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Specialization

Dispute Resolution

- **Conflict Management**
- **ADR**
- **Litigation**
- **Enforcement**

Real Estate

- **Real estate financing**

About me

Nikolaus Vavrovsky is a partner at Vavrovsky Heine Marth Rechtsanwälte in Vienna and specialises in international dispute resolution, with a particular focus on property-related (especially construction and infrastructure) and corporate disputes. He represents clients in international arbitration proceedings under the rules of leading arbitral institutions (in particular ICC, VIAC, HKIAC, DIS) as well as in investment arbitration proceedings under the ICSID and UNCITRAL rules.

He also regularly acts as (single) arbitrator or chairman of arbitration tribunals. Nikolaus is also the President of the Swiss Arbitration Academy Alumni Association. He has authored numerous specialist publications and regularly lectures on topics in his field.

Who's Who Legal names Nikolaus as a Future Leader in Arbitration and calls him “the go-to lawyer for international arbitration disputes in Austria”, who stands out for his expertise and pragmatic approach (“his advice is both knowledgeable and pragmatic”).

Chambers Europe and Chambers Global highlight his standing as a procedural and arbitration expert in post-M&A disputes, investment arbitration and real estate and construction disputes.

His reputation as a referee is also highlighted. Clients admire his aplomb in complex situations (“a calm head which he keeps even in complicated situations"). The Legal 500 EMEA calls him a "brilliant arbitrator" and a "fine strategist".

His accuracy and tactical skill are also praised ("he handles even the most complex issues or the tightest time lines with utmost thoroughness and perfect tactics").

In addition to his specialisation in dispute resolution and international arbitration, Nikolaus is well-versed in real estate and construction law, corporate and financing law issues, as well as contract and claim management.

Education

- University of Lucerne and the University of Neuchâtel in cooperation with the Swiss Arbitration Academy (SAA), Switzerland (Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in International Arbitration with an award classification of “excellent”, 2017)
- Austrian Bar Exam with distinction, Vienna Bar Association, Austria (2000)
- University of St. Gallen, Switzerland (M.B.L.-HSG in European and International Business Law, 1998)
- University of Salzburg, Austria (Dr. iur., 1998)

Languages

German, English, French

Awards



Chambers TOP RANKED Global 2026

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Recent Publications

- Mehrparteienschiedsvereinbarung, in: Nueber (Ed), Handbuch Schiedsverfahren (together with Florian Stefan, Stefan Riegler, Alexander Zollner) – 2021
- Comparative Legal Guide Litigation 2020 - Austria, The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer
- Chambers Global Practice Guide: International Arbitration 2019 (2) - Law and Practice in Austria
- Comparative Legal Guide Litigation 2019 - Austria, The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer
- Arbitrating Climate Change-Related Disputes, Corporate Disputes Jan-Mar 2019, 150 et seq (together with Florian Stefan)
- Chambers Global Practice Guide: International Arbitration 2019 - Law and Practice in Austria
- Comparative Legal Guide Litigation 2018 - Austria, The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer
- Fair behandelt trotz ungleicher Fristen im Schiedsverfahren (OGH 7.9.2017, 18 ONc 1/17t), ecolex 1/2018, 40 et seq (together with Florian Stefan)
- Der erfolgreiche Geschäftsführer - Rechte und Pflichten, Haftung und Insolvenz (2nd edition, 2017), Manz
- Chambers Global Practice Guide: International Arbitration 2018 - Trends and Developments in Austria
- Handbuch Konzernhaftung (2008), Linde (Editor)
- Stimmbindungsverträge im Gesellschaftsrecht (2000), Manz
- Die Haftung des Bankprüfers (Österreichisches Bankarchiv ÖBA)
- Regular publications on matters of contract law, corporate law, banking and private foundations
- Former co-editor of Zeitschrift für Gesellschafts- und Steuerrecht (a magazine on corporate and tax law) published by Verlag Österreich (until June 2010)

Memberships & Activities

- Member of the Austrian Arbitration Association (Arb|Aut)
- Member of the German Institution of Arbitration (DIS)
- Member Liechtenstein Arbitration Association (LIS)
- Member of the Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage (ASA)

- Federation of Integrated Conflict Management (FICM)
- Chairman of the Board of the Swiss Arbitration Academy Alumni Association
- Member of the Domestic Advisory Board at the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC)
- Vienna Bar Association