

# VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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**4. Current position:**

Principal Counsel Litigation, Siemens Group

**5. Education:**

- Admitted to practice in Germany (2002), Switzerland (2006) and England & Wales (2006)
- Dr. iur., University of Freiburg i. Brsg. (2001)
- LL.M. in European Law and International Economic Law, Universities of Geneva, Lausanne (1999)

**6. Practiced experience in arbitration**

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?
  - approx. 50 arbitrations, of which 80% international / 20% domestic
  - under the rules of the ICC (approx. 50% of cases), Swiss Chambers/CCIG/ZHK, DIS, ad hoc (each approx. 10%), LCIA, Hungarian Chamber of Commerce, FAI, NAI, CIMA
- How often have you acted as Chairman?  
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- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?  
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- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?  
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- How often have you acted as Counsel?  
40 (incl. cases as managing in-house counsel with involvement -at least- equivalent to outside counsel, leaving aside ancillary proceedings and many cases with more limited involvement)
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?  
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**7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):**

- Relevant publications
  - Dispute Boards – ADR-Verfahren im Vergleich, Zeitschrift für Konfliktmanagement 2013, 72-76
  - Escalation Clauses – Stairway to Heaven or Highway to Hell?, in: Müller/Rigozzi (eds.), New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration 2010, 173-195
  - The Group of Companies Doctrine – Where is it Heading?, Am. Rev. Int'l Arb. 17 (2007), 73-88, co-authors S. Wilske, L. Shore
  - Wettbewerbsrecht und Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit in der Schweiz, SchiedsVZ 2006, 182-188, co-author M. Meinhardt

- Zur Anfechtung von Teil-, Vor- und Zwischenschiedssprüchen – Urteilsanmerkung zu BGE 130 III 755, ASA Bull. 2005, 300-312
- Variations on the 'Group of Companies' Theme, CAA Arb. J. 2005, 1-17, co-authors S. Wilske, L. Shore
- Die subjektive Reichweite von Schiedsvereinbarungen und ihre Erstreckung in der Unternehmensgruppe, Frankfurt a.M. 2001 (PhD thesis)
- Selected speaking engagements
  - Regular speaker on "The Use of ADR for IP and Technology Disputes", WIPO Center, since 2009
  - Guest Lecturer "International Arbitration", University of Jena/German School of Public Admin., Speyer; since 2006
  - Regular trainer on dispute resolution for the in-house legal education program of the Siemens group, since 2009
  - Strategies for International IP Dispute Resolution in and after COVID-19, JCAA-WIPO webinar 2020
  - Kein fester Grund? Wirkung & Durchsetzbarkeit von DAB-Sprüchen, DIS Construction Group 2020
  - Clear Path or Jungle in Commercial Arbitrators' Conflicts of Interest?, ASA conference, Zurich 2020
  - Cost Strategies in International Dispute Resolution, DRI International, Vienna 2017
  - Expectations in Dispute Resolution, Global Pound Conference, Berlin 2017
  - Does Arbitration Deliver? Time-Cost/Efficiency, Vienna Arbitration Days, Vienna 2015
  - Switzerland: A Global Dispute Resolution Forum, ASA/WIPO conferences, Beijing/Shanghai 2015
  - Dealing with Time and Cost, CDR Arbitration Symposium, London 2014
  - Drafting of Arbitration Agreements – Dos and Don'ts, Arbit conference, Milan 2014
  - Emergency Arbitration – a Valuable Addition to the Toolbox?, SAA seminar, Stockholm 2012

#### **8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:**

- ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- ASA – Swiss Arbitration Association (Board and Users Council)
- DIS – German Arbitration Association (co-chair of DIS40 in 2009-13)
- SIAC – Singapore International Arbitration Centre (Users Council)
- CCIAG – Corporate Counsel International Arbitration Group
- Round Table Mediation und Konfliktmanagement der Deutschen Wirtschaft

#### **9. Languages**

Mother tongue:            German

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language):

English, French; passive/intermediate: Spanish, Italian

**10. In which legal systems have you trained?**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil Law  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Law |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austrian Law          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungarian Law         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swiss Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Czech Law             | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish Law            | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian Law        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> German Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovakian Law         | <input type="checkbox"/> European Law         |

Other: England & Wales

**11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?**

Germany, Switzerland

**12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar?**

Germany (also admitted in Geneva, Switzerland, and England & Wales in 2006)

**13. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Unfair competition     | <input type="checkbox"/> Damages                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Insolvency               | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural resources      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                | <input type="checkbox"/> Power plants           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking & Finance                | <input type="checkbox"/> Domain name disputes             | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellect. property (IP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Intern. Law    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital markets                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Investment arbitration   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Intern. Law     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CISG                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                           | <input type="checkbox"/> ISDS/Foreign inves.      | <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil fraud disputes             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering           | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint ventures           | <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial disp. / transactions  | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity market                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Healthcare & Pharmac. | <input type="checkbox"/> Life sciences            | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Public contracts |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company/Corporate/M&A | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Gastro./Tour.              | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime arbitration     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Inform. technology (IT)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Media                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunication      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract law                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      |   |   |   |

**14. Date of birth: 5 July 1971**

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