



Giulio Palermo

Italian nationality | Swiss permanent residency

Giulio Palermo is an arbitration specialist qualified in Switzerland, Italy, and Spain, with extensive experience in sports and commercial arbitration.

He has participated in over 70 international arbitration proceedings, serving as arbitrator in more than 35 of them (see full [list of cases](#)). These proceedings were conducted in English, Spanish, French, and Italian, and involved disciplinary, contractual, and commercial matters.

Clients and peers single him out as:

- “[A]n arbitration powerhouse” who is “sharp-minded, charismatic and charming according to impressed sources” (Legal 500);
- Having “a sharp intellect”, being “incredibly quick at resolving issues as they arise” (Who’s Who Legal);
- “[L]ikeable, amiable, straight to the point and always delivers” (Chambers and Partners).

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- Admitted to the Bar of Geneva
Pouvoir judiciaire de la République et canton de Genève
- Admitted to the Bar of Madrid
Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacía de Madrid
- Admitted to the Bar of Rome
Consiglio dell’Ordine degli Avvocati di Roma
- Accredited Mediator
Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR)

HONORS, AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS

2025	Ranked in Chambers and Partners (Sport band 3 and Arbitration band 4) Switzerland
2025	Ranked in Legal500 (Sport band 4 and Arbitration band 4) Switzerland
2024 – Present	Arbitrator at the Swiss Sports Tribunal
2024	Lexology Client Choice Award – Sports Switzerland
2024 – Present	Leaders League (Sport - Highly recommended) Switzerland
2024 – Present	Who’s Who Legal (Switzerland): Arbitration Thought Global Leader and National Leader
2024 – Present	Lecturer on Sports Law at UEFA Football Law Programme
2024 – Present	Co-director of the Advanced Course for Arbitrators organized by CIAM, CIAR, and CEIA
2023 – Present	Lecturer on Sports Law at UEFA Fight The Fix programme
2023 – Present	Who’s Who Legal: Thought Leaders Arbitration (Switzerland)
2023 – Present	Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration Global Elite Thought Leader – Under 45
2023 – Present	Investigation and Prosecution Officer of the International Boxing Association
2022 – Present	Who’s Who Legal: Sports & Gaming Global Leader
2021 – Present	Co-founder of the Sports Arbitration Moot
2020 – Present	Lecturer on Sports Arbitration at the Stockholm University (LLM in International Commercial Arbitration Law)
2020	Who’s Who Legal: Arbitration - Future Leaders (First Most Highly Regarded Practitioner in Europe)
2019 – Present	Board Member of the CIAM (Centro Internacional de Arbitraje de Madrid)

2019 – Present Ethics and Disciplinary Inspector of UEFA
2018 – Present Lecturer on International Arbitration at LUISS Guido Carli

EDUCATION

2010 – 2011 Stockholm University, Stockholm - Sweden
LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration Law, Transnational Dispute Resolution

2009 – 2010 IE Law School, Madrid - Spain
LL.M. in International Legal Practice, Transnational Corporate Law

2009 Universidad de La Laguna, Tenerife - Spain
Spanish Law Degree
Recognition of Law degree based on 8 exams: Constitutional Law, Civil Law, Civil Procedure Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Commercial Law, Administrative Law and Labor Law

2007 Luiss Guido Carli University, Rome - Italy
Italian Law Degree
Grade: 110 out of 110

LANGUAGES

Italian	Native
English	Full professional proficiency
French	Full professional proficiency
Spanish	Full professional proficiency

PUBLICATIONS

- El precedente en el arbitraje internacional - Arbitraje y Jurisdicción. Homenaje a Miguel Ángel Fernández-Ballesteros (La Ley Soluciones Legales, March 2024)
- Indépendance du TAS vis-à-vis de ses financeurs et des utilisateurs réguliers de ses services - Les Cahiers de l'Arbitrage (Lextenso, January 2024)
- CAS 2019/A/6148, World Anti-doping Agency v. Sun Yang and Fédération Internationale de Natation, Award of 28 February 2020 (Yearbook of International Sports Arbitration, January 2023)
- L'arbitrato nelle esperienze straniere – Trattato di Diritto dell'arbitrato : L'arbitrato in Svizzera (Edizioni Scientifiche Italiane, May 2022)
- La riforma della legge svizzera sull'arbitrato internazionale: una prima analisi (Rivista dell'Arbitrato n. 4/2020, May 2021)
- Leveraging the Standard of Ex Aequo et Bono to Increase Diversity, Flexibility and Efficiency: Insights from the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal (ASA Bulletin, December 2020)
- Ex Aequo et Bono in International Arbitration (Review of the Kopaonik School of Natural Law, May 2020)
- ECtHR and Arbitration: A New Framework Emerges for the Organisation of Dispute Resolution in Sports? (Kluwer Arbitration Blog, April 2020)
- Riconoscimento di decreti di fallimento e di concordati stranieri in Svizzera (Rivista del Diritto del Commercio Internazionale – Giuffrè Francis Lefebvre, February 2019)
- The Evolution of CAS Jurisprudence on Match Fixing (CAS Bulletin 2/2018)
- Rechazado nuevo ataque contra el TAS (Revista del Club Español del Arbitraje, Wolters Kluwer, volume 32, 2018)
- Why 'national platforms' are the cornerstone in the fight against match-fixing in sport: the Macolin Convention (LawInSport, 18 June 2018)
- Independence of CAS vis-à-vis its Funders and Repeat Users of its Services (Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 25 May 2018)
- Lodi non definitivi e i provvedimenti cautelari dell'ordinamento svizzero (Pacini Giuridica, Atti del Quarto Rapporto annuale sull'Arbitrato, 2018)
- TAS: aún en vilo tras la saga Pechstein (Revista del Club Español del Arbitraje, Wolters Kluwer, volume 27, 2016)
- Il Principio di mutual trust: ultimo baluardo della comunitarizzazione dell'arbitrato commerciale? (Rivista dell'Arbitrato, Anno XXV Fasc. 4-2015, Giuffrè Editore)
- The Interface Between The Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements and the New York Convention of 1958 (Latin American Journal of International Trade Law, N° 1, Volume 3, 2015)
- Judicial Review of Arbitrators' Fees – A Swiss law perspective (ASA Bull. 3/2014)