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Anne Coulon is a specialist in public international law and international dispute resolution.

She advises sovereign States and other actors on matters involving all aspects of public international law and frequently involving the strategic coordination of proceedings across multiple fora. Anne has particular expertise representing clients before the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, and human rights courts and treaty bodies.

Recent highlights include advising and representing several States involved in contentious and advisory proceedings before the International Court of Justice; advising a State in relation to an inter-State application before the European Court of Human Rights; advising and representing a State in proceedings before the International Criminal Court; acting as counsel for exiled Uyghur organisations in a complaint filed with the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court; and representing victims of torture in universal jurisdiction criminal proceedings. Anne is also acting as the legal assistant to the president of the tribunal in two major investor-State arbitrations.

Prior to joining Temple Garden Chambers, Anne worked at the International Court of Justice for six years, including as the principal legal adviser to the former President of the Court, H.E. Judge Ronny Abraham (from 2015 to 2018).

Anne holds degrees from New York University, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas and the University of Cologne. She is a French native speaker and is fluent in English, Spanish, Dutch and German. She also speaks Portuguese at an intermediate level.

Anne has been a member of the New York Bar since 2013 and an Associate Member of Chambers since 2019. She is based in TGC's office in The Hague.

Expertise

International Law

Anne has a broad practice in international law, advising and representing clients in respect of proceedings

before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the International Criminal Court (ICC), Regional Courts and UN bodies, as well as in domestic proceedings.

Past and present cases include:

International Court of Justice (ICJ)

- Acting as Counsel for the Republic of Ecuador in the case concerning the *Embassy of Mexico in Quito (Mexico v. Ecuador)*;
- Acting as Counsel for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the advisory proceedings concerning the *Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*;
- Acting as Counsel for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the case concerning the *Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899 (Guyana v. Venezuela)*;
- Providing confidential advice on jurisdictional and substantive issues in relation to potential and ongoing ICJ proceedings.

International Criminal Court (ICC)

- Acting as Co-counsel for the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in proceedings relating to the *Situation in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan*;
- Acting as Co-counsel for the East Turkistan Government in Exile and the East Turkistan National Awakening Movement, in the context of a complaint filed with the ICC Prosecutor, requesting the opening of an investigation into the crimes committed against the Uyghurs falling within the jurisdiction of the Court;
- Acting as Co-counsel for an international media outlet seeking the investigation of international crimes committed against journalists.

European Court of Human Rights (ECHR)

- Acting as Co-counsel for a State party to the European Convention on Human Rights in an inter-State case before the European Court of Human Rights;
- Acting as Counsel for a victim of denial of justice in a case against the Republic of Poland;
- Acting as Co-counsel for victims of colonial abuses seeking to obtain reparation from the United Kingdom.

Investor-State arbitration

- Acting as Assistant to the President of the Tribunal in two major ICSID arbitrations.

Domestic court cases involving international law matters

- Acting as Co-counsel for victims of torture in universal jurisdiction proceedings within Europe;
- Providing advice on issues relating to the extent and limits of the immunity of State officials and of international organisations in the context of criminal and civil proceedings before domestic courts;
- Providing advice on the obligations of States and corporations under international environmental law, in the context of domestic proceedings brought against a multinational corporation responsible for environmental damage in Brazil.

Other

- Acting as Co-counsel for an individual in challenges of sanctions adopted by the UN, the EU, as well as national jurisdictions;
- Acting as Co-counsel for victims of torture appearing before the UN Committee against Torture (CAT);
- Acting as Co-counsel for victims of gross human rights violations during the pre-colonial and colonial era in Kenya in the context of special procedures of the UN Human Rights Council;
- Acting as Co-counsel for an international media outlet appearing before the UN Independent Commission of Enquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel;
- Providing advice to an NGO on international environmental law matters and related litigation;
- Providing advice on matters related to the recognition of States;
- Providing pro-bono advice to asylum seekers.

Education

- University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne : Double degree in French and German Law (2010). With high honours, ranked first in class.
- University of Cologne : Magister Legum (LL.M. Köln / Paris 1) (2010). With high honours, ranked first in class.
- University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas : Master's Degree in Public International Law (2011). With honours, ranked first in class.
- NYU School of Law: LL.M. in International Legal Studies, Fulbright Scholar (2012).

Languages

- French (native)
- English (bilingual)
- Spanish (fluent)
- Dutch (fluent)
- German (fluent)
- Portuguese (intermediate)

Memberships

- French Society for International Law
- European Society of International Law

Publications

- 'Les procédures consultatives des juridictions internationales: un outil stratégique pour les Etats', *in*



- La Revue des Juristes de Sciences Po, n° 24 (2023) ;
- 'The International Court of Justice', in Mead, B. Samson & E. Sobenes Obregon (eds), *The Environment Through the Lens of International Courts and Tribunals* (T.M.C. Asser Press, 2022);
 - 'Intervención, genocidio y la Corte Internacional de Justicia', in Sobenes, L. Iñigo & P. Ferrara (eds), *Hablemos de Derecho Internacional – Volumen I* (HDI, 2022).