

Joachim Knoll

Partner, Geneva



Joachim specialises in international arbitration, both commercial and investment treaty arbitration and is highly regarded by peers and clients as “a savvy, fact-driven advocate” with notable expertise in investment treaty arbitration, *Who’s Who Legal, Arbitration, 2022*. He has acted as counsel and arbitrator in over 80 international arbitral proceedings, ad hoc (including UNCITRAL) or administered (ICC, ICSID, Swiss Rules, LCIA, SCC, DIS, DIAC, AAA/ICDR), governed by various procedural and substantive laws, including Swiss, French, German, English and international law.

Joachim is experienced in disputes involving the main aspects of commercial transactions, in particular disputes relating to foreign investments, infrastructure projects, engineering, mining, distribution, and the international sale of goods.

Current professional memberships

- + Member of ICSID’s Panel of Conciliators, appointed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (until 2026).
- + Head lecturer and a member of the Academic Council of the Swiss Arbitration Academy

Career history

- + Partner, LALIVE, 2015 – present
- + Partner, Brown & Page, Geneva, 2008 – 2012
- + Associate and Counsel, LALIVE, Geneva, 2006 – 2008 and 2013 – 2014
- + Associate, Shearman & Sterling, 1999 – 2006

Academic qualifications

- + LLM Boston University, 2004
- + LLM King’s College, 1998
- + Diploma in European law and Public International Law, University of Aix-Marseille III, Aix-en-Provence, 1995

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Practices

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

Sectors

- + Construction & Infrastructure
- + Energy
- + Technology

Languages

- + English
- + French
- + German

Nationality

- + German

Admission

- + Geneva (foreign lawyer), 2011
- + Paris, 2011
- + New York, 2004

“Clients are in absolutely safe hands when he’s dealing with their case”

Who’s Who Legal, Future Leaders, Arbitration, 2021

Recognition

“Joachim is a team leader who always tries to weigh up all the risks and options, choosing the best one for the situation.”

Chambers Global, Europe, 2024

“Joachim is very competent and reliable” and “a balanced, calm professional.”

Chambers Global, Europe, 2024

Joachim has the “ability to develop a reliable strategy and gain client trust” and has “wide international knowledge.”

Legal 500 EMEA, Real Estate & Construction, 2022

Recent publications

Commentary on Article 45 of the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration

JOACHIM KNOLL, CHINA IRWIN

In: Tobias Zuberbühler, Christoph Müller, Philipp Habegger (Eds.), Swiss Rules of International Arbitration, Schulthess Verlag, Juris, 3rd Ed, pp. 601-609, 2023

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

Possible claims against Russia for expropriation of foreign investments

MATTHIAS SCHERER, JOACHIM KNOLL, LORRAINE DE GERMINY, EMILIE MCCONAUGHEY

In: LALIVE Blog online, April 2022

Recent conferences

University of Basel Law Faculty, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Basel Institute on Governance, AC Competence Centre and The International Academy of Financial Crime Litigators - Workshop on Legal Consequences of Corruption and Money Laundering in International Arbitration

JOACHIM KNOLL , Role: Speaker, Legal consequences of money laundering on an arbitral award in investment treaty

Basel, 9 January 2020

Vienna International Arbitration Center (VIAC) - 27th Croatian Arbitration Days, International Conference

JOACHIM KNOLL , Role: Panellist, Attribution of Responsibility to States or State Enterprises

Zagreb, 5 December 2019

Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) - Le Café Des Arbitres (LCDA)

JOACHIM KNOLL , Role: Speaker, The Role of State Courts’ Decisions in Investment Treaty Arbitration

Paris, 28 November 2019