

# VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:** Partner, Wenger & Vieli Ltd.

5. **Education:** University of Zurich Law School (lic. iur. 1989; Dr. iur. 1997); Tulane University School of Law (LL.M. 1995)

6. **Practiced experience in arbitration**

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international): > 150  
Under which Rules? ICC, Swiss Rules, VIAC, CEPANI, DIS, UNCITRAL, ad hoc.
- How often have you acted as Chairman? 25
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? 24
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? 37
- How often have you acted as Counsel? 66
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)? > 10

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

Lecturer for international arbitration (moot court) at the Law School, University of Zurich (since 2001);

Vice-President and head lecturer of the Swiss Arbitration Academy ([www.cas-arbitration.org](http://www.cas-arbitration.org))

Publications (extract):

*Wirtschaftsmediation – Ideale Ergänzung zur Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit*, in Schweizer Anwaltsrevue, Heft 11/12/2020, p. 440-445;

*International Arbitration in Switzerland*, in: Global Legal Insights – International Arbitration, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2017, p. 338-348 (with Flavio Peter);

*Competition Law* (Chapter on Switzerland), in: The Public Competition Enforcement Review, 9<sup>th</sup> ed. 2017, p. 266-276 (with Michael Tschudin and Frank Scherrer);

*Arbitration in Switzerland – The Fine Art of Dispute Resolution*, IPBA Journal, March 2014, p. 34-37;

*Arbitration in Switzerland*, in: GAR – The European, Middle Eastern and African Arbitration Review 2014, p. 3-5 (with Rainer Fueg);

*Commentary to the Swiss Code on Civil Procedure, Part 3: Arbitration, Art. 353-356, 363, 367-369* (in German language), in: Basler Kommentar zur Schweizerischen Zivilprozessordnung, 2. A. Basel 2013;

*Commercial Arbitration – Switzerland*, in: Commercial Arbitration – Annual Review 2013, Financier Worldwide, March 2013, p. 36-39;

*Decision of the Swiss Federal Tribunal on the exception arbitri in state court proceedings – comments on the prima facie review and its scope of application*, in: IBA Arbitration News Letter Vol. 18 No. 1, February 2013, p. 92-95 (with Flavio Peter);

*Principles of Good Governance and Organisation of Arbitral Institutions*, in: Arbitral Institutions under Scrutiny, ASA Special Series No. 40, New York 2013, p. 39-55;

*Arbitral institutions under scrutiny*, Report on ASA Conference in Zurich of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011, in: Global Arbitration Review, Volume 6, Issue 5, p. 46;

*Arbitration and Competition Law* (in German language), in: Basler Kommentar zum Kartellgesetz, nach Art. 12 - 17 KG, Basel 2017;

*Selected Papers on International Arbitration*, Series on International Arbitration of the Swiss Arbitration Academy, Volumes 1 – 3, Bern 2010/2012/2013 (co-editor);

*Arbitral Institutions under Scrutiny*, ASA Special Series No. 40, New York 2013 (co-editor).

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

President of the Commission of Arbitration (National Committee) of ICC Switzerland;

Member of the Board of the Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage (ASA);

Member of the Mediation Advisory Board of the Swiss Arbitration Institute;

Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration (since 2007);

Member of the following Arbitration Panels: HKIAC, ICDR, KLRCA, KIAC, PIAC;

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb);

Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SI Arb)

Member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA);

Member of the Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit (DIS);

Member of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA);

Member of the International Bar Association (IBA; Dispute Resolution Section, Arbitration Committee; Antitrust and Trade Law Section, Antitrust Committee);

Member of the ICC Task Force on ADR and Arbitration (since 2020; ongoing)

Member of the Task Force on the Revision of the ICC Rules of Arbitration of the ICC Commission on Arbitration (2009 – 2011);

Member of the Working Group on the Revision of the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration (2010 – 2012);

Member of the Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht (Germany, Swiss chapter).

## 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

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil Law | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> German Law           | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovakian Law | <input type="checkbox"/> European Law         |

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Switzerland

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

Switzerland, Zurich

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Intern. Law          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking & Finance                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Domain name disputes    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intellect. property (IP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Intern. Law           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil fraud disputes                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering             | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial disp. / transactions         | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment           | <input type="checkbox"/> Life sciences                       | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Public contracts       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity market                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare & Pharmac.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime arbitration                | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company/Corporate/M&A                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Gastro./Tour.     | <input type="checkbox"/> Media                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telecommunication |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Inform. technology (IT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract law                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure          | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural resources                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                             |  |  |   |

## 14. Date of birth: 25 June 1963

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