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EXPERIENCE

Markus heads Hannes Snellman's cross-practice team specialising in sports, media and entertainment law.

Following his graduation in 2003, Markus has advised and represented clients in a number of varying assignments. By way of example, Markus has litigated and arbitrated disputes relating to M&A transactions, international trade, insurance contracts, lease agreements and employment contracts. He regularly represents Finnish and foreign corporations in both domestic and international ad hoc arbitrations, as well as in arbitrations administered by various institutional rules (i.a. FCC, ICC, SCAI). In addition, Markus serves as sole or party-nominated arbitrator in both ad hoc and administered arbitration proceedings. He is ranked in the Best Lawyers® list for Finland (Litigation).

Markus has unparalleled experience in the field of sports law. He has advised foreign and Finnish top level sports clubs in cases relating to sponsorship, player, coach and stadium agreements. Furthermore, he has represented a leading stadium company and a major sports gear company in different sports-related disputes. Apart from being a versatile lecturer on sports law related topics, Markus has published several articles on the subject, including FINADA Supervisory Group and its Decisions 2009-2010 (2010), Refusal and Other Evasion of Doping Test (2011), The Finnish Match Fixing Scandal (2012) and Second Anti-Doping Rule Violation (2012). In addition, he serves as a CAS arbitrator and has been a member of the FINADA Supervisory Group since 2009.

RECENT REFERENCES

- Represented a Finnish listed company against a Latin American counterparty in a multi-million euro dispute over the termination of a distribution agreement. Apart from the main arbitral proceedings seated in Helsinki, the case involved convoluted injunction and criminal proceedings before Brazilian state courts.
- Represented a Finnish investment company against another one in an arbitration based on Finnish Companies Act, the value of the dispute exceeded MEUR 17.

- Advised a Finnish company against a major US corporation regarding US damages litigation. The value of the claims amounted to tens of millions of dollars.
- Advised a foreign public company in complex, Russia-related international arbitration and numerous simultaneous court proceedings concerning e.g. a breach of a shareholders' agreement and various company law related issues.
- Advised a Finnish public company in an international ad hoc arbitration concerning an alleged breach of an M&A agreement.

MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS OF TRUST

- Member of the Finnish Bar Association
- Member of the Finnish Arbitration Association
- Member of the Finnish Sports Law Association
- Member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Lausanne, Switzerland
- Vice-chairman of Finnish Antidoping Agency FINADA's Supervisory Group
- Member of the Disciplinary Board of the Finnish Bar Association

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Counsel, Hannes Snellman, 2012
- Senior Associate, Hannes Snellman, 2007
- Master of Economic Sciences, Helsinki School of Economics, 2005
- Trained on the Bench, District Court of Loviisa, 2005
- Associate Lawyer, Hannes Snellman, 2003
- Master of Laws, University of Helsinki, 2003