



# DR. DIRK-REINER MARTENS †

## ARBITRATOR & MEDIATOR COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

*Lausanne, 13 November 2019* – It is with deep sadness that the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS) notes the passing of CAS arbitrator and mediator Dr. Dirk-Reiner Martens (Germany), at the age of 77, in Lausanne, where he was about to take part in a CAS hearing in the morning of 12 November 2019.

Dr Martens is among the few CAS members who were mentioned on the very first list of arbitrators, shortly after the creation of CAS in 1984. As one of the pioneers in sports law, in Germany and in the world, he was a very enthusiastic lawyer, always passionate about the development of CAS and of his sport, basketball (he represented FIBA for many years and was at the origin of the creation of the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal (BAT)).

After working in the law firm Beiten Burkhardt for many years, Dr. Martens founded his own firm (Martens Rechtsanwälte) in Munich in 2009 and remained very active in the area of sports law and arbitration. During his 33 years of collaboration with CAS, he was appointed in nearly 200 CAS procedures. More generally, his contribution to sports arbitration was remarkable and contributed to the evolution and success of the CAS.

The ICAS members, the community of CAS arbitrators and mediators and the CAS staff convey their most sincere condolences to Mrs Ina Martens, to Mr and Mrs Martens' families and friends, and to Mr Martens' colleagues at Martens Rechtsanwälte, FIBA and BAT.