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Who's Who



Rankings

2011



Firms

Lawyers

Dispute Resolution: Arbitration: Switzerland

Band 1

Homburger

Lalive

Schellenberg Wittmer

Band 2

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Bär & Karrer AG

Lenz & Staehelin

Python & Peter

Tavernier Tschanz

Walder Wyss Ltd

Band 3

Wenger & Vieli Ltd.

Lalive

This Geneva outfit is renowned for its arbitration practice, and has additional strength in litigation. Founding partner [Michael Schneider](#) is "an icon of international arbitration," with long experience as both counsel and arbitrator. He recently acted in an ICSID arbitration regarding a EUR140 million investment dispute. "He is superb in presenting a case to tribunals," clients comment. [Teresa Giovannini](#) is a notable arbitrator and counsel. She recently advised in a EUR175 million trust fund dispute. The "subtle and convincing" [Matthias Scherer](#) has a "phenomenal understanding of clients' needs," say interviewees. He acted as counsel in a EUR3 billion dispute under ICC arbitration rules. Founding partner [Pierre Lalive](#) has decades of experience in international arbitration. [Domitille Baizeau](#) acted as counsel in a USD45 million dispute over the termination of a sale and purchase agreement.



Firms

Lawyers

Arbitration (International): Europe-wide
Band 1

[Allen & Overy LLP](#)

[Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP](#)

[Shearman & Sterling LLP](#)

Band 2

[Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP](#)

[Clifford Chance LLP](#)

[Herbert Smith LLP](#)

[White & Case LLP](#)

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Band 3

[Baker & McKenzie LLP](#)

[Gide Loyrette Nouel AARPI](#)

[Hogan Lovells](#)

[Lalive](#)

[Mannheimer Swartling](#)

[Salans](#)

Band 4

[CMS Hasche Sigle](#)

[Homburger](#)

[Latham & Watkins LLP](#)

[Python & Peter](#)

[Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom \(UK\)](#)

[LLP](#)

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THE FIRM This highly acclaimed Swiss international arbitration boutique has a team of 20 lawyers focusing on international mandates, with roughly half of the cases heard by the Swiss ICC. Additionally, its lawyers appear before the LCIA and Stockholm Arbitration Court, and also act in cases in CEE countries. Members of the team are also frequently appointed as arbitrators. The office is especially well known for its public international law engagements. The firm has recently opened an office in Zürich, extending its presence in Switzerland. Among key mandates of late was representing one of the respondents on a EUR3 billion Geneva-seated arbitration between major multinational telecoms companies. It also acted for two claimants in a EUR175 million dispute involving 14 respondents, arising out of the management and use of trust funds.

Sources say: *"It's truly international and has a very good ratio of junior and senior practitioners."*

KEY INDIVIDUALS Founding partner [Pierre Lalive](#) remains an in-demand arbitrator who impresses sources with his *"agility of mind and presence."* Another founding partner and president of the Swiss Arbitration Association, [Michael Schneider](#) is one of the most experienced and respected practitioners in the market. Partner [Matthias Scherer](#) is praised by clients for his judgement and perfect timing.

Firms

Lawyers

Arbitration (International): Global-wide

Band 1

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP

White & Case LLP

Band 2

Allen & Overy LLP

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

King & Spalding LLP

Shearman & Sterling LLP

Band 3

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

Herbert Smith LLP

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
& Affiliates

WilmerHale

Band 4

Baker & McKenzie LLP

Clifford Chance LLP

Hogan Lovells

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP

Sidley Austin LLP

Band 5

Baker Botts LLP

Chadbourne & Parke LLP

Covington & Burling LLP

Crowell & Moring LLP

Dechert LLP

Fulbright & Jaworski LLP

Gide Loyrette Nouel AARPI

Lalive

Latham & Watkins LLP

Salans

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THE FIRM This Geneva firm has an international reputation as well as being a clear leader in the Swiss market. Its partners are active on numerous ICC arbitrations in the construction, telecoms and oil and gas sectors, while an ICSID highlight was a case between a Dutch holding company and the Romanian government.

Sources say: *"Strong Geneva arbitration practice with lots of international experience and a number of different nationalities represented in its ranks."*

KEY INDIVIDUALS [Michael Schneider](#) is an iconic figure in the Swiss arbitration market. He is president of the Swiss Arbitration Association and acts on prestigious cases both as counsel and arbitrator. Eponymous partner Pierre Lalive now acts primarily as an arbitrator, but continues to contribute his extensive expertise. Matthias Scherer, Veijo Heiskanen, Domitille Baizeau and Teresa Giovannini are also key arbitration contacts.

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Dispute resolution

Within [Dispute resolution](#), LALIVE is a first tier firm,

The '*well-structured, communicative and organised*' group at **Lalive** includes dedicated arbitration and litigation teams. Michael Schneider, who is '*simply extraordinary*', Veijo Heiskanen, who has a '*unique ability to identify core issues*', and the '*exceptional*' Pierre Lalive handle international arbitration cases. The team recently acted for a respondent in a €3bn arbitration relating to an alleged settlement agreement entered into between major corporations in the global telecoms market. Matthias Scherer is recommended for arbitration and litigation, and is someone '*you can always count on*'. The litigation team is representing a Serbian individual in a €300m dispute over a transfer of shares in a large Serbian company.



Rank	GAR 30 – the most active IA groups	Completed hearings (major rules)	"Bet the company" hearings (all rules)	Total value at stake in hearings (all rules) (US\$, millions)	Median value of a hearing (US\$, millions)	Pending cases (as counsel)	Pending treaty cases	Value of current pending portfolio (US\$, billions)
1 (1)	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP	39	3	9,968	25	220	50	80
2 (2)	Shearman & Sterling LLP	16	5	10,000	60	85	10	135
3 (5)	White & Case LLP	24	4	5,913	57.5	162	27	45.5
4 (7)	WilmerHale LLP	17	3	6,029	155	47	6	77
5 (21)	Debevoise & Plimpton LLP	8	4	3,721	323	39	8	20
6 (3)	Hogan Lovells	15	2	2,806	30	143	14	17.4
7 (18)	King & Spalding LLP	10	2	2,439	125	35	16	62
8 (8)	Allen & Overy LLP	22	1	2,300	36.5	76	10	8.3
9 (23)	Baker & McKenzie	23	1	2,915	30	146	6	40
10 (13)	Dechert LLP	9	2	2,950	62.5	41	10	61
11 (14)	Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP	9	2	4,585	250	35	7	53
12 (11)	Herbert Smith LLP	15	1	3,142	35.6	140	14	23
13 (12)	Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP	13	1	2,057	62	60	20	70
14 (-)	Covington & Burling LLP	8	2	2,280	250	22	11	17.5
15 (29)	Latham & Watkins LLP	10	1	3,220	100	44	12	10
16 (6)	CMS	14	2	2,561	14.8	76	2	11.16
17 (4)	Clifford Chance	13	1	3,400	60	70	4	36.2
18 (19)	Mannheimer Swartling	25	0	1,411	8.5	95	8	7.1
19 (26)	Eversheds LLP	16	1	2,074	7.2	62	7	15.25
20 (10)	Lalive	16	1	2,000	22	43	4	9.5
21 (-)	DLA Piper LLP	9	1	3,908	15	75	6	11
22 (25)	Clyde & Co LLP	10	1	1,473	30	600	15	13.5
23 (16)	Baker Botts LLP	11	0	3,010	105	33	9	100

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24 (27)	Rajah & Tann LLP	16	1	1,705	8	58	0	7.5
25 (20)	Salans	9	1	2,800	20	60	5	8.5
26 (24)	Vinge	14	1	1,267	4.5	23	2	1.23
27 (-)	Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP	9	1	1,938	30	33	3	10
28 (-)	Arnold & Porter LLP	8	0	2,446	180.5	16	15	6.1
29 (17)	Lenz & Staehelin	13	1	1,269	23	28	1	17.3
30 (-)	Bae Kim & Lee LLC	8	1	1,772	121	30	0	15
30 (-)	Squire Sanders & Dempsey LLP	6	1	2,250	125	18	3	6.4

(figures in brackets indicate last year's position)

¹ includes the Yukos shareholders v Russia jurisdictional hearing

² includes a \$105 billion attributed to the Yukos shareholders v Russia claim

³ estimated figure

⁴ omits value of two major public international law matters.

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Uría Menéndez, Curtis Mallet-Prevost Colt & Mosle LLP, SJ Berwin LLP, Chadbourne & Parke LLP, Schellenberg Wittmer, Walder Wyss & Partners, Norton Rose, Ogilvy Renault LLP & Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

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All Lawyers (6)

Law Firms (1)

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Domitille Baizeau	PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY
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