



## **Dr. Diana Akikol**

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Diana Akikol has acted as counsel or arbitrator in more than 60 arbitrations seated in a number of jurisdictions and involving claims governed by various national laws (including, inter alia, French, English, Italian and US laws). She has been active in a wide range of contractual and commercial disputes, with particular emphasis on sales of goods, commodities and energy trading, M&A, shareholder agreements, joint ventures, agency, licence and distribution (e.g. in the pharmaceutical industry), as well as services and consultancy agreements, in particular in the industrial, military and telecommunications sectors. Moreover, she has many years of experience in construction arbitration. In recent years her emphasis has been on post M&A disputes and warranty claims relating to large infrastructure projects.

Diana Akikol serves on the ICC Swiss National Committee and is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR in Paris, including the Commission's Task Force "Addressing Issues of Corruption in International Arbitration". In 2020, she joined the Board of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution (SCAI) and the International Advisory Body of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC).

Diana Akikol regularly speaks and publishes in her field. She has written a doctoral thesis on the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and co-authored a commentary on the CISG.

### **Career**

2020 Partner at Walder Wyss, Geneva  
2014-2020 Founding Partner at ABR Avocats, Geneva  
2007-2014 Associate at Lenz & Staehelin, International Arbitration Group, Geneva  
Visiting Lawyer at Akinci Law Office, Istanbul (March-October 2012)  
2005-2006 Visiting Scholar, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor/USA, Fulbright Fellow  
2003-2005 Law Clerk, High Court for the Canton of Berne, White Collar Crime Division  
2002 Bar admission (ranked first in the bar examination)  
2001-2002 Junior law clerk, District Court V, Canton of Berne  
2000-2001 Junior associate, von Graffenried & Schädelin, Berne

### **Education**

2008 University of Lucerne (Dr. iur., summa cum laude)  
2000 University of Fribourg (lic.iur., summa cum laude)

### **Recognitions**

Diana Akikol is recommended as "a very strong practitioner" (Who's Who Legal 2020 Switzerland Arbitration) and "a highly intelligent and accurate arbitrator" (Who's Who Legal Arbitration Future Leaders Partners 2018). In 2018, she was ranked second among the most highly regarded arbitration partners in Europe in Who's Who Legal Future Leaders. Who's Who Legal: Arbitration 2020 describes her as "a truly outstanding arbitrator, who is extremely devoted, efficient, knowledgeable and smart". She "definitely belongs among the bright stars in the arbitration sky", say peers.

### **Languages**

German, French, English, Turkish (basic)