

# VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:** Partner @Altenburger
5. **Education:** see CV attached
6. **Practiced experience in arbitration**
  - How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules? Approx. 50 arbitrations in total, under ICC, Swiss Rules, SIAC, HKIAC, VIAC, DIS, UNCITRAL, WIPO, CIETAC
  - How often have you acted as Chairman? Approx. 5-10 cases
  - How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? Approx. 15 cases
  - How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? Approx. 5-10 cases
  - How often have you acted as Counsel? Approx.. 15 cases
  - How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)? I have often acted as Secretary in the years between 1999 and 2013, in approximately 15 proceedings. I have acted as Legal Expert in approx.. 2 proceedings.
7. **Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):** See CV attached.
8. **Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:**  
Member of the Court of the Swiss Arbitration Center and Member of the Marketing committee  
Panel Member of HKIAC, Shanghai Arbitration Center, Shenzhen Arbitration Center
9. **Languages**
  - Mother tongue: **French & 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, Spanish**

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

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

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

**14. Date of birth: 19.01.1979**

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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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9 May 2022  
Date

## Dr. iur. Clarisse von Wunschheim, Partner at Altenburger

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I'm a construction worker. I build bridges. Bridges between people, law and reality.

Clarisse von Wunschheim specializes in international and cross-cultural dispute resolution, in particular international arbitration and commercial mediation and with a focus on the European and Chinese market.

Her main areas of practice include general contract law, agency and distribution, sales, technology transfer, joint ventures as well as other forms of foreign investment. Clarisse has been involved as counsel, arbitrator and mediator in a multitude of arbitration proceedings under various rules including the ICC, SCAI, Uncitral Rules, ICSID, CIETAC, HKIAC, SIAC, DIS, VIAC, WIPO, etc.

Described by Who's Who legal as a "very impressive lawyer and arbitrator", Clarisse is particularly appreciated by her clients and peers for her strategic thinking, her inspirational mindset and her personal dedication to each case.

She leads the firm's Switzerland-China Business Solutions.

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### Career

- since 2018 Partner at Altenburger
- 2015-2018 Of Counsel at Asiallians Attorneys, Beijing
- 2015-2017 Partner at Hartmann Dreyer Attorneys-at-Law, Fribourg
- 2010-2015 Founding Partner WunschARB Sàrl, Beijing / Fribourg
- 2008-2009 Associate at Jones Day, Beijing
- 2006-2008 Associate at DLA Piper, Beijing
- 2003 Junior clerk at the Zurich District Court
- 2002 Junior associate at Schellenberg Wittmer, Zurich

## Education

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- 2013 Accredited CEDR Mediator, London
- 2010 Dr. iur. with predicate 'summa cum laude', Fribourg
- 2004 Bar admission, Zurich
- 2001 Lic. iur. with predicate 'summa cum laude', Fribourg

## Bar / Court Admission

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At all Swiss courts

## Special Engagements

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- since 2012 Lecturer at the University of Turin, Italy
- 2016-2018 Lecturer at the Geneva School of Economics and Management (University of Geneva)
- 2010-2018 Lecturer at the University of Fribourg

## Memberships

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[European Chinese Arbitrators Association \(ECAA\)](#)

[International Bar Association \(IBA\)](#)

[Inter-Pacific Bar Association \(IPBA\)](#)

[Swiss Arbitration Association \(ASA\)](#)

[Swiss Bar Association \(SAV\)](#)

[Swiss-Chinese Association](#)

[Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce \(SCCC\)](#)

[Zurich Bar Association \(ZAV\)](#)

## Rankings

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[Who's Who Legal - Global Leader - Switzerland - Arbitration 2022](#)

Clarisse von Wunschheim is "a very impressive lawyer and arbitrator" highlighted for her "no-nonsense approach" and vast experience handling international disputes.

[Who's Who Legal: Global Leader – Arbitration 2021](#)

Clarisse von Wunschheim possesses “an efficient way of pleading” and “produces a very high standard of work” and has particular experience in APAC-related proceedings.

[Who's Who Legal: National Leader – Switzerland – Arbitration 2021](#)

## Endorsements

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Mr. Jeong Su Kim, Legal Counsel at LS Cable & System Ltd.

“In representing our company in a high value ICC arbitration case, Clarisse von Wunschheim and her team passionately advocated for our company. I was impressed by their responsiveness, the quality of their services, their result-oriented approach and their commercial acumen.”

Jimmy Tian, Legal Department at Startimes Group

“My colleagues and I all feel very fortunate for having engaged Dr. Clarisse von Wunschheim and her team as our counsel in our arbitration case. She is really an expert in handling the arbitration process in every phase. She made us feel confident with her patience, professional analysis and well-prepared written submissions. We very much appreciate her dedication in managing this arbitration case for our company.”

Jörg-Nicolas Rödger, Managing Director, Lysoform Vetfarm GmbH

“Our company produces various chemicals that are being sold globally. Having a dispute with our Chinese partners, we were forced to go down the path of arbitration in Switzerland. For legal assistance, we chose Altenburger, in particular Dr. Clarisse v Wunschheim and her colleagues.

From the very beginning throughout the whole process she gave us deep insights into “Chinese thinking”, various options to keep the channels of communication open, a perfect balance between deterrence and reward.

We would have struggled without her competence, hard work and her goal-oriented approach.

Not only all the legal aspects got brilliantly covered, but also business aspects that we would not have considered, helped us back on to the road for a fruitful relationship with our Chinese partners. I can fully recommend Clarisse, her team and Altenburger!”

## Further Publications

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# Publications



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## Books

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*Enforcement of Commercial Arbitral Awards in China*, Thomson West (ed.), 4th Edition, 2013;

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*Pierre Tercier – L’homme arbitre et sa méthode*, Concerto arbitral en trois mouvements pour Pierre Tercier, Lara Hammoud/Marie-Noëlle Zen-Ruffinen/Clarisse von Wunschheim (eds), Schulthess, Zurich 2013.

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## Articles

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*Opening of Mainland China Arbitration Market to Foreign Institutions: Is It Happening, Really?* Kluwer Arbitration Blog, September 2020, available on: <http://arbitrationblog.kluwerarbitration.com/2020/09/24/opening-of-mainland-china-arbitration-market-to-foreign-institutions-is-it-happening-really> (co-author with Yves Hu)

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*Die Rolle des Verwaltungsrats in Zeiten der Covid-19-Pandemie*, in *Recht Aktuell*, April 2019 available on <https://swissboardinstitute.ch/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/die-rolle-des-verwaltungsrats-in-zeiten-der-covid-19-pandemie--sjz-aktualisiert.pdf> (co-author with Prof. Marie-Noëlle Zen-Ruffinen)

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*Arbitration and other Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in China: facing the Challenges of the 21st Century*, in *The Law of the People's Republic of China Facing the Challenges of the 21st Century*, Schulthess, Zurich 2016

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*Chapter 13 'The Setting Aside and Enforcement of Awards in China'*, in Chinese Arbitration Law, Peter Yuen/Damien McDonald/ Arthur Dong (eds), LexisNexis 2015

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*China: Opportunities and Challenges for the Swiss Arbitration Community*, in New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration 2015, Christoph Müller/Sébastien Besson/Antonio Rigozzi (Eds), Schulthess 2015

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*Controlling Costs in International Arbitration, Quid?* Law Review 2/2014, available on [http://issuu.com/fribourglawreview/docs/quid\\_1\\_2014](http://issuu.com/fribourglawreview/docs/quid_1_2014) (co-author with Emmanuelle Barasche and Eleonora Szulc)

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*Judicial Side Effects of the CIETAC Split, a confusing Maze with Happy End?*, March 2014, available on [http://issuu.com/wunscharb/docs/j189\\_wunsch\\_arb\\_cietac\\_vp4](http://issuu.com/wunscharb/docs/j189_wunsch_arb_cietac_vp4) (co-author with Lear Liu)

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*Chinese Court Decision Summaries on Arbitration*, a collection of over 500 English summaries of Chinese court decisions related to arbitration edited by WunschArb and published on [www.kluwerarbitration.com](http://www.kluwerarbitration.com), 2013

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*The CIETAC Feud - Why it's a mess, and how to avoid being caught in the middle*, Asian Dispute Review, July 2013 (co-author with Lear Liu)

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*Recent Trends Regarding Enforcement Of Arbitral Awards by Chinese Courts*, Transnational Dispute Management Journal, China Special, Volume 9, issue #04, August 2012

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*How can Chinese lawyers fit into International Arbitration*, in Fangyuan Magazine, September 2011 (in Chinese)

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*Recent Developments Regarding Enforcement Of Arbitral Awards In China*, Transnational Dispute Management Journal, China Special, Volume 7, issue #04, December 2010

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*Enforcement in China of Foreign Judgments and Awards*, El Comercio Con China – Oportunidades Empresariales, Incertidumbres Jurídicas, Aurelio Lopez-Tarruella Martinez (ed.), 2010

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*Arbitrating in China: The Rules of the Game. Practical Recommendations for In-house Counsel concerning Arbitration in China*, 26 ASA Bulletin 1/2008 (co-author with Fan Kun)

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*Arts. 16 and 18 of the PRC Arbitration Law: The Great Wall of China for Foreign Arbitration Institutions*, Arbitration International, Vol. 23 Issue 2 (2007) (co-author with Jingzhou Tao)

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*Foreign Creditors receive a Boost: New Cooperation between Hong Kong and Mainland promises Banks greater Security*, International Financial Law Review, September 2006 (co-author with Jingzhou Tao)

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