

VIAC – QUESTIONNAIRE

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5. **Current position: lawyer**

6. **Education: Bologna University, Faculty of Law**

7. **Practiced experience in arbitration:**

How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international)? 23 (first appointment in 1994, Milan Chamber of Arbitration)

Under which Rules? Under the Rules of Camera Arbitrale di Milano (CAM), under UNCITRAL rules in ad hoc arbitrations and under the Italian civil code of procedure.

How often have you acted as Chairman? 8

How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? 14

How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? 1

How often have you acted as Counsel? in arbitration 11

How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)? 0

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

Articles:

- **On some aspects of arbitration in Russian Federation (written in Italian) in Mercato Globale, review of Italian chambers of commerce;**

- **Institutional arbitration: the advantages for business (written in Italian), in Mercato Globale**

- **Handbook of International Trade (ed. Ipsoa Kluwer, author of the chapter on dispute resolution, includes international commercial arbitration, in Italian)**

- **How to draft the arbitral clause (in Italian), in International Trade review**

- **Many articles on international business agreements and arbitration for Commercio Internazionale (review edited by Ipsoa - Kluwer), Mercato Globale, International Trade, Diritto Comunitario e degli Scambi Internazionali, Contabilità Finanza e Controllo (ed Il Sole 24 Ore)**

Seminars:

HELD:

- seminar (2 days) on Main aspects of International Arbitration (for lawyers of Como BAR)

- seminar on aspects and problems of international arbitration. University: Faculdade Dom Bosco, Curitiba, Brazil (Faculty of Law). Held in Portuguese.

- About 100 seminars for lawyers, entrepreneurs and students where international commercial arbitration was one of the most important items. Held at chambers of commerce, entrepreneurs' associations and universities.

- Starting 2013 appointed at the University of Modena, Faculty of Economics for Law of International Agreements (to be held in English starting 2015).

ATTENDED:

- At least 20 seminars on developments in arbitration or focussed on some aspects of arbitration (emergency arbitration, evidence and oral evidence, interim measures, arbitration in Brazil, third parties in arbitration, secrecy, arbitration in Asia, arbitration and CISG, dealing with pathological arbitration clauses, arbitration and company law...) held at Milan and Turin Chamber of Arbitration, Club Español de Arbitraje, IBA, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and others from 1995 to date.

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

10. Languages:

Mother tongue: Italian

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, Spanish and Portuguese

11. In which legal system have you trained?

Italy, civil law

12. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?

Italy

13. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of three): sale and distribution agreements, Demand guarantees and letters of credit (disputes on payment and on unfair calling, interpretation of ICC-UCP and ICC-URDG, UNCITRAL rules on demand guarantees...), claims after company acquisition.

I have completed this questionnaire to the above to the best of my knowledge and believe they are accurate. I understand that the above information will be used for VIAC's internal use and may be given to interested persons and may be put on VIAC's website.

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