



Boris Vittoz

Partner

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Languages

French, English

Expertise

Boris has been representing clients for 20 years before international arbitral tribunals and Swiss courts in connection with commercial, sports and trust and estate disputes. He has completed two three-year terms as member of the Court of the Swiss Arbitration Centre and was an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sports during six years. Boris's experience also includes the assistance of clients facing internal and external crises involving simultaneously multiple public and private stakeholders.

Highlights include:

Acting as lead counsel for a foreign real estate group in an ICC arbitration, as well as related court proceedings in Switzerland and abroad, with a value in dispute of around CHF 100 million.

Acting as lead counsel for a foreign pharmaceutical company in Swiss court proceedings with a value in dispute of around CHF 60 million.

Acting as counsel for an international sports federation facing simultaneously multiple legal, governance and other challenges, including investigations from foreign authorities and various sports institutions, disputes among its various bodies and with investors, debtors and employees involving arbitration, civil, disciplinary, criminal and other court proceedings in various fora.

Dispute Resolution

Investigations & White Collar

Sports

Career

- 2023 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey, Geneva
- 2022 Partner, law firm, Geneva
- 2021 Member of the Ethics Commission of the International Squash Federation
- 2020 Arbitrator at the Qatar Sports Arbitration Tribunal
- 2016 Member of the Court, Swiss Arbitration Centre

- 2013 Arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport
- 2013 Co-Chair ASA Vaud Group, Swiss Arbitration Association
- 2011 Founding Partner, law firm, Lausanne
- 2007 Associate, law firm, Geneva
- 2003 Trainee and then Associate, law firm, Geneva

Education

- 2005 Admitted to the Swiss Bar
- 2002 DEA, University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)
- 2001 Law Degree, University of Lausanne

Professional Memberships

- Swiss Arbitration Association
- Geneva bar association
- Swiss bar association

Speaking Engagements

- Lois “étrangères” et arbitrage international (as co-organizer and moderator) ASA Group Vaud, May 2022
- Some Specific Aspects of Football Arbitration in Front of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) (as co-organizer and moderator) ASA Group Vaud, August 2021
- International Commercial Arbitration : Confidential or Not ? (as co-organizer and moderator) ASA Group Vaud, November 2019
- Le Règlement Suisse d’Arbitrage International : Un instrument attractif pour les investisseurs dans les pays de la Ligue Arabe
The Arab Conference for Investment and Development, Towards an Attractive Legislation Investment Environment, Sharm el-Sheikh, April 2019
- Norme SIA 150 (2018) en matière d’arbitrage de construction : Panacée ou mouche du coche? (co-organizer and moderator) ASA Group Vaud, January 2019
- L’efficacité de la procédure accélérée selon le Règlement suisse d’arbitrage international by Boris Vittoz SCAI, Swiss Embassy, Paris, March 2017
- Expedited Proceedings and their Limits in Traditional Formats by Boris Vittoz SCAI Innovation Conference, Genève, February 2017
- Mesures provisionnelles et effet suspensif devant le Tribunal Arbitral du Sport (co-organizer and moderator) ASA Group Vaud, November 2016
- Time is Money: How to Prevent and Efficiently Manage Commodities Trade-Related Disputes (co-organizer and moderator) ASA Group Vaud, Septembre 2016

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- Responsabilité solidaire des clubs dans le cadre d'un transfert de joueur à la lumière de la sentence Juventus c. Livorno et Chelsea (co-organizer and moderator) ASA Group Vaud, November 2015
- Coûts de l'arbitrage v. coûts de la procédure étatique: comparaison entre arbitrage Swiss Rules et procédure civile dans les cantons de Vaud et Genève by Boris Vittoz (co-speaker, organizer and moderator), ASA Group Vaud, May 2014