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EXPERTISE

Dr. Favre-Bulle has 30 years of experience in dispute resolution (arbitration as counsel or arbitrator, ADR, court litigation). He has been involved in some 265 arbitrations (e.g. sales agreements, agency & distribution, licences, joint ventures, shareholders agreements, post-M&A disputes, etc., in various business industries such as energy, construction, luxury goods, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, banking, aerospace, sports, investment protection, etc.). At Lenz & Staehelin in Geneva, Dr. Favre-Bulle leads the Arbitration group and the Sports law sector. He is a frequent speaker at conferences and the author of some 80 books and articles.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2003	Partner at Lenz & Staehelin
2000	Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England & Wales
1994	Joined Lenz & Staehelin
1988-1994	Research assistant, Commercial Law Department, University of Geneva
1999	College of Law, London (UK), Visiting foreign lawyer, Herbert Smith, London
1998	Ph.D., Faculty of Law, University of Geneva
1996	Bar exam, Geneva (admitted to Geneva Bar in 1997)
1992	Academy of European Law, European University Institute, Florence (Italy)
1991	Diplôme d'études supérieures en droit (LL.M.), Faculty of Law, University of Geneva
1988	Licence en droit (LLB), Faculty of Law, University of Geneva

SPECIALIST AREAS

Litigation and Arbitration, Commercial and Contracts, Sports

LANGUAGES

French, English, German

MEMBERSHIPS

Panels of Arbitrators of ICC Switzerland, International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), Tehran Regional Arbitration Centre (TRAC), Russian Arbitration Association (RAA), Arbitration Centre at the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP) and Russian Arbitration Center (RAC) at the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration (RIMA). Member of, among others, Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), SIAC Users' Council, DIFC-LCIA Users' Council, Comité français de l'arbitrage (CFA), Associazione Italiana per l'Arbitrato (AIA), International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), International Arbitration Institute (IAI), International Bar Association (IBA), Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA), The Law Society of England & Wales, Geneva Bar and Swiss Bar Associations, Société suisse des Juristes, Association of International Business Lawyers (AIBL), Association suisse de droit du sport (ASDS) etc.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Favre-Bulle X., Case Notes on International Arbitration, Switzerland 2022, in: Swiss Review of International and European Law (SRIEL), 2023, 691-719
- Favre-Bulle X., Wehland H., Swiss Arbitration Centre, in: Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Zivilprozess- und Zwangsvollstreckungsrecht (ZZZ), 60/2022, 429-431
- Favre-Bulle X., Case Notes on International Arbitration, Switzerland 2021, in: Swiss Review of International and European Law (SRIEL), 2022, 675-701
- Ohlhoff-Smahi N., Panorama de jurisprudence suisse – Swiss Arbitration Case Law Review, in: Les Cahiers de l'Arbitrage – The Paris Journal of International Arbitration; 4/2022; 4/2021; 2/2020; 3/2019; 3/2018; 4/2017; 3/2016; 3/2015; 4/2014; 3/2013
- Favre-Bulle X., The Swiss Rules of International Arbitration, Practice Note - Introduction, in: ASA Bulletin 2/2022, 259-260
- Favre-Bulle X., Case Notes on International Arbitration, Switzerland 2020, in: Swiss Review of International and European Law (SRIEL), 2021, 793-822
- Favre-Bulle X., Frey H., Rötheli A., Riz à Porta G., Switzerland, in: The Mergers and Acquisitions Litigation Review, Law Business Research, 2021, 142-180
- Frey H., Rötheli A., Favre-Bulle X., Riz à Porta G., The Mergers and Acquisitions Litigation Review - Switzerland, in: The Law Reviews, 1st edition, December 2020, 120-128
- Favre-Bulle X., Case Notes on International Arbitration, in: Swiss Review of International and European Law (SRIEL), 2020, 757-784
- Favre-Bulle X., Why Arbitration in Switzerland Becomes Even More Attractive, Why Arbitration in Switzerland Becomes Even More Attractive?, in Russian Arbitration Association Newsletter N. 8 (22), September-October 2020, 10-14
- Favre-Bulle X., Case Notes on International Arbitration. Switzerland 2019, in: SRIEL, 4/2019, 659-689
- Favre-Bulle X., Frey H., Arbitration 2019 Switzerland, in: Getting the Deal Through, February 2019, 285-292
- Favre-Bulle X., Natural resources exploitation: business and human rights (Editor), in: UIA-LexisNexis publications collection, November 2018
- Favre-Bulle X., Yukos Arbitration Saga: the Swiss Part, in: Russian



OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Senior Co-Chair, Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA); former Senior Vice-Chair, Sport Law Committee.
 - President, Arbitration Court of the Swiss Arbitration Centre (until 31.12.2023).
 - Academic Council Member of the Swiss Arbitration Academy.
 - Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR.
 - Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law.
 - Past activities include:
 - Member of the ADR Commission of the Geneva Bar Association.
 - Member of the Arbitration Committee of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2002-2012) as well as the Arbitration Committee and Special Committee of the Swiss Chambers of Commerce (2004-2012).
 - President of the International Arbitration Commission, of the Sports Law Commission and member of the Governing Board of Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA).
 - Lecturer in law at the University of Versailles (Master "Arbitration and International Business Law"); University of Zurich (LL.M. "International Sports Law"); University of Geneva (various fields in contract law); Swiss Arbitration Academy.
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REFERENCES

Lawyer of the Year in Arbitration and Mediation in Geneva

Best Lawyer, 2024

He is very smart, responsive, fully committed to the cases and provides excellent advice.

Chambers Global and Chambers Europe, 2022

He is a dynamic, reliable and easy to deal with counsel.

Legal 500, 2021

He provides strategic advice and is always thinking one step ahead and sources state that they would recommend him without any doubt.

Chambers, 2021

He is an excellent choice for anyone looking for an experienced arbitrator with a Swiss law background.

Chambers Global and Chambers Europe, 2022

He is perfect from a technical point of view and always provides strategic advice.

Chambers Global and Chambers Europe, 2022

He is a fast thinker and is very precise in his analysis.

Chambers Global and Chambers Europe, 2022

An excellent arbitration practitioner with strong skills in cross-examination

Who's Who Legal Arbitration, 2022

A star in the field and has vast experience in high-profile sports arbitration matters

Who's Who Legal Sports & Entertainment 2022

He is a great CAS strategist.

Who's Who Legal Sports & Entertainment 2022





Who's Who Legal Arbitration, 2020

one of Switzerland's best arbitrators

Who's Who Legal Arbitration, 2020

very highly regarded as both counsel and arbitrator

Who's Who Legal Sports & Entertainment 2020

top star in the field

Who's Who Legal Sports & Entertainment 2020

has vast experience in high-profile sports arbitration matters

Who's Who Legal Sports & Entertainment 2020

One of the most experienced, diligent and practised Swiss arbitration lawyers;
one of the brilliant brains in Swiss arbitration

Chambers, 2019

Sharp-minded and brilliant lawyer who considers every matter in a smart way
that is in the best interest of the client

Chambers, 2019

Xavier Favre-Bulle is a top name in the Swiss arbitration space who is
recognised by sources for 'his excellent arguments, and meticulous
organisation and preparation'.

Who's Who Legal Switzerland, 2019

a widely respected figure in the Swiss market, recognised by peers for his
exceptional work with an extensive experience in the field

Who's Who Legal Arbitration, 2019

stands out in the market for his excellent sports law practice and is recognised
for his top-class work handling related disputes in both international and
domestic arbitration proceedings

Who's Who Legal Sports & Entertainment, 2019

He has an excellent reputation both locally in Switzerland and in other
European jurisdictions.

Chambers, 2018