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#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- > Arbitration / Litigation
- > Commercial Contracts
- > Distribution / Agency
- > General Civil Law
- > International Sales / Construction
- > Joint Ventures / Consortia
- > Mergers & Acquisitions
- > Private International Law

#### INDUSTRY SECTORS

- > Construction & Engineering
- > Commodities Trading
- > High-tech Products
- > Fashion & Luxury Goods
- > Electricity Supply
- > Pharmaceutical & Biotech

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Christoph Brunner is a full time partner and has been practising dispute resolution for over 20 years. He has acted as counsel, presiding arbitrator, sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and legal expert in more than 85 international commercial arbitrations governed by various institutional and ad hoc rules. He has acted as arbitrator under the substantive laws of Switzerland, England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, California (among others), and the CISG. His range of expertise covers in particular M&A, joint ventures, construction/infrastructure projects, sales, distribution and agency contracts and international legal assistance. He is recommended for arbitration in Chambers, Global Guide and Europe 2019, in Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders, Arbitration 2018, and for arbitration and litigation in Who's Who Legal since 2013. He is considered by clients and his peers as an «excellent, knowledgeable and fair» lawyer (WWL, 2017).

Dr. Brunner also regularly acts as counsel in procedures before state courts in Switzerland, especially in international and complex cases, including procedures before the Swiss Supreme Court. He is a member of the Court of the Swiss Chambers Arbitration Institution and titular professor at the University of Bern.

#### RANKING

- > Chambers and Partners, Global Guide and Europe 2019
- > Who's Who Legal (WWL): Thought Leaders Arbitration 2018
- > 2013-2019 Who's Who Legal Arbitration and Litigation in Switzerland

#### CAREER

- > Partner and Counsel, Python & Peter (2001 - 2015)
- > Associate at two major Swiss law firms based in Geneva (1997 - 2001)
- > Titular professor of law, University of Bern (since 2014)
- > Lecturer for commercial law and international arbitration, University of Bern (since 2006)

#### EDUCATION

- > Doctorate in Law (Dr. iur.), University of Bern (1996)
- > Master of Laws (LL.M.), University of California at Berkeley (1996 - 1997)

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- > Member of the Court of the Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution (SCAI)
- > LCIA European Users' Council
- > German Institution of Arbitration (DIS)
- > International Arbitration Institute (IAI) Paris
- > Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- > List of arbitrators of Alternative Dispute Resolution for Commodity Trading, Shipping and Finance (ACT)
- > ELArb
- > Swiss and International Bar Association
- > International Association of Boalt Alumni

# CHRISTOPH BRUNNER

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## QUOTES

- > Who's Who Legal (WWL): Thought Leaders - Arbitration 2018
- > Chambers, Global Guide 2019: "Sources report that he has a 'profound knowledge of Swiss law and is calm and well prepared'."
- > WWL (arbitration, 2019) says: "Christoph Brunner is recognised for his 'very balanced approach as arbitrator', stands out for his 'very profound knowledge' when it comes to disputes across the construction sector."
- > WWL (arbitration, 2018) says: "The 'outstanding' Christoph Brunner ... is widely considered 'a brilliant lawyer and advocate'."
- > WWL (litigation, 2018) says: "Christoph Brunner is highly respected for his expertise in complex international litigation as well as his specialist knowledge of M&A and construction disputes."

## REPRESENTATIVE CASES

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- > Lead-partner in an ICC arbitration relating to a major joint venture infrastructure project.
- > Co-lead partner in two related arbitrations, under the ICC Rules and Swiss Rules, respectively, representing a major Turkish building contractor against an Eastern European state entity.
- > Lead partner in setting aside proceedings against the ICC Award and securing a win for the client at the Swiss Supreme Court level, resulting in a seminal decision on aspects of *res judicata* under Swiss law.
- > Counsel for a UAE Claimant against multiple Respondents in attachment and enforcement proceedings of a DIAC award in Switzerland.
- > President in an ICC arbitration involving a M&A / purchase price adjustment dispute.
- > President in a VIAC arbitration involving a Turkish Claimant against a German Respondent concerning the construction and supply of clinics in Russia.
- > Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration concerning a sale of commodities.
- > Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration relating to the supply and installation of high-tech machinery and equipment.
- > Co-arbitrator in an ICC arbitration appointed by one of the largest global energy players in a dispute involving the gas sector.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Christoph Brunner has published several books and numerous articles on commercial law and international arbitration. In particular, he is the author of the well-known treatise "Force Majeure and Hardship under General Contract Principles" (Kluwer, 2009) and author and editor of a Commentary on the CISG (2<sup>nd</sup> German edition 2014; English edition, Kluwer 2019).