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Luca Beffa

Partner

Luca Beffa is a partner in the Firm's Dispute Resolution group. Luca is based in Geneva, Switzerland, where he leads the arbitration practice. Luca has extensive experience in international arbitration matters, regularly acting as counsel and arbitrator. He also handles litigation matters with a particular focus on commercial, banking, M&A, construction, healthcare, trading and cross-border transactions, as well as sports law.



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Service:

Dispute Resolution

About

Luca is well versed in complex domestic and international arbitration matters. He has acted both as counsel and arbitrator in numerous institutional and ad-hoc arbitration cases under different rules (ICC, Swiss Rules, LCIA, CAM, ICSID, UNCITRAL and CAS Rules), as well as in related proceedings before Swiss ordinary courts and the Swiss Federal Tribunal. Furthermore, Luca regularly assists clients in all kinds of litigation matters, with a particular focus on commercial, banking, M&A, construction, healthcare, trading and cross-border transactions, as well as in sports related matters.

Luca is arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and at the Court of Arbitration for Art (CAFA) and is on the list of arbitrators of various institutions. Luca is also a member of the ICC Swiss Commission of Arbitration and ADR, of the Marketing Committee of the Swiss Arbitration Association, of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) of the Commission of the Geneva Bar Association, and of the Appeals Chamber of the UEFA Club Financial Control Body (CFCB).

Clients and peers praise his "clever legal mind," his "great knowledge of arbitral rules and strong ability to identify key strategic opportunities" and recognize his "strong reputation as a very sophisticated and experienced arbitration practitioner" and as an "innovative and dedicated" litigator. According to them, Luca is "very strong," "very clear" and "structured" in the way he argues and presents his case, and "resolves each and every incident very efficiently. He has a way of addressing issues that makes things move forward. It is a real pleasure working with him."

Luca has been recognised as a "Thought Leader" in "Arbitration" and "Sports & Entertainment" by Lexology and is ranked in Chambers Global 2025 under the Arbitration – Switzerland chapter. In addition, Luca is recommended by leading legal directories for Commercial Litigation.

Experience

Arbitration

- Represented the owner company of a steel mill in Africa in two parallel arbitration proceedings before the ICC and the Paris Chamber of International Arbitration (CAIP).
- Represented a Swiss bank in post-M&A ICC arbitration proceedings in connection with USD 80 million claims against a Dutch bank.
- Represented a Swiss bank against its client in a Swiss Rules arbitration related to swap transactions.
- Represented a major oil trading group in ICC arbitration proceedings worth USD 70 million.
- Represented the Italian subsidiary of a market-leading global information services and publishing company against a French publishing company in ICC arbitration

Sectors

Financial Services

Real Estate & Construction

Sport

Recommendations

" I worked with Luca Beffa and found him very strong. "

Chambers Global 2025 – Arbitration, Switzerland

" Luca Beffa is clear, has a structured way of thinking and has no fear of sustaining a position which makes sense to him. He is a good lawyer with an analytical mind. "

Chambers Global 2025 – Arbitration, Switzerland

" Luca Beffa resolves each and every incident very efficiently. He has a way of addressing issues that makes things move forward. It is a real pleasure working with him. "

Chambers Global 2025 – Arbitration, Switzerland

" I like working with Luca Beffa. He is very clear in the way he argues and presents his case. "

Chambers Global 2025 – Arbitration, Switzerland

- proceedings related to a joint venture agreement.
- Represented a global pharmaceutical company in ICC arbitration proceedings against its distributor in Egypt.
 - Represented a world-leading construction group in multimillion ICC arbitration proceedings in relation to an EPC contract for the construction of a refinery in the Middle East.

Litigation

- Represented a leading infrastructure company in disputes related to the construction of a datacenter in Switzerland.
- Represented a multinational inspection, product testing and certification company in multimillion litigation proceedings against a major oil trading company.
- Represented a Swiss bank in litigation proceedings against a Panama-based company for alleged mismanagement of a portfolio.
- Represented a German bank in litigation proceedings against an institutional client of the bank in relation to a CHF 100 million loan.
- Represented an international organization in several litigation proceedings against one of its member associations.
- Represented the directors of an oil trading company in multimillion liability proceedings related to the company's bankruptcy.

Memberships

- Court of Arbitration for Sport – Member
- ICC Swiss Commission for Arbitration and ADR – Member
- Swiss Arbitration Association – Member of the Marketing Committee
- Geneva Bar Association – Member of the ADR Commission

Our thinking



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Charles Russell Speechlys
strengthens its arbitration and
litigation capabilities with the
appointment of Luca Beffa in
Geneva

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