# VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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## 4. Current position:

Senior Associate

# 5. Education:

Swiss Attorney-at-law Qualification, Geneva Bar (2017) Master of Laws (Economic Law), University of Geneva (2016) LL.M. (International Commercial Arbitration Law), Stockholm University (2013) Bachelor of Laws, University of Geneva (2011)

## 6. Practiced experience in arbitration

• How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?

I have been involved in more than 35 arbitrations conducted under the ICC Rules, Swiss Rules, LCIA Rules, CAS or UNCITRAL Rules

• How often have you acted as Chairman?

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• How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?

Once (ICC Rules Arbitration)

• How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?

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• How often have you acted as Counsel?

At least 20 times (lead counsel or co-counsel)

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

At least 15 times

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

#### Selected Publications:

# New Claims and Amended Claims in International Arbitration – Finding Landmarks in Navigating the Tribunal's Discretion

with Romana Brueggemann (co-author) in: SchiedsVZ Zeitschrift für Schiedsverfahren/German Arbitration Journal 2/2022 Applying "Foreign" Mandatory Laws in International Arbitration Despite the Parties' Choice of Law: A Necessary Evil? in: ASA Bulletin 3/2021

Due Process Under the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration

in: ASA Bulletin 4/2020

*Propriété intellectuelle et horlogerie – Résumé du Rapport sur l'Aropiade 2017 du 14 septembre 2017 in: sic! – Revue du droit de la propriété intellectuelle, de l'information et de la concurrence, sic! 2019* 

**The Arbitrator's Liability and Immunity Under Swiss Law – Part II** in: ASA Bulletin 1/2017

**The Arbitrator's Liability and Immunity Under Swiss Law – Part I** in: ASA Bulletin 4/2016

*La responsabilité civile et l'immunité de l'arbitre en droit suisse in: Magister, Bern (Editions Weblaw) 2016 (ISBN 978-3-906836-41-6), 2016* 

Panorama de jurisprudence suisse – Swiss Arbitration Case Law Review with Pierre-Yves Gunter (co-author) in: Les Cahiers de l'Arbitrage – The Paris Journal of International Arbitration; 4/2022; 4/2021; 2/2020; 3/2019; 3/2018; 4/2017; 3/2016; 3/2015; 4/2014; 3/2013

Selected Speaking Engagements:

**Determining the Governing Law in Light of Enka v. Chubb – The Swiss Perspective** ICC UK Annual Arbitration & ADR Conference Online, 10 November 2022

**Applying "Foreign" Mandatory Laws in International Arbitration** Monash University Online, 3 November 2022

Climate Change Disputes – Is the Future Already Here?

12<sup>th</sup> AIJA Annual Arbitration Conference Berlin, 7 October 2022

Litigating and Arbitrating the Future

AIJA Half-Year Spring Conference Gothenburg, 20 May 2022

*Lois de police "étrangères" et arbitrage international Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) Event* 

Lausanne, 4 May 2022

**Towards Greater Efficiency in International Arbitration – Has Arbitration Become Too Expensive?**, 11<sup>th</sup> AIJA Annual Arbitration Conference Zurich, 28 June 2019

**Common Law Arbitral Immunity vs Civil Law "Arbitral Liability" – What Works Best?** ICC YAF-YAAP Conference (Winner of the "ICC YAF Call for Ideas") Vienna, 8 April 2017

#### Other activities in arbitration:

*Vice-President, AIJA International Arbitration Commission (since 2023) Regional Representative for Europe, LCIA YIAG (2020-2023)* 

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

Member of ASA, ASA Below 40, ICC YAF, Young ICCA, YAS, LCIA YIAG and ArbitralWomen.

#### 9. Languages

#### Mother tongue: French

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** 

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

🗵 Civil Law	Common Law	
Austrian Law	Hungarian Law	🗵 Swiss Law
Czech Law	Polish Law	🗖 Ukrainian Law
🗖 German Law	Slovakian Law	🗖 European Law

⊠ International Law

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

Switzerland

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

Switzerland

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

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

# 14. Date of birth: 1990

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I have completed this questionnaire to the above to the best of my knowledge and believe they are accurate.

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