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Specialization

Dispute Resolution

- **Arbitration**
- **Conflict Management**
- **Enforcement**

About me

Florian Stefan is a partner at Vavrovsky Heine Marth Rechtsanwälte. He has extensive experience in representing clients before international commercial and investment arbitration tribunals under the rules of leading arbitral institutions. He represents clients across a broad range of industries, including telecommunications, energy, infrastructure, technology and real estate. Florian is admitted to the bar in Austria. He is a graduate of the University of Vienna

and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

In addition to his international arbitration practice, Florian regularly advises in connection with international commercial contracts, with a particular focus on complex licensing and distribution agreements.

Florian is listed in various international lawyer directories as an expert in his field. Who's Who Legal ranks him as a Future Leader in Arbitration and praises him as a “highly competent arbitration practitioner”, “who is exceptionally experienced in international disputes”, and is “ cool headed and sharp minded”. The Legal 500 EMEA 2022 highlights his expertise and strategic skills: “Florian Stefan is a talented and very analytical arbitration lawyer with a great lookout in complex matters. He is sharp, has a vast understanding of the legal and economic context and is able to proficiently identify successful strategies for handling a dispute.”

Recent counsel highlights in which Florian was representative include a group of international shareholders in a post-M&A dispute before the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), a Polish real estate developer in a shareholder dispute before the Permanent Court of Arbitration of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce (PAC-CCC) and a French technology company in a contract dispute before the Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC). In addition to representing parties, he also acts as an arbitrator.

Florian is Regional Ambassador of the HK45, the Young Practitioners Group of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC). Moreover, he served as the Regional Representative of the Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG) of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) for Willem C. Vis Moot. He has published various articles and book chapters in the field of international arbitration and is a regular contributor to the Kluwer Arbitration Blog.

Education

- Austrian Bar Exam (with distinction), Vienna Bar Association, Austria
- University of Vienna, Austria, Master's degree in Law (Mag.iur.)
- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK, LL.M. (with merit)

Languages

German, English, French

Awards



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Recent Publications

- Die schiedsrechtliche Rechtsprechung des OGH seit dem SchiedsRÄG 2013, ecolex: 10 Jahre SchiedsRÄG 2013 im Spiegel der Rechtsprechung, 2023 (together with Pepita Fallmann)
- Mehrparteienschiedsvereinbarung, in: Nueber (Ed), Handbuch Schiedsverfahren (together with Nikolaus Vavrovsky, Stefan Riegler, Alexander Zollner) – 2021
- Chambers Global Practice Guide: Litigation 2019 (2) - Law and Practice in Austria
- PSL LexisNexis News Analysis: A reflection on the Czech Republic's solar investment arbitration successes (10/2019)
- Chambers Global Practice Guide: International Arbitration 2019 (2) - Law and Practice in Austria
- Intra-EU Disputes under the Energy Charter Treaty: Quo Vadis?, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (08/2019)
- Chambers Global Practice Guide: Litigation 2019 - Law and Practice in Austria
- Arbitrating Climate Change-Related Disputes, Corporate Disputes Jan-Mar 2019, 150 et seq (together with Nikolaus Vavrovsky)
- Chambers Global Practice Guide: International Arbitration 2019 - Law and Practice in Austria
- Brace for Impact? Examining the reach of Achmea vs Slovakia, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (06/2018)
- Fair behandelt trotz ungleicher Fristen im Schiedsverfahren (OGH 7.9.2017, 18 ONc 1/17t),

ecolex 1/2018, 40 et seq (together with Nikolaus Vavrovsky)

Memberships & Activities

- Regional Ambassador at HK45, the Young Practitioners Group of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Regional Representative of the Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG) of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Regional Representative, Willem C. Vis Moot
- Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP)
- Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage Below 40 (ASAb40)
- Deutsche Initiative junger Schiedsrechtler (DIS40)
- ICC Young Arbitrators Forum
- LSE Alumni
- Moot Alumni Association