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Languages

German, English, French, Hungarian

Expertise

Dr. Gurovits specialises in Sports, Corporate (including governance), Dispute Resolution (including administrative proceedings), and Technology (IT, telecoms, manufacturing) transactions (including acquisitions, outsourcing, development, procurement, distribution, regulatory).

He regularly advises clients on contractual, compliance, governance, disputes and other legal matters in the above areas. He, thus, not only advises in these areas, but also represents clients before the competent regulatory and investigating authorities, state courts and arbitral tribunals.

Dr. Gurovits is distinguished as a leading lawyer by various directories such as Chambers and Legal 500. Dr. Gurovits has been a lecturer at the University of Zurich for more than a decade. At present, he is a listed arbitrator with the Court of Arbitration for Sport CAS/TAS in Lausanne, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), a member of the Legal Committee of the International Ice Hockey Federation, Vice-President of Grasshopper Fussball AG (which is the corporation operating professional football of Grasshopper Club Zurich), Chairman of the Grasshopper Football Foundation, and the Chairman of the Supervisory Commission of the Administration of Justice of the Swiss Ice Hockey Federation.

His extensive practical experience in the technology sector (more than ten years experience as software developer and marketing manager) allows Dr. Gurovits' to cover a wide range transactions in his technology-related practice, such as acquisitions, domestic and cross-border outsourcing, development, procurement and distribution. His technology practice also covers regulatory matters/proceedings as well as data protection and data security issues. His corporate practice focuses on planning and implementing organisational structures/measures to ensure good governance within corporations and sports organizations; it also comprises internal investigations. In these areas he represents clients in commercial disputes before state courts and arbitral tribunals as well as, in respect of white collar and antitrust matters, before the relevant state authorities. He further regularly serves as an arbitrator in domestic and international arbitration. His sport practice covers all aspects of sports related issues, such as commercialization of sports rights, organization of sports events and management of sports organizations.

Technology

Sports

Corporate / M&A

Dispute Resolution

Career

- 2019 FCI Arb (Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators)
- 2001 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 1994 Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 1990 Sales Manager, thereafter Marketing Manager with an international IT / telecoms provider
- 1989 Clerk at the District Court of Zurich
- 1987 Head of IT and Internal Services of a publishing company in Zurich
- 1987 Software Developer with an international IT provider (partly part time / working student)

Education

- 2010 University of Liverpool, MBA (with distinction)
- 1993 Dissertation, subject IT consulting agreements (magna cum laude)
- 1991 Admitted to the Bar (Rechtsanwalt)
- 1987 Licentiate / Master in law at Law Faculty of Zurich University (magna cum laude)

Publications

Dr. Gurovits is an author of a number of legal and, due to his vast business experience and MBA degree, management publications. He regularly lectures on such matters at professional conferences.

Market Perception

"Andras Gurovits has a great expertise in the field of sports and helps us a lot in our legal matters or questions. It is a very pleasant cooperation'. 'Andras Gurovits – very experienced and client orientated partner'." (Legal 500 2024)

"Andr s Gurovits is a very good lawyer with a great deal of know-how. Working with him is always very pleasant and we appreciate it very much." (Chambers Europe 2024)

"We've worked with Andr s Gurovits, who is leading the firm's sports law practice. He is very creative in developing ideas and structures to increase efficiency. He is very knowledgeable and a strong negotiator." (Chambers 2024)

"Andr s Gurovits is very devoted to his clients and you can count on him 100% when you need it." (Legal 500 2023)

"I have worked in several international arbitration cases with Mr Andr s Gurovits. He is a very talented and hard-working lawyer, who has a profound knowledge of the sports regulations and practice as well as of Swiss law. It is always a pleasure working with him." (Legal 500 2023)

"I rate Andr s Gurovits as very strong for client service and general level of service, for level of sophistication and for commercial awareness and vision. We are very satisfied with the service received. Mr Gurovits is very responsive and helpful. He provides clear and very professional support, recommendations and directions." (Chambers 2023)

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"András Gurovits of Niederer Kraft Frey did an outstanding job for us." "He is very creative in developing ideas and structures to increase efficiency. He is very knowledgeable and a strong negotiator." (Chambers 2023)

"He is customer and solution oriented. He's helpful also for handling small matters without trying to blow up the topic to create billable hours." (Chambers 2023)

"András Gurovits is a very responsive lawyer and an outstanding negotiator." (Chambers Europe 2022)

"András Gurovits is a 'very active' practitioner who excels at advising clients on sports-related issues." (Who's Who Legal 2021)

"Clients say: 'He understands our needs and delivers hands-on solutions even for complex matter,' going on to add that he 'acts very efficiently and diligently.'" (Chambers Europe 2020)

András Gurovits "has significant expertise in corporate, M&A and dispute resolution." (Leaders League 2020)

"András Gurovits enjoys a strong international reputation thanks to his 'vast experience in a range of sports law matters.'" (Who's Who Legal 2020)

"András Gurovits is a key name in the sports industry where he stands out for his top-notch work on both contentious and non-contentious matters." (Who's Who Legal 2019)

András Gurovits is a "strong technical lawyer" and a "business expert". (Legal 500 2019)

András Gurovits is "certainly a top name for sports law". He draws praise as "a market leader" when it comes to handling sports, regulatory and data-related matters. (Who's Who Legal 2018)

András Gurovits is "competent, reactive and accurate". (Legal 500 2018)

András Gurovits is "patient, calm and a great negotiator," according to one source. (Chambers Europe 2018)

"Clients remark that 'he's really very commercially driven, he tries to understand the needs of the company and understands the topics very well.'" (Chambers Europe 2016)

"András Gurovits is a sports law 'expert' who specializes in dispute resolution." (Who's Who Legal 2016)

"Clients say: 'András Gurovits was helpful in guiding us through a complex dispute. He does high-quality work and turns documents around quickly and efficiently.'" (Chambers Europe 2015)

"András Gurovits' practice encompasses the commercialisation of sports rights and the Organisation and management of sports events." (Who's Who Legal 2015)

"At Niederer Kraft & Frey is the 'brilliant' András Gurovits, who advises clients on outsourcing transactions." (Who's Who Legal 2015)

"András Gurovits 'is always at the forefront and cutting edge of new developments,' according to interviewees." (Chambers Europe 2014)

"András Gurovits's negotiation abilities and straightforward handling of mandates are also commended." (Chambers Europe 2014)

"According to sources András Gurovits 'has great knowledge in this area. He understood what we were saying and could translate it into legal language.'" (Chambers Europe 2013)

"He is always on top of things and can easily counter the other side's arguments." (Chambers Europe 2013)

"András Gurovits is a 'strong lawyer'." (Legal 500 2013)

"Sports arbitrator András Gurovits is 'precise, professional and experienced'." (Legal 500 2013)

"András Gurovits is an 'acknowledged expert' in the field and earns commendations for his negotiating skills." (Chambers Europe 2012)

