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Education: CEDR Investor-State Mediator Skills Training (CEDR / ECT / ICSID), 2022
CEDR Mediator Skills Training, 2020
BPP and College of Law, London 2001
University of London, King's College, LL.M. in International Business Law, 2000
University of Geneva, B.A. in History & Literature, (double major) 1997 & 2002
University of Geneva, B.A. in Law, 1986
Hague Academy of International Law, 1985 session.

Admitted: CEDR Accredited Mediator, 2020
Solicitor (England & Wales) 2001 (np);
Geneva Bar 1986.

Present Position: World Bank Sanctions Board, since 2019
African Development Bank, Chair of the Sanctions Appeals Committee, since 2024
OPEC Fund, Vice Chair Administrative Tribunal, since 2022
OPEC, Appeals Committee, since 2023
Deputy Judge, Geneva Civil Courts, since 2007
MENTHA, Geneva Law Firm, Partner, since 2005

Professional Experience: Lalive & Partners, Senior Associate, 2003 - 2005
University of Geneva, General Legal Counsel, 2003
WTO/ITC, Consultant, 2002
Lenz & Staehelin, Senior Associate, 1989 - 1999

Areas of Specialization: International Arbitration; international administrative Law; International Commercial Contracts and Transactions; State contracts; Joint Ventures; International Business Law; Infrastructure projects; Oil & Gas / Energy Transactions; Pharmaceutical industry; Shipping; International Law; Corporate; Finance; Banking; Sport; Mediation.

Professional Associations: Geneva and Swiss Bar Associations; Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA); Swiss Commission of Arbitration; regular delegate to the UNCITRAL Commission and Working Group II and III sessions, including the sessions on "Transparency in treaty-based investor-State arbitration" (the Rules and the Mauritius Convention), on "the enforceability of settlement agreements" (the Singapore Convention), and to the current works of the Working Group III on the Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform; International Chamber of Commerce (ICC): former Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR; Member of the ICC Task Forces on the Revision of the ICC Rules of Arbitration, on Arbitration involving States or State Entities, on the Emergency Arbitrator and on ADR; International Law Association (ILA): Member of the Swiss ILA Directorate, Member of the ILA International Commercial Arbitration Committee, Member of the ILA ADR Committee; Member of the working group drafting the IBA Rules for Investor-State Mediation; London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA - London): former Council member; Comité Français de l'Arbitrage (CFA); Member of the International Arbitration Institute, Paris (IAI); The Law Society (England & Wales); Member of the OECD and UNCTAD Panels of Experts.

Arbitration Experience: Arbitration proceedings as counsel and arbitrator (Sole / Chair / co-Arbitrator) in Ad Hoc and under various arbitration rules: ICC, CCI, Swiss Rules, UNCC, UNCITRAL, CRCICA, DIAC, KCAC, CAS (Cases mainly relate to construction, infrastructure projects, banking, pharmaceutical, energy, franchise, sport, sport sponsorships, environmental issues and State contracts); Arbitrator in Expedited Proceedings (ICC); Member of the Ad Hoc Division of CAS for Sport Games of the XXXI Olympiad - the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Panels of Arbitrators: ICC Arbitration Panel (Swiss National Committee); WIPO; the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS); Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC); the Slovenian Arbitration Centre; LCIA; SIAC; the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR/USA); CRCICA (Cairo): frm member and Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee of CRCICA.

Publications: Co-authored: ITC Contractual Joint Venture Model Agreements and User guide in: UNCTAD/WTO Trade Law Series, Geneva 2004; ITC Incorporated Joint Venture Model Agreements and User guide in: UNCTAD/WTO Trade Law Series, Geneva 2005.

Speaking & teaching Functions: Speaker at various arbitration events: the Geneva Global Arbitration Forum; the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London; the London Court of International Arbitration; the Stockholm Institute of Arbitration; the Cairo Regional Arbitration Centre; the ICC (PIDA); the Energy Charter Treaty (Brussels), GAR Live at the Riyadh arbitration week.

Teaching functions include: LLM program, Edinburgh University; LLM Program, Pace University, New York.

Languages: Arabic: mother tongue
English: fluent
French: fluent
German: good knowledge