

Giulio Palermo

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OVERVIEW

Giulio Palermo is an arbitration specialist qualified in Switzerland, Italy, and Spain. He has acted in over 100 international arbitration proceedings, including more than 60 appointments as arbitrator. His experience spans proceedings conducted in English, Spanish, French, and Italian under the rules of all major arbitral institutions.

Recognized internationally for his expertise, Giulio is consistently ranked among the leading arbitration practitioners worldwide across major legal directories. Early in his career, he was already listed among the “Global Elite Thought Leaders Under 45” by Who’s Who Legal in 2023 and named the most highly regarded arbitration practitioner in Europe in the Who’s Who Future Leaders ranking in 2020.

Clients and peers describe him as “an arbitration powerhouse” (Legal 500), praise him as “straight to the point and always delivers” (Chambers), and highlight his ability to combine “commercial and investment arbitration savvy with sports law arbitration” (Legal 500).

In addition to his work as counsel and arbitrator, Giulio acts as an expert before courts and arbitral tribunals and advises clients on dispute prevention, dispute strategy, and Swiss law aspects of cross-border business operations.

Giulio is also a leading practitioner in sports arbitration, with a particular focus on disciplinary matters. He serves as an arbitrator with the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the Swiss Sports Tribunal. In his capacity as UEFA Ethics and Disciplinary Inspector, he represents UEFA in proceedings before its disciplinary and appeal bodies.

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Geneva, Madrid, Rome

EDUCATION

Stockholm University — LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration	2010 – 2011
IE Law School — LL.M. in International Legal Practice and Transnational Corporate Law	2009 – 2010
Universidad de La Laguna — Spanish Law Degree	2009
Luiss Guido Carli University — Italian Law Degree (Grade: 110 out of 110)	2007

HONORS, AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS

Ranked in Chambers and Partners (Sport band 3 and Arbitration band 4) Switzerland	2025 – Present
Ranked in Legal500 (Sport band 4 and Arbitration band 4) Switzerland	2024 – Present
Arbitrator at the Swiss Sports Tribunal	2024 – Present
Lexology Client Choice Award – Sports Switzerland	2024
Leaders League (Sport - Highly recommended) Switzerland	2024 – Present

Who's Who Legal (Switzerland): Arbitration Thought Global Leader and National Leader	2024 – Present
Lecturer on Sports Law at UEFA Football Law Programme	2024 – Present
Co-director of the Advanced Course for Arbitrators organized by CIAM, CIAR, and CEIA	2024 – Present
Lecturer on Sports Law at UEFA Fight The Fix programme	2023 – Present
Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders Arbitration (Switzerland)	2023 – Present
Who's Who Legal: Arbitration Global Elite Thought Leader – Under 45	2023 – Present
Investigation and Prosecution Officer of the International Boxing Association	2023 – Present
Who's Who Legal: Sports & Gaming Global Leader	2022 – Present
Co-founder of the Sports Arbitration Moot	2021 – Present
Lecturer on Sports Arbitration at the Stockholm University (LLM in International Commercial Arbitration Law)	2020 – Present
Who's Who Legal: Arbitration - Future Leaders (First Most Highly Regarded Practitioner in Europe)	2020
Board Member of the CIAM (Centro Internacional de Arbitraje de Madrid)	2019 – Present
Ethics and Disciplinary Inspector of UEFA	2019 – Present
Lecturer on International Arbitration at LUISS Guido Carli	2018 – Present

PUBLICATIONS

Swiss Law in International Sports Disputes: Practical Examples and Outlook (CAS Bulletin 2/2025)	2025
El precedente en el arbitraje internacional - Arbitraje y Jurisdicción. Homenaje a Miguel Ángel Fernández-Ballesteros (La Ley Soluciones Legales, March 2024)	2024
Indépendance du TAS vis-à-vis de ses financeurs et des utilisateurs réguliers de ses services - Les Cahiers de l'Arbitrage (Lextenso, January 2024)	2024
CAS 2019/A/6148, World Anti-doping Agency v. Sun Yang and Fédération Internationale de Natation, Award of 28 February 2020 (Yearbook of International Sports Arbitration, January 2023)	2023
L'arbitrato nelle esperienze straniere – Trattato di Diritto dell'arbitrato: L'arbitrato in Svizzera (Edizioni Scientifiche Italiane, May 2022)	2022
La riforma della legge svizzera sull'arbitrato internazionale: una prima analisi (Rivista dell'Arbitrato n. 4/2020, May 2021)	2021
Leveraging the Standard of Ex Aequo et Bono to Increase Diversity, Flexibility and Efficiency: Insights from the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal (ASA Bulletin, December 2020)	2020
Ex Aequo et Bono in International Arbitration (Review of the Kopaonik School of Natural Law, May 2020)	2020
ECTHR and Arbitration: A New Framework Emerges for the Organisation of Dispute Resolution in Sports? (Kluwer Arbitration Blog, April 2020)	2020
Riconoscimento di decreti di fallimento e di concordati stranieri in Svizzera (Rivista del Diritto del Commercio Internazionale – Giuffrè Francis Lefebvre, February 2019)	2019
The Evolution of CAS Jurisprudence on Match Fixing (CAS Bulletin 2/2018)	2018
Rechazado nuevo ataque contra el TAS (Revista del Club Español del Arbitraje, Wolters Kluwer, volume 32, 2018)	2018
Why 'national platforms' are the cornerstone in the fight against match-fixing in sport: the Macolin Convention (LawInSport, 18 June 2018)	2018
Independence of CAS vis-à-vis its Funders and Repeat Users of its Services (Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 25 May 2018)	2018
Lodi non definitivi e i provvedimenti cautelari dell'ordinamento svizzero (Pacini Giuridica, Atti del Quarto Rapporto annuale sull'Arbitrato, 2018)	2018
TAS: aún en vilo tras la saga Pechstein (Revista del Club Español del Arbitraje, Wolters Kluwer, volume 27, 2016)	2016
Il Principio di mutual trust: ultimo baluardo della comunitarizzazione dell'arbitrato commerciale? (Rivista dell'Arbitrato, Anno XXV Fasc. 4-2015, Giuffrè Editore)	2015

