

## VIAC – QUESTIONNAIRE

**1. Name:** Niels Schiersing

**2. Date of birth:** 15 November 1960

**3. Citizenship:** Denmark

**4. Contact information:**

Address: “Asia House”, Indiakaj 16, DK-2100 Copenhagen

Telephone: +45 91 15 39 44

Fax: +45 35 38 17 11

E-Mail: ns@copenhagenchambers.dk

**5. Current position:** Member of Copenhagen Chambers (we are organized as an English Barristers’ chambers and only sit as arbitrators; we do not act as counsel)

**6. Education:**

6.1. Master of laws Denmark,

6.2. Danish attorney

6.3. Solicitor of England & Wales

6.4. FCI Arb, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

6.5. Certified arbitrator and mediator, Danish Bar Association

**7. Practiced experience in arbitration:**

How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international)? Approx. 200

Under which Rules? ICC, LCIA, SCC (Sweden), FAI (Finland), DAI (Denmark), VBA (Danish Construction Arbitration), UNCITRAL (French, Danish, Swedish, English seat)

How often have you acted as Chairman? 15 times

How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? 8 times

How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? 25 times

How often have you acted as Counsel? 150 times

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):**

8.1. Book 1: Commentary on the Danish Arbitration Act (600 pages) 2016 - a Scandinavian commentary on the Model Law.

8.2. Book 2: Reinsurance (150 pages) 2013 – first book in Scandinavia concerning legal issues pertaining to reinsurance.

8.3. Numerous articles on arbitration law, energy law, construction law, reinsurance law, investment protection law.

8.4. Speaker at various conferences

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

9.1. Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

9.2. Danish Arbitration Association

9.3. Swedish Arbitration Association

9.4. ICC

9.5. LCIA

**Languages:**

Mother tongue:

Danish

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

German

Swedish

Norwegian

**10. In which legal system have you trained?** Denmark & England

**11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?** Denmark, Sweden & England

**12. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of three):**

**12.1.** Commercial law

**12.2.** Corporate law

**12.3.** Construction law

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.

Date and signature

Copenhagen, 3 October 2016

Niels Schiersing

# COPENHAGEN CHAMBERS

INDEPENDENT ARBITRATORS

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Niels Schiersing, FCI Arb**

- **Advokat, Attorney at law (Denmark)**
- **Solicitor (England & Wales)**

**Member of Copenhagen Chambers**

[ns@copenhagenchambers.dk](mailto:ns@copenhagenchambers.dk)

**T: (+45) 35 43 39 44**

**M: (+45) 92 15 39 44**



Niels Schiersing is dual qualified and admitted to practice both as an *advokat* in Denmark and as a *solicitor* of England & Wales, giving him profound and in-depth knowledge of civil law and common law principles alike.

Recently, Mr Schiersing has published the first and only commentary on the Danish Arbitration Act of 2005 (which in turn is based on the UNCITRAL Model Law of 1985). The commentary contains a comprehensive analysis of the sections of the act and refers extensively to not least Danish, Swedish, Norwegian and English case law and serves as a Scandinavian commentary on the model law. He is one of the leading authorities on comparative Scandinavian arbitration law. Furthermore, Mr Schiersing has published the first and only book in Scandinavia on legal issues relating to reinsurance and he is one of leading Scandinavian authorities within this area of law. He is also the author of a substantial number of articles on arbitration law, insurance & reinsurance law, energy law, international construction law, general contract law, investment protection and tax law.

Concerning substantive law in commercial arbitration, Niels Schiersing specialises in contract law, i.e. the formation, construction/interpretation, performance and breach of contract, including the principles for calculation and determination of damages, with a wide application with regard to industries and sectors and in both a common law and a civil law context.

Mr Schiersing serves as arbitrator and legal expert in domestic and international commercial arbitrations, construction and infrastructure arbitrations, energy arbitrations, commercial chancery arbitrations as well as investment arbitrations. He also sits on panels in mock-trials related to complex litigation matters and is the pre-

**Niels Schiersing**  
Partner  
Asia House  
16 Indiakaj  
DK-2100 Copenhagen

Tel: (+45) 35 43 39 44  
Fax: (+45) 35 38 17 11  
Mobile: (+45) 92 15 39 44  
[ns@copenhagenchambers.com](mailto:ns@copenhagenchambers.com)  
[www.copenhagenchambers.com](http://www.copenhagenchambers.com)

# COPENHAGEN CHAMBERS

INDEPENDENT ARBITRATORS

eminent Scandinavian expert in all matters relating to such proceedings. Mr Schiersing further accepts select appointments as mediator in commercial disputes where his command of international legal principles and understanding of different legal cultures can be of service to the parties.

Niels Schiersing has served/is serving as arbitrator, often presiding arbitrator, under the rules of e.g. the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), the Finland Arbitration Institute (FAI), the Danish Institute of Arbitration (DIA) and in various domestic and international ad hoc arbitrations, including under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules (1976 and 2010). He is one of the leading Scandinavian authorities on the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. He is also experienced in acting as an umpire or as arbitrator in arbitral tribunals with an umpire structure.

Having a background as a transaction (M&A), corporate & commercial lawyer, including substantial experience in drafting a variety of international commercial contracts, Mr Schiersing is often involved as arbitrator in disputes related to international commercial contracts in the areas of not least energy and offshore, construction and infrastructure, distribution and agency, reinsurance and insurance as well as other long term contracts, maritime contracts and international sales contracts.

In investment disputes, Mr Schiersing has served as arbitrator appointed by the host state and counsel to host states and investors.

Prior to becoming a full-time arbitrator, he has acted as counsel in approx. 150 arbitrations, including a broad variety of commercial, commercial chancery and construction arbitrations as well as investment arbitration.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London (FCIArb).

Mr Schiersing is a former lecturer at the University of Copenhagen on several legal subjects and regularly speaks on topics within his areas of competence.

## **Education and Qualifications**

Solicitor of England & Wales,

Admitted to the Danish Bar,

Master of Laws, University of Copenhagen.

FCIArb,

Certified arbitrator,

Certified mediator,

**Niels Schiersing**  
Partner  
Asia House  
16 Indiakaj  
DK-2100 Copenhagen

Tel: (+45) 35 43 39 44  
Fax: (+45) 35 38 17 11  
Mobile: (+45) 92 15 39 44  
ns@copenhagenchambers.com  
www.copenhagenchambers.com

# COPENHAGEN CHAMBERS

INDEPENDENT ARBITRATORS

## **Career**

Member, Copenhagen Chambers:	2015 –
Partner, Horten:	2011 – 2014
Partner, Nordia Law Firm:	1998 – 2010
Independent practitioner	1996 - 1997
Associate with different law firms	1985 - 1995

## **Publications**

### Books:

The Danish Arbitration Act – A Commentary (2016)

Reinsurance – Selected Legal Topics (2013)

### Articles (selected):

On Construction Contracts under English law 1 & 2 (2016 - upcoming)

On the IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in Recent Court Decisions (2016 – upcoming)

On Mock-Trials (2015)

On Arbitration in England (2015)

On Price and Volume Risk in Long Term Energy Contracts (2014)

On Reinsurance and the Pro-Rata Rule (2013)

On "Validity" and "Existence" of an Arbitration Agreement (2011)

On the Advance of Cost in Arbitration (2011)

On "Full" Versus "Reasonable" Possibility to Present your Case in Arbitration (2011)

On Interim Measures in Arbitration – Time for Revising the Rules (2010)

On the Concept of "Investment" in the Danish Bilateral Investment Treaties (2010)

On the Legal Protection of Investments in Foreign Countries (2009)

## **Languages**

Niels Schiersing is fluent in English, German, Danish, Swedish and Norwegian. He reads and speaks French as well as basic Turkish and Russian.

## **September 2016**

**Niels Schiersing**  
Partner  
Asia House  
16 Indiakaj  
DK-2100 Copenhagen

Tel: (+45) 35 43 39 44  
Fax: (+45) 35 38 17 11  
Mobile: (+45) 92 15 39 44  
ns@copenhagenchambers.com  
www.copenhagenchambers.com