

Practice Group

# International Arbitration



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Our International Arbitration Group, which is one of the largest in Switzerland, comprises leading arbitration practitioners with extensive experience in a wide range of industries and complex arbitration matters not only in Switzerland and under Swiss law, but globally and under different laws. Our team is multicultural and multilingual, with diverse legal backgrounds. This enables us to understand our clients' diverse perspectives and needs, and to handle matters governed by a wide array of laws, in various languages. We meet our clients' expectations in terms of legal advice and strategy, and business and industry focus.

## Expertise

We act as lead counsel in disputes of all types and magnitude, including large, complex, multi-jurisdictional commercial, investment and sports disputes, seated in common law and civil law jurisdictions around the world and governed by a wide variety of laws (including Swiss, French, English, German, Singaporean, Emirati, Philippine, Polish, Chinese, Saudi, etc). We act for states, state entities, multinational corporations, small and medium-size businesses and individual commercial players. Our team also has unrivalled experience in setting-aside proceedings before the Swiss Supreme Court.

Our representations range from pre-litigious advice over negotiation strategies to mediation, conciliation, adjudication, dispute boards, arbitration, arbitration-related litigation and (pre-trial) discovery to enforcement proceedings and strategies in Switzerland and elsewhere. Although we focus on counsel work, we also sit as arbitrator, which allows us to offer our clients insight

into how an arbitral tribunal 'works'. We remain at the forefront of trends and developments in international arbitration through involvement in international organisations and associations, academia and arbitral institutions.

Our team specialises in the construction, energy, life sciences, mining, shipping, trade, transportation, commodities, sport and entertainment sectors.

We have acted in disputes involving parties from around the globe and in many types of commercial transactions, such as:

- Infrastructure, construction and engineering
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Joint ventures, consortium agreements and shareholder disputes
- Energy upstream and downstream, including renewables
- Pharmaceuticals and life sciences
- Investment disputes
- Mining and minerals
- Commodities trading
- Automotive
- Information technology, patent and other intellectual property-related disputes
- Licensing, technology transfer and distribution agreements
- Luxury and consumer goods
- Hotels and hospitality
- Sports-related commercial disputes
- Finance and banking transactions
- Transport, aviation, shipping and maritime disputes

## Deals and Cases

We have acted in cases under all leading arbitration rules and ad hoc with seats of arbitration around the globe, including:

- Representation of a consortium of contractors in a billion-dollar dispute concerning one of the world's largest infrastructure projects
- Representation of a state in four investment treaty arbitrations and Supreme Court proceedings related to investment treaty arbitrations
- Representation of many leading engineering and construction

companies in a wide variety of fields, including infrastructure projects, industrial facilities, oil refining and gas terminals, mining and major hotel projects, under different applicable laws

- Representation of a leading European pharmaceutical group against a major US pharmaceutical company in a multibillion-dollar WIPO arbitration arising from a patent license agreement covering one of the world's best-selling pharmaceutical products
- Representation of a leading European energy company in a number of commercial disputes, including price review disputes and disputes over the construction and/or operation of power plants
- Representation of a developer and producer of complex automotive parts in a number of high-value arbitrations concerning research and development joint ventures and claims deriving from recalls due to defective parts
- Representation of MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Company Plc. in setting-aside proceedings before the Swiss Supreme Court concerning a multibillion-dollar dispute with the Republic of Croatia
- Representation of numerous athletes (before the IOC, CAS and their sports federations) in anti-doping rule violation proceedings

## Recognitions

The group and leading practitioners are regularly ranked and recognised among leading law firms in global directories and publications:

- Chambers Global and Europe in Dispute Resolution: Arbitration and Arbitrators
- Legal 500 in Dispute Resolution: Arbitration
- Expert Guides
- WWL Switzerland and WWL Arbitration international guides
- GAR 100

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