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PROFILE

Tobias Zuberbühler has over 25 years of experience in dispute resolution and has acted as arbitrator and counsel in more than 100 international and domestic arbitration proceedings under both ad hoc and institutional rules (ICC, Swiss Rules, DIS, CEPANI, VIAC, HKIAC). He has also rendered over 350 UDRP decisions as WIPO Domain Name Panelist.

Tobias is a former member of the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Arbitration Centre and co-editor of the Commentary on the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration (3rd ed 2023). He is recognized as one of the leading international arbitrators (Chambers Global, Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders).

EDUCATION

1999
Zurich Bar
Admitted to all Swiss Courts

1996
LL.M. International Legal Studies
Golden Gate University,
San Francisco

1994
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University of Zurich

CAREER

ZUBERBÜHLER ARBITRATION
since 2023

LUSTENBERGER + PARTNERS
2005 – 2023 Partner, Zurich

CREDIT SUISSE AG
2011 – 2012 Anti-Corruption Officer, Zurich

MME PARTNERS
1999 – 2005 Senior Associate, Zurich

WYLER & LUSTENBERGER
1997 – 1998 Junior Associate, Zurich

LANGUAGES

German
English (7 years USA)
French

CREDENTIALS

"He always has very clear ideas on complex matters. Tobias possesses an excellent knowledge of arbitration. He is incredibly successful."

(Who's Who Legal: Arbitration 2021)

SELECTED CASES

Co-arbitrator in ICC proceedings between Swiss claimants and a U.S. respondent regarding the operation of a nuclear power plant.

Presiding arbitrator in ICC proceedings regarding the distribution of pharmaceutical products in Asia.

Co-arbitrator in ICC proceedings regarding aircraft maintenance in Turkey.

Co-arbitrator in ICC proceedings regarding the distribution of pharmaceutical products in the Middle East.

Co-arbitrator in ICC proceedings regarding the construction of an industrial plant for food products in North America.

Representing an energy consortium in a post-M&A dispute against an Eastern Europe state (ICC Rules).

Representing an energy company in an ad hoc arbitration against state-owned oil & gas companies in the Middle East.

Representing a Turkish maintenance company against a state-owned airline in the Middle East (Swiss Rules).

PUBLICATIONS

IBA Rules of Evidence – The Best of Two Worlds, RIIPraxis 1/2024 (Rechtspraxis der Infrastruktur- und Industrieprojekte/Law Journal on Industrial and Infrastructure Projects), pp. 30-34

Zuberbühler/Müller/Habegger (eds), Swiss Rules of International Arbitration, Commentary, 3rd ed, Zurich 2023

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Commentary on Art. 38-41 and Appendix B Swiss Rules (Costs), in: Manuel Arroyo (ed), Arbitration in Switzerland – The Practitioner's Guide, 2nd ed, Kluwer 2018, pp. 808-841

Zuberbühler/Schregenberger, Corruption in Arbitration – The Arbitrator's Duty to Investigate, in: New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration 2016 (eds Christoph Müller/Sébastien Besson/Antonio Rigozzi), Schulthess 2016, pp. 1-38

World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), in: Pascale Gola/Claudia Götz Staehelin/Karin Graf (eds), Institutional Arbitration, Tasks and Powers of Different Arbitration Institutions, Zurich/Basel/Geneva 2009, pp. 293-310

Signatory or Not? Groups, Affiliates and MBOs, Case Note on Swiss Supreme Court Decision of 22 Januar 2008, 4A_244/2007, ASA Bulletin 3/2008, pp. 559-564

Non-Signatories and the Consensus to Arbitrate, ASA Bulletin 1/2008, pp. 18-34

Zuberbühler/Oetiker (eds), Practical Aspects of Arbitrating EC Competition Law, Zurich 2007

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Taming the Beast – The Case for Limiting Document Production in International Arbitration (Moderator at ASA Town Hall Bern, 27 September 2024)

Evidentiary Standards for Criminal Acts in Arbitration (Paris Arbitration & Crime Conference, 26 April 2024)

Obtaining Documents in Possession of a Third Party (Taking of Evidence in Arbitration, Croatian Arbitration Days, Zagreb, 7 December 2023)

The Role of Swiss Law in Turkey (Swiss Arbitration for Turkish Business, Moderator, Istanbul, 17 October 2023)

Alternative Justice in a Decentralized World (NFT Fest, Representative of the Swiss Arbitration Centre, Lugano, 9 September 2023)

Swiss Innovation Conference: Arbitration 3.0 – Dispute Resolution in the Metaverse (Co-Chair, Zurich, 2 February 2023)

The IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence – Best Practice Tools revised (ASA below 40, Bern, 16 September 2022)

Batman vs Superman: Experts and the battles they fight (AIJA Arbitration Conference, Vienna, 15 October 2021)

Virtuelle und hybride Hearings: War Stories aus der Praxis (ASA Local Group Basel, 22 June 2021)

The art of persuasion: how to present, persuade and prevail (ASA below 40, Special Guest, Zurich, 2 October 2020)