
PIERRE KARRER



Education

LL.M. (1970) Yale; Dr. iur., summa cum laude (1967), University of Zurich; Law studies in Zurich, Göttingen, Padova, The Hague, and Yale.

Professional Experience

Independent Arbitrator; Partner, Pestalozzi Lachenal Patry, Zurich and Geneva (1976 to 2004); Lecturer, University of Zurich (since 1980); Assistant Prof. of Law, Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans (1972-1974); admitted to the Swiss Bar (1969).

Areas of Specialization

Full-time International Commercial Arbitration practice re commercial contracts, investment protection, construction, major infrastructure projects, plant and equipment, oil and gas, raw materials, telecommunications, pharmaceutical, automobile industry, mergers and acquisition, bonds and guarantees, distributorships, licenses, tourism, sport sponsorship, art trade (1976 to date).

Professional Association

Hon. President of ASA Swiss Arbitration Association; Vice President, Stockholm Institute; former Vice President, LCIA; former Court member, ICC; former Chairman, Arbitration Commission of Swiss National Committee of the ICC; Member, Comité Français de l'Arbitrage; Institut pour l'Arbitrage International; DIS Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit; Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb); Milan Club; American Arbitration Association; etc.

Arbitration Experience

Chairman (mostly) and Arbitrator in over 250 international commercial arbitrations.

Arbitration Seats

Zurich, Geneva, Basel, Bern, Paris, London, Stockholm, Vienna, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Frankfurt, Munich, Berlin, Amsterdam, Brussels, Budapest, Sofia, Milan, Cairo, Bahrain, Kathmandu, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Djakarta, Hong Kong, Tokyo, New York, Boston.

Arbitration Institutions

ICC, LCIA, Swiss Chambers, Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, Austrian Economic Chamber, DIS, Arbitration Court attached to the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bulgarian Chamber, GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre of the Gulf Cooperation Council, AAA/IDRC, Chamber of International Arbitration of Milan.

Laws Applied

Common, civil, and Islamic law. Switzerland, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Israel, Nepal, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, People's Republic of China, Quebec, Louisiana, Mexico, Colombia, Argentina, England, Ireland, Ontario, Massachusetts, New York, South Carolina, Texas, Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa, Namibia, India, Malaysia, Singapore, New South Wales, Victoria, Algeria, Libya, Lebanon, Bahrain, Oman (Sharia), Irak, Iran and Nepal.

Experience

Commercial arbitration. Investment arbitration. Domestic arbitration. International conciliation and mini-trial. Expert witness on Swiss law. Arbitration-related practice before Swiss Federal Supreme Court. Mass claims (Chairman, Property Claims Commission).

Languages

Fluent: English, French, German, Italian, Dutch, some Spanish.

Panels of Arbitrators

Zurich Chamber of Commerce, Swiss Arbitral Commission of ICC Switzerland, Austrian Economic Chamber, Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic and the Agriculture Chamber of the Czech Republic, Permanent Arbitration Court, Croatian Chamber of Commerce, Court of Arbitration of the Polish Chamber of Commerce, Arbitration Court attached to the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Arbitration Court at the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Beijing International Arbitration Commission, Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, AAA, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, Japan Commercial Arbitration Association.

Listed

in top category by Chambers Global, European Legal 500, Euromoney Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration, Who's Who Legal, Which Lawyer?, Best Lawyers, Euromoney The Best of the Best.

Publications

Switzerland's Private International Law, 2ed, Kluwer 1993 (with Karl Arnold and Michele Patocchi); Commentary to Art. 187 PIL Statute, 2ed, 2007; Numerous articles on international arbitration.

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