

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. Current position: Equity Partner

5. Education:

- a) Studies of Law and Economics at Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany
- b) 1. State Exam in Law in the year 2000
- c) PhD (Intangible Assets in group financial reporting according to US GAAP and IFRS) in the year 2003 (Dr. iur at Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, after studies at Duke University, Durham, N.C., U.S.A.)
- d) 2. State Exam in law in the year 2007 (after PhD and working at law firm and university in Santiago, Chile, where I taught on international arbitration and on commercial contracts)
- e) Studies of English law at Kaplan Altior, London, 2008 - 2010
- f) Qualified as Solicitor in England and Wales in the year 2010
- g) Studied Brazilian law at UNIRIO for revalidation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2013 - 2014
- h) Qualified as Advogado in Brazil (Brazilian Bar Exam) in the year 2015

6. Practiced experience in arbitration and mediation

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?
 - a) ICSID (as member of Jorge Bofill's team in Santiago, Chile, 2004),
 - b) Swiss Rules (as member of CMS Hasche Sigles' /Torsten Lörchers' litigation/arbitration team),
 - c) ICC (as dispute resolution partner of Veiranos'):
 - aa) international: dispute between German multinational (client) and Spanish company, related to a major infrastructure project,
 - bb) national: dispute between a Brazilian construction company (client) and a Brazilian state entity related to another major infrastructure project,
 - d) DIS (as dispute resolution partner of Veiranos'): dispute related to the remuneration of a Brazilian sales representative (client),
 - e) NAI (as dispute resolution partner of Veiranos'): delivered expert opinion on Brazilian Law, related to a commercial law dispute,
 - f) CAM-CCBC (as dispute resolution partner of Veiranos'): complex dispute regarding the delivery and installation of several production lines by a German client for a Brazilian company,
 - g) CIESP/FIESP (as dispute resolution partner of Veiranos'): represented swiss client in a post M&A dispute against Brazilian parties,
 - h) Several successful ad hoc commercial mediations conducted.

- How often have you acted as Chairman?
n/a
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?
n/a
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?
n/a
- How often have you acted as Counsel?
Seven times
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?
Once as an expert on Brazilian law, and several times in ad hoc mediation.

7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):

- Article: Arbitration in Brazil, together with Ronaldo Veirano, in *liber amicorum* for Gerhard Wegen, C.H. Beck, 2015,
- E-Book: International Arbitration in Brazil – An Introductory Practitioners’ Guide, together with several colleagues of Veiranos’, Kluwer Arbitration 2017,
- Exclusive country-manual on Arbitration for Brazil, Mondaq, forthcoming, starting in 2024.
- Frequent speaker engagements, e.g. in Vienna:
 - Panelist on Arbitration (giving overview over Brazilian arbitration reform act of 2015) at IBA Annual Conference, Vienna 2014,
 - Speaker at Vienna Arbitration Days’ World Caffee, 2019.

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

- CAE (Câmara de Mediação e Arbitragem das Eurocâmaras, list of arbitrators), São Paulo, Brazil,
- DIS (Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit, member), Cologne, Germany,
- ELArb (European – Latinamerican Arbitration Association (member of appointing committee, list of arbitrators), Hamburg, Germany,
- ICC (Veirano, as institutional member),
- LCIA (London Court of International Arbitration, list of arbitrators), London, England,
- VIAC (Vienna International Arbitration Center, list of arbitrators), Vienna, Austria.

9. Languages

Mother tongues:

- English,
- 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):

- Portuguese,
- Spanish.

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 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: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English Law | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brazilian Law |

11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?

Brazil

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

Brazil, England, Germany

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 type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint ventures | <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial disp. / transactions | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity market | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare & Pharmac. | <input type="checkbox"/> Life sciences | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State/Public contracts |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company/Corporate/M&A | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Gastro./Tour. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maritime arbitration | <input 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: April 4, 1975

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