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Professional positions

Partner with Schellenberg Wittmer, Geneva, since 1996
Professor, Department of Private International Law, School of Law, Geneva University, since 1997

Education

Admitted to the New York Bar (1982)
Doctorate, University of Basel on “La clause d’élection de for dans les contrats internationaux” (summa cum laude; 1979)
Law degrees, University of Basel (1977) and Geneva (1974)
Admitted to the Geneva Bar (1976)

Areas of practice

International arbitration, acting as arbitrator and counsel (acted in over 120 commercial and investment cases, as well as over 50 sports arbitrations), listed as arbitrator of the following institutions: ICC, ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and Panel of Conciliators; American Arbitration Association; Arbitral Center of the Federal Economic Chamber of Vienna; World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO/OMPI); Cour Commune de Justice et d'Arbitrage de l'OHADA, Member; International Jury, XXXII America’s Cup (from 2003). Chair, Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS), Olympic Division (1996-2000) and Ordinary Division (1993-2001);

Publications

Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler has published extensively in the areas of her specialization which are private international law, especially international contracts, international civil procedure, international commercial arbitration, resolution of sports disputes, and online dispute resolution.

Main memberships

Honorary President and member of the Board of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
Member of the Court of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
Member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
Vice President of the Council of the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI)
Member of the Board of the Swiss International Law Society (SVIR)

Languages

English, French, German, Spanish, reading knowledge of Italian