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Recognitions

- Chambers and Partners Global/Europe: Arbitration since 2020
- The Legal 500: Leading Individuals in Dispute Resolution: Arbitration since 2022
- Who's Who Legal: Thought Leader in Arbitration since 2019; Recommended in Sports & Entertainment since 2021; Recommended in Sports & Gaming since 2020
- Leaders League: International Arbitration since 2018
- LMG Expert Guides: Commercial Arbitration since 2014

Languages

French, English, German

Selected Publications

- The impact of trade sanctions on contractual obligations and arbitration proceedings
- "Consent" in Sports Arbitration: Which Lessons for Arbitrations Based on Clauses in Bylaws of Corporations, Associations, etc.?
- Arbitration Law of Switzerland: Practice and Procedure

Philippe Bärtsch is Schellenberg Wittmer's current Managing Partner, a Vice-Chair of our International Arbitration Practice Group and a Co-Head of our Sports Practice Group. He represents clients in complex international commercial, investment and sports arbitration matters as well as in setting-aside proceedings before the Swiss Supreme Court. Philippe is highly recommended by the legal directories, both as an arbitration and as a sports lawyer.

Expertise

- International Arbitration
- Dispute Resolution
- Construction
- Energy
- Sports

Experience

- Counsel and arbitrator in more than 100 complex commercial arbitrations seated in common law and civil law jurisdictions worldwide, involving a wide array of matters and under many different laws
- Main areas of specialization include post M&A disputes, energy, construction / engineering, commodities, pharmaceutical, consumer goods and sports
- Counsel in close to 100 different proceedings before sports arbitral institutions and adjudicative bodies of sports federations, including in some of the highest profile sports cases in recent history

Career

2019	Managing Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2015	Member of Schellenberg Wittmer's Management Committee
2012	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2006	Foreign Associate in a leading US firm in New York
2003	Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer

Education

2004	LL.M., Harvard Law School
2002	Bar Admission in Switzerland
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Additional Professional Activities

- Regular publications and speaking engagements on topics related to arbitration
- Member of the Academic Council of the Swiss Arbitration Academy
- Member of the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Arbitration Centre
- Co-chair Young Arbitration Practitioners (YAP)
- Co-chair the marketing committee of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)