## LALIVE

# Bernd Ehle Partner, Geneva

Bernd specialises in international arbitration, with extensive experience as both counsel and arbitrator in over 100 high-stakes disputes conducted under various arbitration rules and governed by civil and common law. His experience includes serving on dispute adjudication boards.

Bernd advises and represents clients in complex disputes, with a focus on large-scale construction and infrastructure projects, intricate joint venture agreements, M&A transactions and sales and distribution contracts. He is committed to dispute resolution and related capacity building, in particular in Africa, to which a significant portion of his work is related.

Recognised as a "leading light in the next generation of international arbitration practitioners in Switzerland", *Who's Who Legal Global Leaders, Arbitration,* 2022, Bernd also assists and represents clients in the enforcement of arbitral awards and other arbitration-related proceedings before state courts.

### **Current professional memberships**

- + Member of the Board of Directors of AfricArb
- → Member of the Board of Directors of Kigali International Arbitration Centre
  (KIAC)
- + Member of the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Arbitration Centre
- → Member of the Advisory Board of Africa Construction Law (ACL)
- → Member of the Executive Committee of the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA)
- + Co-chair of the Construction Group of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS)
- + Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)

### **Career history**

- → Partner, LALIVE, 2009 present
- + Associate, LALIVE, 2003 2008
- + Associate, Graf von Westphalen, Freiburg, Germany, 2000 2003

### **Academic qualifications**

- + PhD in Law, University of Heidelberg, 2001
- LLM, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, 1999 2000
- → Studies in International Law, University of Geneva, 1993 1994



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#### **Practices**

- + Arbitration International Commercial
- + Arbitration Investment Treaty
- + Commercial Litigation

#### **Sectors**

- + Construction & Infrastructure
- + Energy
- + Mining
- + Technology

### Languages

- + English
- + French
- + German
- + Spanish

### **Nationality**

- → German
- + Swiss

### Admission

- + Switzerland, 2004
- + Germany, 1998

## "An outstanding practitioner"

Who's Who Legal Global Leaders, Arbitration, 2021

## Recognition

"Bernd Ehle is very responsive and he takes action very quickly. He gathers the team very quickly, reviews the case in detail and responds to all of our questions very properly."

Chambers Europe, Arbitration Counsel, 2025

Ranked Band 2 Arbitration Counsel and Band 4 Arbitrator

Chambers Global, Switzerland, 2025

"Bernd is held in high esteem by peers who say he is 'particularly skilled and experienced in construction arbitration".

Who's Who Legal National Leaders, Arbitration, 2023

## Recent publications

#### Chapter 17: FIDIC Contracts and Swiss Law

BERND EHLE, SAM MOSS, LAURA AZARIA

In: Friedrich Jakob Rosenfeld and Franco Ferrari (eds), The FIDIC Conditions of Contract and Domestic Construction Law: A Guide for Global Dispute Resolution, 2025, pp. 377-394

# Infrastructure Projects and Dispute Resolution in Africa: What European Contractors Should Know Before Breaking Ground

**BERND EHLE** 

In: Law Journal on Industrial and Infrastructure Projects, 4/2025, August 2025, pp. 237-240

# AfCFTA And International Arbitration: A New Era For Dispute Resolution In Africa?

BERND EHLE, MARK MALEKELA, LUKIKO LUKIKO

In: ACICA Review (Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration), June 2025

### Recent conferences

# Eastern Africa Association (EAA) - Capital Compliance, ESG, and Dispute Resolution Mechanisms

BERND EHLE , Role: Speaker London, 13 October 2025

## DIS Construction Group - Methods of Delay Analysis and Legal

Requirements for Substantiation

BERND EHLE, Role: Co-Moderator

Berlin, 8 September 2025

# Berlin Dispute Resolution Week - Putting the International in International Arbitration

BERND EHLE , Role: Speaker Berlin, 8 September 2025