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Biography

Luca Beffa is the co-head of the Firm's Dispute Resolution Group in Geneva. He has extensive experience in international arbitration matters, regularly acting as counsel and arbitrator. Luca is also very active in sports law and handles litigation matters in various industries.

Luca is well versed in complex international arbitration matters. He has acted as counsel in numerous commercial arbitrations under different rules (ICC, Swiss Rules, LCIA, UNCITRAL), as well as in related proceedings before Swiss ordinary courts and the Swiss Federal Tribunal.

Luca regularly acts as arbitrator. He has been appointed as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and presiding arbitrator in several arbitrations under the ICC, the Swiss and the UNCITRAL Rules.

Luca is also active in sports law. He has participated as counsel in several CAS proceedings, and regularly advises sports federations, associations and athletes in sports-related matters.

Recognitions

Luca is on the list of arbitrators of various institutions (ICC Switzerland, TAS/CAS, CAfA) and sits on the Marketing Committee of the Swiss Arbitration Association and on the ADR Commission of the Geneva Bar Association.

Luca is recommended as expert in international arbitration, litigation and sports & entertainment by Who's Who Legal. 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.

Representative cases

Acted as arbitration counsel in 50+ proceedings.

Acted as arbitrator in 15+ proceedings.

Acted as counsel in several CAS proceedings.

Professional affiliations (selection)

- Swiss Arbitration Association - Member of the Marketing Committee
- Geneva Bar Association - Member of the ADR Commission
- Swiss Sports Law Association - Member

Related Expertise

- Dispute Resolution (International Arbitration and Litigation)
- Sports Law

Previous Offices

- New York

Languages

- English
- French
- Italian
- German
- Spanish (basic)

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Recent publications and presentations (selection)

Publications

- "Arts. 1-5 WIPO Rules", *Arbitration in Switzerland - The Practitioner's Guide*, M. Arroyo (ed.), 2nd ed., 2018, p. 1749-1766
- "CAS 2016/A/4474 Michel Platini v. Fédération Internationale de Football Association, Award of 9 May 2016", *Yearbook of International Sports Arbitration 2016*, A. Duval and A. Rigozzi (eds.), p. 299.316
- "Review of the Case Law of the Swiss Federal Tribunal Concerning Sports Arbitration", *Causa Sport*, from the year 2010 to 2016 (co-author with Olivier Ducrey)
- "Review of the Recent Case Law of the Swiss Federal Supreme Court", *New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration*, 2015
- "Parallel Proceedings. Lis Pendens, Res Judicata. Federal Tribunal. Decision 140 III 278, Case 4A_508/2013. J.27.05.2014," *Revista Brasileira de Arbitragem*, Vol. 12, Nr 45, 2015 (co-author with Luis Peretti)
- "Enforcement of Default Awards", *ASA Bulletin*, Vol. 4, 2013
- "Decision 4A_246/2011 or the Leniency of the Swiss Federal Tribunal Towards Pathological Clauses", *ASA Bulletin*, Vol. 1, 2012
- "Challenge of International Arbitration Awards in Switzerland for Lack of Independence and/or Impartiality of an Arbitrator - Is it Time to Change the Approach?", *ASA Bulletin*, Vol. 3, 2011
- "Arbitrabilité des conflits individuels de travail: critique de l'arrêt 4A_71/2010 du 28 juin 2010 et questions ouvertes", in *AJP/PJA*, Vol. 11, 2010

Presentations

- "Arbitrato internazionale in Svizzera", Milan Chamber of Arbitration, Milan, 27 March 2019
- "Giustizia sportiva / Diritto sportivo", ASA Group GASI, Lugano, 22 October 2018
- "Efficiency and Costs in International Arbitration: A practicum", *Young ICCA and CEA-40 workshop*, Madrid, 22 September 2017
- "Review of the Recent Case Law of the Swiss Federal Supreme Court", *New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration*, Neuchâtel, 13 November 2015
- "Why Arbitration", *ASA Arbitration Seminar & Workshop*, Istanbul, 17 September 2015
- "La contestation de la sentence", *Séminaire intensif de formation à la pratique de l'arbitrage international*, ASA Geneva, 13 March 2015
- "Tactics and Practical Issues when Enforcing the Award", *The Empty Chair - Arbitrating Against Absent Respondents*, ASA Below 40 and ICDR Young & International, Geneva, 31 May 2013

Professional experience

- Partner, Baker McKenzie, Geneva, 2018 to date
- Counsel, Baker McKenzie, Geneva, 2015 – 2018
- Senior Associate, Baker McKenzie, Geneva, 2009 – 2015
- Foreign Associate, Baker McKenzie, New York, 2008 – 2009
- Associate, Baker McKenzie, Geneva, 2005 – 2008
- Law Clerk, Baker McKenzie, Geneva, 2002 – 2004

Education and admission

- Admission to the Swiss and Geneva Bar (2005)
- Institute for European Studies in Brussels (LL.M.) (2002)
- University of Fribourg (2001)