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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

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

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

Recent conferences

UNCITRAL Working Group II session
MICHAEL E. SCHNEIDER, MELISSA MAGLIANA
Vienna, 30 September to 4 October

DIS Autumn Conference 2024 – Higher, Faster, Further? Drivers of Innovation in Arbitration
MICHAEL E. SCHNEIDER, Keynote Speaker
Berlin, 10 September 2024

Singapore Law Society – Celebrating 30 Years of the Singapore International Arbitration Act 1994 – Past, Present, Future
MICHAEL E. SCHNEIDER, Panellist: Outlook: The IAA on the Horizon
Singapore, 30 August 2024