

Curriculum Vitae

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Present occupation:

- Attorney at law, Ghent Bar and Brussels Bar, Everest Attorneys.
- Visiting Professor at Europa-Institut International Law School of Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany (2020-).

Former occupations:

- Counsel, ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris, 1988-1996.
- Visiting Professor at University of Ghent, Belgium, 1996-2013.
- President of the arbitrators of the Belgian Court of Arbitration for Sports, Brussels, 2016-2020.
- President of the Training and Documentation Department of the Belgian Court of Arbitration for Sports, Brussels, 2021.

Education:

- Lic.Iur., University of Louvain (K.U.L.), Belgium, 1982.
- Postgraduate law studies in German law (at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen and at the Court of Appeal in Düsseldorf) with DAAD Scholarship, 1982-1983.
- Postgraduate law studies in English law (at King's College, London) with British Council Scholarship, 1986.
- Dr.Iur. (PhD), University of Ghent, Belgium, 2008 (Arbitration).

Other Functions:

Past Functions :

- Former President of the “Rheinischer Internationaler Juristenverein”, Düsseldorf, Germany, 1983-1985.
- Former President and founder of the “Belgisch-Deutsche Juristenvereinigung”, Brussels, 1984-1985 and 1987.
- Former Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, 1996-2024.
- Co-rapporteur of the ICC Commission on International Arbitration, Paris, 1998-2001.
- Consultant to the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, Geneva, 1998-2016.
- Former Member of the Board of Directors of CEPANI (Belgian Centre for Arbitration and Mediation), 2001-2023.
- Honorary Member of the Board of CEPANI, since 2023;
- Former Member of the Bar Council of the Brussels Bar (Dutch Section), 2001-2004
- Member of the Editorial Board of “Tijdschrift@ipr.be - Revue@dipr.be”, 2003-2013.
- Former Alternate member of the special commission on civil and commercial mediation of the Federal Mediation Commission, Belgium, 2005-2009.
- Appointment by the Belgian Parliament (House of Representatives) as one of two experts to advise a Parliamentary Commission on the creation of a temporary arbitration organisation for the handling of cases of sexual abuse in relations of subordination, in particular with regard to the Church, May 2011-January 2012.
- Former Member of the Scientific Committee of the Center for Arbitration in the field of Sexual Abuse, Brussels, March 2012-April 2017.
- Former “Country rapporteur” for Belgium with regard to the “Guide to National Rules of Procedure for Recognition and Enforcement of Awards under the New York Convention” of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, 2008.
- Former Member of the Task Force of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR on the Revision of the ICC Rules of Arbitration (2012), 2009-2011.
- Former Member of the Task Force of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR on “Arbitration involving states or state entities”, 2009-2013.
- Former Member of the Task Force of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR on “Decisions as to Costs in International Arbitration”, 2011-2015.
- Former Member of the Task Force of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR on “Maximizing the Probative Value of Witness Evidence”, 2017-2019.
- Former Member of the IBA Committee on the elaboration of Rules for investor-State mediation, 2011-2012.
- Former Representative of CEPANI (Belgian Center for Arbitration and Mediation) in Working Group II (Arbitration and Conciliation) of UNCITRAL (United Nations Commissions for International Trade Law), New York and Vienna, 2009-2015.
- Former Member of the Editorial Board of “CEPANI Newsletter”, 2011-2014.
- Former Chairman of the CEPANI Working Group on the revision of the CEPANI Rules on Mini-trial, expertise and adaptation of contracts of 2018, 2013-2017.
- Former Member of the Working Group “Digital Arbitration” of CEPANI (Belgian Centre for Arbitration and Mediation), 2019-2021.
- Former Contributor for Belgium to the online “UNCITRAL Guide on the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York, 1958)”, newyorkconvention1958.org, 2014.
- Former Member of the Publications Advisory Board of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), The Hague, 2015.
- Former Chairman of the Working Group on arbitration and ADR of the Brussels Bar (Dutch Section), 2019.

- Secretary of DACABI (Dispute Avoidance, Conciliation and Adjudication Board Institute), London, United Kingdom, 2020.
- Guest lectures at several universities : University of Louvain (K.U.Leuven); Université Libre de Bruxelles - Ecole de Commerce Solvay; University College Dublin; City University Hong Kong; University Paris X – Nanterre; Europa-Institut, International Law School, Saarland University, Saarbrücken.

Present functions :

- Member of the ADR Commission of the Association of Flemish Bars (Orde van Vlaamse Balies), Belgium, since 2004.
- Member of the General Assembly of the Association of Flemish Bars (Orde van Vlaamse Balies), Belgium, since 2024.
- Accredited Mediator, Belgian Federal Mediation Commission, since 2008.
- Member of the Editorial Board of “Tijdschrift voor Arbitrage”, since 2012.
- Member of the Editorial Board of “Nederlands-Vlaams Tijdschrift voor Mediation en Conflictmanagement”, since 2012.
- Member of the Editorial Board of “b-Arbitra”, since 2012.
- Member of the delegation of FICA (Forum for International Conciliation and Arbitration), London, in Working Group II (Dispute Resolution) of UNCITRAL, New York and Vienna, since 2016.
- Member of the Management Committee of FICA, 2018-2019; member of the Board of Directors, since 2020; vice-chairman, 2020-2021; co-chair since 2022.
- Member of the Executive Committee, European Dispute Resolution Society, Ghent, since 2021.

Panels of arbitration institutions :

- Belgian Centre for Sports Arbitration (“C-SAR”), Brussels, Belgium.
- Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI), Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- Cour d'Arbitrage de l'Europe du Nord (CAREN), in Lille, France.
- International Arbitral Centre of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Vienna, Austria.
- Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce, in Warsaw, Poland.
- Court of Arbitration attached to the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in Budapest; Hungary.
- Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic and Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic, in Prague Czech Republic.
- Permanent Arbitration Court of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce, in Zagreb, Croatia.
- International Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution of the American Arbitration Association, in New York, U.S.A.
- Asian International Arbitration Centre, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC).
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.
- Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, in Seoul, Korea.
- Singapore International Arbitration Centre, in Singapore.
- Pacific International Arbitration Centre, in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- Thailand Arbitration Center, in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Japan Commercial Arbitration Association, in Tokyo, Japan.
- Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Court of Arbitration for Art (CAfA), in The Hague, Netherlands.
- Panel of Neutrals (Arbitrators and Mediators), WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Geneva, Switzerland.

- Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre of the Unified Patent Court (PMAC), in Lisbon, Portugal and in Ljubljana, Slovenia (Sole Arbitrator; Emergency Arbitrator; Member of the Arbitral Tribunal).

Panels of mediators :

- Federal Mediation Commission, Brussels, Belgium.
- b-Mediation (BBMC), Brussels, Belgium;
- Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI), Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- Cour d'Arbitrage de l'Europe du Nord (CAREN), Lille, France.
- VIAC (Vienna International Arbitral Centre), List of Practitioners in International Mediation and ADR, Vienna, Austria.
- Energy Community Dispute Resolution Panel of Mediators, Vienna, Austria.
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland.
- Mediation and Conciliation Network (MCN), New Delhi, India.
- Panel of Conciliators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Washington, DC, United States (designated by Belgium) .

Memberships :

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, United Kingdom;
- Fellow, FICA - Forum for International Conciliation and Arbitration, London.
- International Bar Association, London.
- ICC Belgium.
- ICC Institute of World Business Law, associate member.
- Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit.
- Comité Français de l'Arbitrage.
- Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage.
- London Court of International Arbitration.
- ICCA - International Council for Commercial Arbitration, The Hague.
- IAI - International Arbitration Institute, Paris.

Publications:

Author or co-author of more than 20 books and more than 200 articles in the field of arbitration and alternative dispute resolution.

Experience in arbitration:

Since 1988, has been actively involved in international arbitration, as counsel at the secretariat of an arbitration institution, as chairman, sole arbitrator, party-appointed arbitrator, court appointed expert in various parts of the world under many different applicable law. Amongst the matters handled are disputes related to car distributorship contracts, the charter of vessels, construction matters, defects of the construction of a power plant, the design, manufacture and delivery of a turbine unit including heating condensers for a biomass cogeneration plant, delivery of goods, lawyers' fees, distribution and delivery of lubricants, exclusive import-distribution agreements, franchising agreements, international investment matters, IT services contracts, leasing contracts, the liability for the delivery of contaminated soil materials by a subcontractor, license agreements for generic pharmaceutical products, management companies, the organisation of cruises, performance bonds in international construction contracts, real estate matters, the "res judicata" effect of an arbitral award, the sale of carbon emission rights, sales of goods contracts, sales of intellectual property, sales and license agreements for algorithms, sales of machines, sales of ships, service agreements, shareholders agreements, share purchase agreements, the

sponsorship of a television show, the supply and installation of a product handling system in steel plants, the termination of exclusive distributorship agreements, termination of cooperation agreements, terminations of joint venture companies, trade sanctions.

Languages

- Native tongue : Dutch
- Other languages : Fluent in English, French and German
Basic knowledge of Spanish