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Recognitions

- Chambers and Partners Global/Europe: Arbitration since 2020
- The Legal 500: Leading Partner in Dispute Resolution: Arbitration since 2022; Key Lawyer in Sports Law
- 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

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
- 2000 lic. iur., University of Geneva

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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)