

Matthias Scherer

Partner, Zurich



Matthias is one of the world's most experienced arbitration lawyers, with three decades of practice representing parties in complex international disputes. A "Leading Individual" and "a prominent name for investor-state arbitrations", Legal 500, Matthias has acted as counsel in over 200 arbitrations and ADR proceedings under various arbitration rules (ICC, ICSID, Swiss Rules, LCIA, UNCITRAL, VIAC, CAS, SCC), governed by both civil and common law procedural and substantive laws. In addition, he represents parties in arbitration-related court proceedings, especially in the challenge of commercial and investment treaty arbitral awards before the Swiss Supreme Court.

Matthias is also hailed as one of the "most in demand arbitrators", in Chamber's Global, 2023, and is a member of the ICSID panel of arbitrators, regularly appointed by parties and major arbitral institutions (including the ICC, Swiss Arbitration Centre, ICSID, LCIA, SCC, DIAC, VIAC and Danish Institute of Arbitration).

Current professional memberships

- + Member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators
- + Member of the Council of the ICC Institute of World Business Law
- + Member of the Disciplinary Commission of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation

Career history

- + Partner, LALIVE, 2002 – present

Academic qualifications

- + LL.M. in European Law, University of Lausanne, 1993 – 1994
- + Law School/bar exam, University of Bern, 1985 – 1992

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Practices

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

Sectors

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

Languages

- + English
- + French
- + German

Nationality

- + Swiss

Admission

- + Switzerland, 1992

"A big name in the arbitration field"

Chambers Europe, Arbitrators, 2023

Recognition

Ranked Band 2

Chambers Global, Arbitration counsel, 2024

Ranked Band 1

Chambers Global, Arbitrators, 2024

“Matthias is a refined professional. He is clever, intuitive, determined and an extraordinary cross-examiner.”

Chambers Global, International Arbitrators: most in demand arbitrators, 2024

Recent publications

Editor-in-Chief, ASA Bulletin, Journal of the Swiss Arbitration Association (quarterly)

Challenging Investment Treaty Awards in Switzerland: Mission (Almost) Impossible? A review of the Swiss Supreme Court decisions rendered over the period 2019-2024

MATTHIAS SCHERER, CATHERINE A. KUNZ, LAURA AZARIA

In: 42 ASA Bulletin 4/2024 (December)

Commentary on Article 182 (arbitral procedure) and 184 (evidence) of the Swiss Private International Law Act

MICHAEL E. SCHNEIDER; MATTHIAS SCHERER, 2021

In: Honsell/Vogt/Schnyder/Berti (Eds.), Das Internationale Privatrecht (Basler Kommentar), 4th edition

Le temps des procès financiers avec la Russie va bientôt venir

MARC HENZELIN, MATTHIAS SCHERER

In: Le Temps, 19 April 2022

Recent conferences

PARIS-PANTHÉON-ASSAS UNIVERSITY

Cours de Diplôme Universitaire DU CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

MATTHIAS SCHERER, Speaker (since 2018)

Swiss Arbitration Association – ASA Groupe Vaud

Carte blanche – International Arbitration in Switzerland – The past and next 30 years

MATTHIAS SCHERER, Speaker, 6 November 2023

Tax Policy Center, University of Lausanne

MATTHIAS SCHERER, Speaker

The Practical Impact of the FET Standard in Tax-related Disputes

Webinar, December 2021