

# Michael E. Schneider

## Senior Counsel, Geneva



Michael is a founding partner of LALIVE and now Senior Counsel. He has practised in international arbitration for more than 40 years as counsel and arbitrator in ad hoc proceedings and under various rules, including those of ICSID, UNCITRAL, the ICC, LCIA, Swiss Rules, SCC Arbitration Institute, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) and the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), as well as before other international bodies, including the WTO Appellate Body and the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC).

Ranked “a senior statesman” *Chamber Europe, Arbitrators, 2023* and “Hall of Fame” *Legal 500 EMEA, Dispute Resolution, Arbitration 2023*, Michael is one of the most respected figures in the international arbitration community in Switzerland and worldwide, in particular for his unparalleled experience in construction, infrastructure and engineering projects-related disputes.

### Current professional memberships

- + Honorary president of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- + Member of the Board of Trustees of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA)
- + Member of the Court of Arbitration of the Singapore Arbitration Centre
- + Member of the Court of Arbitration of the Abu Dhabi International Arbitration Centre
- + Vice-President UNCITRAL (2015 – 2017)
- + Chair of UNCITRAL Working Group II (Arbitration) (2006 – 2010; 2014 – 2015)

### Career history

- + Senior Counsel, LALIVE, 2021 – present
- + Partner, LALIVE, 1994 – 2020
- + Counsel, Universal Engineering and Finance Corporation (UNEFICO), 1978 – 1987
- + Associate / Counsel, Lalive Budin & Partners, 1970 – 1994

### Academic qualifications

- + 1st and 2nd State examination, Munich, 1965, 1970
- + Comprehensive Doctoral Examination, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, 1968

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### Practices

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

### Sectors

- + Construction & Infrastructure
- + Energy
- + Mining

### Languages

- + English
- + French
- + German

### Nationality

- + German

### Admission

- + Geneva (Foreign Lawyer)
- + Munich, 1970

“A giant in the arbitration world”

*Chambers Europe, International Arbitration, 2023*

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## Recognition

“Michael Schneider is one of the most prominent arbitrators in the field.”

***Chambers Europe, International Arbitration, Most in Demand Arbitrators, 2023***

Ranked Band 1

***Chambers Global, Public International Law: most in demand arbitrators, 2023***

Michael Schneider is widely acknowledged as one of the most prominent arbitrators in the global market.

***Chambers Global, Public International Law: most in demand arbitrators, 2023***

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## Recent publications

### Expert Evidence

MICHAEL E. SCHNEIDER, JOACHIM KNOLL, CHRISTOPHE GUIBERT DE BRUET

*In: Andreas J. Roquette/Tom Christopher Pröstler (Eds.), International Construction Disputes – A Practitioner’s Guide, C.H.Beck/Hart/Nomos, pp. 305-328, 2022*

### **The Uncertain Future of the Interactive Arbitrator: Proposals, Good Intentions and the Effect of Conflicting Views on the Role of the Arbitrator**

MICHAEL E. SCHNEIDER

*In: Brekoulakis/Lew/Mistelis (Eds.), The Evolution and Future of International Arbitration, International Arbitration Law Library, volume 37, pp 379 – 392, Kluwer 2016*

### **Non-Monetary Relief in International Arbitration: Principles and Arbitration Practice**

MICHAEL E. SCHNEIDER, JOACHIM KNOLL

*In: Juris, New York / ASA, Switzerland (Eds.), ASA Performance as a Remedy, Chapter 1, ASA Special Series No. 30, pp. 3-48, 2011*

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## Recent conferences

### **Beijing Arbitration Commission/Beijing International Arbitration Center (BAC/BIAC) and the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) - 2024 Geneva Summit on Commercial Dispute Resolution in China**

MICHAEL E. SCHNEIDER , Role: Speaker, International Construction Dispute Resolution: Latest Practice and New Trend  
*Geneva, 20 June 2024*

### **PFCCL - PFCCL Hong Kong Symposium**

MICHAEL E. SCHNEIDER , Role: Panel chair, The effective resolution of Chinese construction disputes through arbitration and litigation  
*Honk Kong, 4 May 2024*

### **GAR - GAR Live 2024 - Panel discussion on Construction Arbitration: ideas for radical change and improvement**

MICHAEL E. SCHNEIDER , Role: Panelist  
*Abu Dhabi, 30 January 2024*