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LITIGATOR AND ARBITRATOR

I resolve disputes! By assisting clients through result-oriented litigation and arbitration or by deciding them as efficient arbitrator.

I have been working in national and international litigation and arbitration, large scale disputes, alternative dispute resolution (e.g. mediation), sports law, maritime law, and contract law for over 20 years. I advise parties in commercial, sports, maritime, financial, commodities, constructions and other industry areas in disputes arising from license and joint venture agreements, agency contracts, sales and purchase agreements, transfer and employment matters, manufacturing as well as in the case of construction projects. I have taken part in over 80 arbitration proceedings as chair, co- or sole arbitrator and counsel, primarily in ICC, Swiss Rules, CAS and ad hoc arbitration proceedings as well as in domestic arbitration.

Practice Areas

National & International Arbitration & Litigation
Sports Law
Maritime & Transport Law
Commercial & Corporate Law

Memberships

Swiss and Zurich Bar Associations (SAV/ZAV)
Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) (Co-founder Arbitration Forum by ASALocal Groups)
List of Arbitrators of the ICC Switzerland
List of Arbitrators of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)
Panel of Arbitrators of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Center (HKIAC)
Women in Sports Law (WISLaw)
Swiss Sports Law Association (ASDS)
Swiss Maritime Law Association
German Maritime Arbitration Association (GMAA)

Education

Tulane University School of Law, LL.M., 2002
Admission to the Bar, 1997
University of Fribourg, lic.iur. bilingue, 1994

Experience

Partner at Barandun AG in Zurich
President of the Board of the Swiss Sports Tribunal Foundation in Bern
Alternate Judge at the Appellate Court of Valais/Wallis
Member Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in Lausanne
Counsel with LALIVE in Zurich
Partner at Rohner Rechtsanwälte in Zurich
Attorney at law with Niederer Kraft & Frey in Zurich

Awards and recognitions

"Pragmatic and very experienced arbitrator" Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder is a name frequently on interviewees' lips this year, especially for her understanding of sports arbitration."

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland - Arbitration 2024

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder is an "exceptional arbitrator" who is frequently appointed to the CAS and is renowned for her sports-related expertise.

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland - Sports & Entertainment, Arbitration 2024

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder is "well known for her work in sports arbitration" "She is a top arbitrator and counsel"

Who's Who Legal, Global, Arbitration 2024

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder is a distinguished practitioner with a wealth of experience in national and international arbitration in various areas, from sports to maritime law.

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration, 2023

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder ranks highly among peers as "a CAS arbitrator renowned for her sports law practice" who is "deeply immersed in sporting disputes".

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Sports & Entertainment, 2023

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder is a "highly intelligent and attentive dispute lawyer" with most experience working on complex commercial arbitration proceedings.

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration, 2022

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder receives a plethora of commendations for her arbitration practice, where she demonstrates prowess as counsel and arbitrator in sport, distribution and shipping disputes.

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration, 2021

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder is a "highly experienced" lawyer, distinguished as "a very pragmatic, solution-oriented arbitrator and party representative".

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration, 2020

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder receives widespread acclaim for her top-tier work on international commercial arbitration proceedings under multiple arbitration institutions.

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration, 2019

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder is "very active" in the arbitration space and comes highly recommended for her strong expertise in sports and transport-related disputes.

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration, 2018

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder is a highly regarded name in the Swiss market with an impressive record in transportation and sports-related arbitrations.

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration, 2017

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder wins praise for the "creative" advice that she delivers to clients and is described as a "frontrunner" in the field.

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration, 2016

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder is "highly recommended"

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration, 2015

The 'excellent' Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder has been involved in a number of international arbitrations under several institutional rules and is praised for her business sense and 'sound instincts'.

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration, 2014

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder joined the firm in 2012 and is a real asset, recognized for her expertise relating to transportation and finance disputes in particular.

Who's Who Legal, Switzerland, Arbitration, 2013

Academic Positions

Evidence in CAS Arbitration

Lecturer, FIFA Executive Program in Sports Arbitration
2020

Introduction to International Arbitration

Guest Lecturer, University of Fribourg
2020

Introduction to Maritime Arbitration

Guest Lecturer, University of Lausanne
2012

Costs and Interest in International Commercial Arbitration

Guest Lecturer, Swiss Arbitration Academy
2010-2019

Visiting Research Assistant

Maritime Law Center, Tulane University, New Orleans, USA
2002-2003

Publications

Commentary on Article 42 of the Swiss Rules

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder, 2023

In: Tobias Zuberbühler, Christoph Müller, Philipp Habegger (eds.), Swiss Rules of International Arbitration: Commentary, Schulthess Verlag, Juris, 3. Edition 2023

Commentary on Articles 1, 2, 3 and 6 of the ICC Rules Commentary on Articles 24-36 of the WIPO Rules

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder, 2018

In: Manuel Arroyo (ed.), Arbitration in Switzerland - The Practitioner's Guide: Commentary, Wolters Kluwer, AH Alphen aan den Rijn, 2018

Haftung im Seefrachtrecht und in der Binnenschifffahrt

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder, 2016

In: Klett Barbara/Furrer Andreas (eds.), Schaden im Warentransport, HAVE/Schulthess 2016, p. 191-209

Commentary on Article 42 of the Swiss Rules

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder, 2013

In: Tobias Zuberbühler, Christoph Müller, Philipp Habegger (eds.), Swiss Rules of International Arbitration: Commentary, Schulthess Verlag, Juris, 2nd edition 2013

Commentary on Articles 1, 2, 3 and 6 of the ICC Rules

Raphaëlle Favre Schnyder, 2013

In: Manuel Arroyo (ed.), Arbitration in Switzerland - The Practitioner's Guide: Commentary, Wolters Kluwer, AH Alphen aan den Rijn, 2013

Speaking Engagements

Speaker: The CAS ad hoc division: what does it do and how does it work

Junges Netzwerk Sportrecht and WiS Law
Frankfurt, 26 April 2024

Speaker: Arbitration and Olympism: the CAS ad hoc Divisions

Arbitration and the Olympic Games
Paris, 29 February 2024

Speaker/Moderator: Technology: AI, IP, Athlete's Rights & Data Protection
International Forum on Sports Law
Frankfurt, 15 January 2024

Organisator and Moderator: Praktische Aspekte der Umsetzung des Ethik-Statuts des Schweizer Sports bei Verbänden und Vereinen; Praxiserfahrung der nationalen Verbände, Probleme und Lösungsansätze
SAV/ASDS Seminar
23 November 2023

Panelist: The Settlement of Sports Disputes: Overview and Hot Topics
GIAC Arbitration Days
Tbilisi 13 October 2023

Lecturer: Match-fixing proceedings: leading cases and jurisprudence
UEFA Academy Fight the FIX
Rome, 19 April 2023

Commentator: Arbitration to resolve Sport-related disputes
Olympic Games and Arbitration; resolving Sports and related commercial disputes
CIETAC, Paris Arbitration Week, 30 March 2023

Speaker: Issues linked to the conduct of proceedings involving vulnerable athletes
FIFPro Legal Conference
Amsterdam, 15 March 2023

Speaker/Moderator: Sustainability in Sports
International Forum on Sports Law Pennyhill Park,
Surrey, 9 January 2023

Speaker: Changes in the WADA Code 2021 and recent CAS jurisprudence related to these changes
Sports Ministers Meeting Among Korea, Japan and China, Korea-Japan-China Sport Forum on Sport Solidarity with Global Development
Seoul, 4 November 2022

Speaker: Issues linked to the conduct of the proceedings involving vulnerable athletes (collecting of evidence, hearing of minor and/or vulnerable athletes, protection of witnesses)
CAS/SAV Seminar on International Sports Arbitration
Lausanne, 30 September - 1 October 2022

Moderator/Panelist: International Forum on Sports Law
Technology and Equipment: a little edge can make a big difference
Virtual Roundtable, 8 June 2021

Moderator/Panelist: Workshop for prospective arbitrators
WiS Law Annual Conference
Zurich, 15 November 2019

Speaker/Panelist: Is sports arbitration in turmoil following the Seraing, Mutu & Pechstein rulings? Is there a viable alternative to arbitration to improve justice in sport?
AIJA Seminar Is the Arbitrator a Good Referee?
Paris, 1 December 2018

Moderator: Case law review and legislative challenges CAS/SAV
Seminar on International Sports Arbitration
Lausanne, 22-23 September 2018

Speaker/Panelist: Minorities in sport. Discrimination against athletes based on gender, disability, religion, or other reasons.
ASDS/FSA Seminar Equality in Sport? Legal challenges and discrimination
Bern, 23 November 2017

Speaker: (In)compatibility of national and international sport arbitration with EU law
AIJA-Seminar on Olympic Games, Corruption and Sports Arbitration
Lausanne, 7 April 2017

Speaker: Dos and Don'ts in International Dispute
Resolution Negotiating and Drafting International

Commercial Contracts
Iran Central Bar Association
Teheran, 9 February 2017

Speaker: Haftung in der See- und Binnenschifffahrt
Tagung Schaden im Warentransport
KOLT University of Luzern
Lucerne, 10 January 2017

Keynote Speaker: New IBA-Guidelines and the application in local arbitration law
Dreiländer-Konferenz 2014

Arbitration in Austria, Liechtenstein and Switzerland
Zurich, 19 September 2014

Moderator: Investment Treaty - the new finance arbitration?
AIJA Half-Year Conference
Zurich, 9 May 2014

Moderator and Panelist: The Appointment of Arbitrators
AIJA-Seminar International arbitration: Is China different?
Hong Kong, 27-29 March 2014

Speaker: Switzerland as place of arbitration
Franco British Lawyers
Society Limited Paris
7 November 2013

Speaker: The IBA International Principles on Conduct for the Legal Profession and their effect on us as daily arbitration practitioners
Arbitral Women, Breakfast meeting
Zurich, 17 June 2013

Co-Chair, Speaker: The Future of Maritime Arbitration; The Do's and Don'ts of Maritime Arbitration
The 5th Asian Maritime Law Conference
Singapore, 11-13 April 2013

Speaker: Panel Discussion on the Litigation of Liabilities, European Perspective
AIJA Half-Year Conference
Montreal, 15 November 2012

Teacher: Introduction to the Arbitration Rules of the Chinese European Arbitration Centre (CEAC RULES)
Zurich University/ Vis Moot School
Zurich, 3 October 2012

Speaker: Arbitration - an institution for younger lawyers as well?
AIJA Half-Year Conference
Hamburg, 4 May 2012

Organizer, Moderator and Speaker: Working Session on Maritime Arbitration
AIJA Annual Congress Amsterdam
25 August 2011

Speaker: Arbitration clauses in maritime contracts
Switzerland, Association for Arbitration (ASA)
Geneva, 12 May 2011

Speaker: Arbitration from 1.1.2011 from a national and international perspective
Switzerland Arbitration Association (ASA)
Bern, 25 October 2010

Speaker: Interest and Costs in International Arbitration - A Selection of Issues and Solutions
ASA Below 40 Seminar Geneva
11 June 2010

Speaker: The Scope of Application of the CMNI
AIJA Annual Congress
Budapest, 28 August 2009

Actual reference cases

Appointment as chair in SCAI proceedings in Zurich in a dispute over procurement contracts for the automotive industry.

Appointment by the ICAS as arbitrator for the CAS Anti-doping Division for the Olympic Games in Beijing.

Appointment by the ICC as Emergency Arbitrator in a construction dispute.

Appointment as chair of an ICC tribunal in Geneva over a construction dispute involving foreign state-owned and private non-Swiss entities.

Appointment as co-arbitrator in SCAI proceedings in Zurich regarding a dispute over sports broadcasting rights.

Appointment as chair in national arbitration proceedings relating to a Swiss Stock Exchange dispute.

Appointment as sole arbitrator in ICC proceedings in Geneva relating to joint-venture and agency contracts.

Appointment as co-arbitrator in ad-hoc proceedings relating to post-M&A disputes.

Appointment as sole arbitrator in ICC proceedings in Zurich resulting from licensing contracts.

Appointment as sole arbitrator in ICC proceedings in Brussels relating to procurement contract for the European Space Agency.

Appointment as chair, sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator in numerous commercial and contractual disputes under ICC and Swiss Rules.

Appointment as chair, sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator in numerous sports related disputes under the CAS Code.

Appointment as co-arbitrator in Swiss Rules arbitration between European and Russian entities regarding products for automotive industry.

Counsel for a foreign company in ICC proceedings relating to oil and gaz prospecting contracts.

Leading counsel in arbitration in Zurich on intellectual property right for consumer goods.

Several appointments as leading counsel for a publicly listed foreign company in ICC arbitration proceedings in Zurich regarding infrastructure project.

Leading counsel for a Singapore Company in ICC arbitration proceedings in Zurich against a Swiss entity and foreign counsel in related proceedings before Singapore and Australian Courts.

Leading counsel in a succession dispute in Zurich with a value of CHF 15 Mio.

Leading counsel in ICC proceedings in Geneva concerning aviation contracts.