damages Based Upon Malicious Conduct Asserting Fault-Based Liability(May 2008) Global Arbitration Review Volume 3, Issue 2
- Default Judgment Insurance: Transferring Risk in Third Party Funding of International Investment Arbitrations(January 2015)
- The "Comprehensive" Immigration Reform: Only as Good as the Bureaucracy it is Built Upon Nexus: Chapman's Journal of Law and Public Policy, Volume 13 2007/2008, 29

Legal Alerts

https://icsid.worldbank.org/news-and-events/news-releases/icsid-releases-fiscal-year-2020-caseload-statistics?utm_source=chatgpt.com

You or your counterparty cannot perform your contract, now what? An examination of US Courts' treatment of force majeure (March 20, 2020)

Books

The Legacy and Future of International Criminal Tribunals(Ongoing)
Oxford University Press

Presentations & Speaking Engagements

- **26 October 2025** - Speaker at TechConnect Muslim Fest 2025: Topic: 'How to lead with integrity in a globally fractured world; Navigating Power, Identity, and Equity in Tech & Policy' [Features](#) | [TCME](#) (Agenda to be finalized September 2025)
- **July 2025** – invited to become an official 'Participant in the MENA Global Policy Dialogue Group' convened annually by the College of Public Policy at the [Hamad Bin Khalifa University](#), and [The Stimson Center](#) in partnership with the Doha Forum. <https://lnkd.in/eYXqC7iH>
- **23 June 2025** - Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS) Annual Meeting 2025 [ACUNS Annual Meeting 2025 & ANUMDI Dialogue – GGIN](#); Speaker at the 2025 ACUNS Arab World Roundtable to present on 'Post Conflict reparations, and Transitional Justice.'
- [5th Annual Cambridge Forum on International Arbitration – Private Roundtable event of leading arbitration counsel](#). (June 27, 2025, Istanbul, Türkiye)
- 7th Penn Carey International Arbitration Conference – The Effect of Geopolitical Turmoil and Rising Authoritarianism on the Efficacy of Arbitration (March 21, 2025)
- [11th Harvard International Arbitration Conference \(March 6-8, 2025\)](#).
- [HRDD Webinar Panel – Human Rights Due Diligence: Global Challenges and Regional Solutions \(February 12, 2025\)](#), 13th ICC Annual MENA Conference on International Arbitration – Panel discussion on The Evolving Landscape of Arbitration in the Middle East (February 10-11, 2025)
- 13th Annual Georgetown International Arbitration Month – Panel on Decentralizing Arbitration: The Rise of Regional Hubs in Singapore, India, and MENA (February 5, 2025)
- Annual Bridge the Gap Program – Topic: International Law (January 19, 2025)
- Columbia Arbitration Week – Panel on The Post-Award Reality: Recognition and Enforcement Proceedings (October 30, 2024)
- Africa Arbitration Academy – Executive Training Program on Investment Arbitration for State Officials and General Counsel in Africa (September 23-27, 2024)
- [USC-JAMS Arbitration Symposium – International Human Rights and Arbitration \(September 13, 2024\)](#).
- ICC Guatemala Chapter – Panel on Witness Testimony in International Arbitration at Guatemala's Chamber of Industrials (August 6, 2024)
- ASEALS Annual Conference – Effectiveness vs. Enforceability of International Law (July 25, 2024)
- Bocconi University International Arbitration Conference – When International Arbitration Meets the Rule of Law (May 23, 2024)
- [SCCA24 Conference in Riyadh – International Sanctions and its Impact for the Future of International Arbitration \(March 6, 2024\)](#).
- Harvard Law School – National Security Issues in International Arbitration (February 1, 2024)
- IBA Rule of Law Series – Haiti-D.R. Canal Virtual Program (November 28, 2023)

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- APILPG International Law Summer School, Ukraine – *Introduction to Human Rights Law* (July 19, 2023)
 - Annual Africa Arbitration Academy Debate – *Is Investment Arbitration an Impediment to Economic Growth in Africa?* (June 23, 2023)
 - ABA International Arbitration Skills Masterclass (June 22-23, 2023)
 - CIArb Diploma Course – *Procedures: Pleadings, Document Disclosure, Discovery* (May 13, 2023)
 - Business and Human Rights Lawyers Association (BHRLA) – *Challenges and Opportunities in Business and Human Rights* (March 30, 2023)
 - Jeopardy" in International Arbitration: A Game Show on the Myths and Realities of Arbitrating in New York(November 17, 2022)
New York Arbitration Week
 - Emerging Issues in Legal Practice: Ethics, Representation and International Dispute Resolution(October 26, 2022) nternational Legal Week 2022
 - The intersection and implications on climate change with International Dispute Resolution and Business Human Rights(September 21, 2022)
 - GAR's International Arbitration Oral Advocacy and Advocacy Skills Course(August 2022) Global Arbitration Review
 - Expert Roundtable - Lafarge: A New Era of Accountability(Jun 24, 2022)
 - Enforcement of Arbitral Awards: Challenges(June 2, 2022) 6th ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration
 - MENA Heritage Month(April 28, 2022)
 - Ethical Considerations When Representing State Clients in International Disputes(April 27, 2022) 2022 ABA International Law Section Annual Conference
 - International Arbitration Skills Masterclass(March 24, 2022) ABA
 - State entities in arbitration(November 17, 2021) Global Arbitration Review Live: Dubai 2021
 - Executive Legal Training Introduction to International Investment Dispute Settlement (November 8-10, 2021) CSID Africa Arbitration Academy
 - Is AI and Technological Innovation changing international arbitration?(October 7, 2021) GAR Live NY
 - Mexico's Fourth Transformation: a great leap backwards?(September 16, 2021) Menas Associates
 - Strengthening Voices from the Margins(April 16, 2021) Ex Curia International
 - Live video Q&A on M&A: Buyers' and Sellers' Perspectives in the Current Market(March 27, 2020)

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- [Podcast: Q&A on the impact of coronavirus on global M&A in 2020\(March 17, 2020\)](#).
 - [Can Arbitration be Effective in Resolving Business and Human Rights Disputes?\(September 5, 2019\)](#).
 - [Protecting Human Rights in the Age of Artificial Intelligence\(May 2019\)](#).
 - [Investment Claims Annual Juris Conference\(April 8, 2019\)](#).
 - [Role of Women in Shaping the Legal Field, International Arbitration, and Obstacles Along the Way\(March 6, 2019\)](#).
 - What to do about corruption allegations? Debating the options for investment law: What is sufficient proof of corruption? (February 19, 2019)
 - Georgetown International Arbitration Society / ILA American Branch Investment Law Committee
 - [Women in International Law: The Journey to Parity\(November 19, 2018\) International Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association](#)
 - [Regional Investment - Inter-Arab Investment Disputes\(November 5, 2018\) International Bar Association 2nd Annual Arab Regional Conference](#)
 - [International Arbitration & The Middle East/North Africa Region\(April 20, 2018\) ABA Annual Conference: International Section on International Law](#)
 - Corruption of international arbitration – time to address the ‘open secret’?(November 30, 2017)
 - [Legal Business International Arbitration Summit 2017](#)
 - [Annual Juris Conference\(May 2017\)](#).
 - [Recent Developments in International Arbitration\(May 2017\) Fordham International Arbitration Association](#)
 - [Contemporary Issues & Emerging Trends in International Arbitration\(March 2017\) Women in International Arbitration and Diversity and Culture](#)
 - [Women in International Law: Charting the Path\(November 2016\) International Law Committee of the New York City Bar Conference](#)
 - [ICC Young Arbitrators Forum: Settlement in International Arbitration\(October 2016\)](#).
 - [Amicus Curiae in International Arbitration\(September 2016\)](#).
 - [International Centre for Settlement of Investment Dispute \(ICSID\) and Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration \(CRCICA\) Joint Conference](#)

- Second Annual Oxford University Press Investment Claims Summery Academy(August 3-4, 2016)
- LL.M. in International Trade Law – Contracts and Dispute Resolution(June 6th, 2016) ITCILO-UNITO
- 6th Annual Middle East Vis Pre Moot in Cooperation with Bahrain Ministry of Justice and Judicial and Legal Studies Institute(February 2016)
- Third Party Litigation Funding(February 2016) Third Party Litigation Funding Kochanski Zeiba & Partners
- Dispute Resolution and Construction Contracts in Egypt(October 25-26, 2015) ICC/SCL Conference
- Third Party Litigation Funding in International Arbitration(May 2015) CEE Consulting Group Conference
- Closing Courts Down: Residual Mechanisms and the After-Life of International Criminal Courts(October 2014) ABA Fall Meeting
- New Developments in Investment Treaty Arbitration: A Return to Fundamentals? – Assessment of Damages Investment Treaty Arbitration(March 2014)
- Eighth Annual Juris Conference on Investment Treaty Arbitration
- First Annual Oxford University Press Investment Claims Summery Academy(July 13-15, 2015)

Awards & Rankings

- Awarded and recognized as “Leaders in Law” exclusively endorsed International Investment & Commercial Disputes Arbitration expert from New York & London [Meriam Nazih Al-Rashid | Dispute Resolution Lawyer New York & London](#)
- Awarded by Advisory Excellence 'International Dispute Resolution Expert of the Year in the United States' for 2025. https://www.linkedin.com/posts/meriam-nazih-alrashid-abb483b_congratulations-meriam-nazih-alrashid-winning-activity-7361801212045795328-sRmN?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAIHAm8BXWj3d_IQrKuuVbh-f3eXZ4lFlw
- Insight Success Magazine - Cover page for 2025's "Trailblazing Leader to Follow" (to be released Fall of 2025). [Best Online Business Magazine | online business magazine](#)
- Recognized by Chambers Global – World's Leading Lawyers in International Arbitration (2022-2025).
- Recognized by The Arbitrators – Exclusively recommended arbitrator in the USA for 2025.
- Recognized by The Legal 500 US – “Leading Lawyer” in International Arbitration (2024).
- Recognized by Global Arbitration Review – Global Leader Who's Who Legal Arbitration (2021-2024).
- Recognized by Chambers USA – Guide to Leading Business Lawyers in International Arbitration (2021-2022).
- Recognized by Crain's New York Business – "Notable Diverse Leaders in Law" (2022).
- Recognized by Crain's New York Business – "Notable Women in Law" (2019, 2021).
- Recognized by The Legal 500 US – “Recommended Lawyer” in International Arbitration (2019-2023).
- Recognized as one of New York Business Journal's Women of Influence (2020).
- Recognized by Law360 – “MVP” in International Arbitration (2020).
- Recognized for Excellence in International Human Rights Pro Bono – Vance Center for International Justice (2020).
- Recognized by the New York Law Journal – "New York Law Journal's Top Women in Law" (2016).

Professional Activities

- **Member of the Forbes Business Councils.** As a member of the Forbes Councils, I will be writing thought leadership articles which will appear on Forbes.com
- **Member of “bLU Talks Speakers Bureau”** – “bLU Talks is a branded series of talks designed to educate, inspire, entertain and motivate. bLU stands for Business, Life, Universe and the speakers, authors and influencers that take part in bLU Talks are the fuel.” bLU Talks offers books, podcasts and has a community of minted, highly regarded speakers for events across the globe and for particular messaging surrounding Business, Life and Universe. “The Speakers Bureau is where the world’s most inspiring voices converge. The Bureau’s mission is to connect organisations, companies, and events with dynamic speakers who can headline, keynote, and elevate any occasion. Representing the essence of Business, Life, and the Universe, bLU Talks is dedicated to educating, inspiring, entertaining, and motivating audiences through the transformative power of shared experiences and storytelling.”
 - Committee Member, New York City Bar’s International Commercial Disputes Committee
 - Board Member, Business and Human Rights Lawyers Association (BHRLA)
 - Advisory Board Member, ArabArb
 - Advisory Board Member, Arab Legal Forum Faculty Member
 - Global Arbitration Review Academy Advisory Group Member
 - ICC Low Value Disputes Adjunct Professor, International Investment Arbitration,
 - Fordham Law School Guest Lecturer, International Arbitration,
 - Georgetown Law School Committee Member, Vance Center for International Justice
 - Member, Peer Review Board for the American Review of International Arbitration (ARIA), Columbia Law School
 - Board of Advisors, Ex Curia International
 - Member, International Bar Association (IBA)
 - Member, American Bar Association (ABA)
 - Founder and Board Member, Arab Legal Forum
 - Member, Arbitral Women
 - Member, ICC/USCIB Young Arbitrators Forum
 - Member, Law360 International Arbitration Editorial Advisory Board (2020-2021)

Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia
- New York
- Registered Foreign Lawyer, UK
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York