

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

1. Name

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2. Citizenship

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4. Current position

Partner / Attorney-at-Law, Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd

5. Education

2015 Bar Admission, Zurich, Switzerland

2011 Master of Law, University of Berne, Switzerland

2010 Visiting Student, University of Stockholm, Sweden

2009 Bachelor of Law, University of Berne, Switzerland

6. Practiced experience in arbitration

How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?

20+

ICC Rules, Swiss Rules, VIAC Rules, DIS Rules, CEPANI Rules, CAS Rules

How often have you acted as Chairwoman?

0

How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?

2

How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?

2

How often have you acted as Counsel?

10+

How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?

5

7. Publications and other activities in arbitration

Selected publications:

- **GAR Knowhow Construction Arbitration – Switzerland Chapter**, Global Arbitration Review, 2016-2022, co-authored with Elliott Geisinger and Christopher Boog
- "The Arbitrator's Power to Adapt Contracts – Three Jurisdictions, three Answers – The Swiss Perspective" published in the **Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration 2022**
- Country Update Switzerland, **Construction Law International**, Vol. 16, Issue 3, September 2021
- Chapter on **Expert Evidence in Construction Disputes**, in: Global Arbitration Review, The Guide to Construction Arbitration, 4th edition, 2021 (eds.: Stavros Brekoulakis and David Brynmor Thomas)
- Arbitration of Trust Disputes, in: ASA Bulletin, Vol. 35, No. 1, March 2017, co-authored with Georg von Segesser
- Regular contributions to SW Construction Insights, PLC's Monthly Arbitration Report and the Kluwer Arbitration Blog

Selected speaking engagements:

- Speaker at the International Bar Association (**IBA**) **8th Biennial Conference on Construction Projects** from Conception to Completion organized by the Construction Projects Committee on the topic of the relevance of the applicable law in international construction disputes, Berlin, March 2023
- Speaker at **ICC YAAF** Event on the topic of "**Arbitration and Climate Change: Exploring Opportunities and Challenges**", Geneva, March 2023
- Moderator at the **SAC-DIS-VIAC Conference** on the topic of "*Gemeinsame Schiedskultur in der DACH-Region?*", Basel, November 2022
- Speaker at the International Bar Association (**IBA**) **Annual Conference** on a panel organized by the International Construction Projects (ICP) Committee on the topics of **sustainable project decommissioning** and nuclear power plant decommissioning, Miami, November 2022
- Speaker at the Hogan Lovells and ArbitralWomen event entitled "**Increasing Efficiency in Construction Arbitration: Proceedings, Tools and Techniques**", Munich, June 2022
- Speaker at Schellenberg Wittmer Event "**Digitalization in the Construction Industry**" on the topic of the use of Building Information Modeling (BIM) and construction disputes, Zurich, June 2022
- Moderator at the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) Below 40 Spring Conference on a panel discussing **Delay Analysis in Construction Arbitration**, Geneva, June 2022
- Speaker at the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (**ICDR**) Young & International Group's **Swiss Chalet Debate on the topic of jura novit arbiter**, Zurich, March 2022
- Speaker at an event organized by the German Initiative of Young Arbitration Practitioners of the German Arbitration Institute (**DIS40**) on the topic of **challenges of arbitrators**, Zurich, September 2021
- Moderator at the 59th AIJA International Young Lawyers' Congress, Innovation Lab Session on **Third-Party Funding in Practice**, Zurich, August 2021

- Speaker at the Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (**YAAP**) **Arbitration Roundtable**, The Arbitrator's Power to Amend Contracts, Online, May 2021
- Speaker at the **Vienna Arbitration Days (VAD) 2021, Construction Arbitration: Innovation and Constants**, February 2021
- Discussion Leader at the **YConstruction event** on the topic of "How Lessons Learned from Construction Disputes Can Help Improve Contract Drafting (and Project Management)", Zurich, 25 September 2019
- Speaker at the **ASA Below 40** Fall Conference on the topic of **Tackling Costs in International Arbitration**, Zurich, November 2018

Listings:

- Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders Global Elite, Construction, Under 45, 2023
- Who's Who Legal Future Leader in Construction, since 2019
- Who's Who Legal Future Leader in Arbitration, since 2021
- Legal500: Dispute Resolution: Litigation and Real Estate & Construction, 2022
- LMG Expert Guides: Rising Star Commercial Arbitration, since 2021

8. Membership in arbitral institutions

ASA / ASA Below 40

Arbitral Women (Board Member)

IBA International Construction Projects Committee (Editor Construction Law International)

ICC YAAF

DIS40

YConstruction

9. Languages

Mother tongue: Swiss-German / English

Working languages: German / English

10. In which legal systems have you trained?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Common Law | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austrian Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungarian Law | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swiss Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Czech Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> German Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovakian Law | <input type="checkbox"/> European Law |

Other _____

11. Jurisdiction of practice

Switzerland

12. Jurisdiction of bar admission

Switzerland

13. Special expertise or specializations

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Unfair competition | <input type="checkbox"/> Damages | <input type="checkbox"/> Insolvency | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Intern. Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking & Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Domain name disputes | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellect. property (IP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Intern. Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital markets | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> ISDS/ Foreign invest. | <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CISG | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint ventures | <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil fraud disputes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial disp. / transactions | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Life sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Public contracts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity market | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare & Pharmac. | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company/Corporate/M&A | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Gastro./Tour. | <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunication |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Inform. technology (IT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract law | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural resources | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

14. Date of birth

8 April 1985

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24 March 2023

Date

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Signature