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Recognitions
- Chambers and Partners Global/Europe: Arbitration Counsel since 2020; Sport since 2026
- The Legal 500: Leading Partner in Dispute Resolution: Arbitration since 2022; Key Lawyer in Sports Law; Key Lawyer in Construction since 2026
- Lexology Index: Thought Leader in Arbitration since 2019; Recommended in Sports & Entertainment since 2021; Recommended in Sports & Gaming since 2020
- Leaders League: International Arbitration since 2018
- LMG Expert Guides: Commercial Arbitration since 2014

Languages
French, English, German

Selected Publications
- The impact of trade sanctions on contractual obligations and arbitration proceedings
- "Consent" in Sports Arbitration: Which Lessons for Arbitrations Based on Clauses in Bylaws of Corporations, Associations, etc.?
- Arbitration Law of Switzerland: Practice and Procedure

Philippe Bärtsch is a Vice-Chair of our International Arbitration Practice Group and a Co-Head of our Sports Practice Group. He represents clients in complex international commercial, investment and sports arbitration matters as well as in setting-aside proceedings before the Swiss Supreme Court. Philippe is highly recommended by the legal directories, both as an arbitration and as a sports lawyer.

Expertise
- International Arbitration
- Dispute Resolution
- Construction
- Energy
- Sports

Experience
- Counsel and arbitrator in more than 100 complex commercial arbitrations seated in common law and civil law jurisdictions worldwide, involving a wide array of matters and under many different laws
- Main areas of specialization include post M&A disputes, energy, construction / engineering, commodities, pharmaceutical, consumer goods and sports
- Counsel in close to 100 different proceedings before sports arbitral institutions and adjudicative bodies of sports federations, including in some of the highest profile sports cases in recent history

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Career

2019 -2024	Managing Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2015-2024	Member of Schellenberg Wittmer's Management Committee
2012	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2006	Foreign Associate in a leading US firm in New York
2003	Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer

Education

2004	LL.M., Harvard Law School
2002	Bar Admission in Switzerland
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Additional Professional Activities

- Regular publications and speaking engagements on topics related to arbitration
- Member of the Academic Council of the Swiss Arbitration Academy
- Member of the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Arbitration Centre
- Co-chair Young Arbitration Practitioners (YAP)
- Co-chair the marketing committee of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)