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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 270 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.

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### 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

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### SPECIALIST AREAS

Litigation and Arbitration, Commercial and Contracts, Sports

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### 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). Advisor to Japan Institute for International Arbitration Research and Training (JIART), Gulf Cooperation Council Commercial Arbitration Centre (GCCCAC) and Borneo International Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (BICAM). 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





- l'Arbitrage/The Paris Journal of International Arbitration, 2013-2, 417-438
- Favre-Bulle X., Le Règlement Suisse d'Arbitrage International (« Swiss Rules ») : de 2004 à la révision (légère) de 2012, in: Revue de Droit des Affaires Internationales (RDAI) 2013, 21-39

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#### 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 (2021-2023).
- 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*

“Xavier is known for his organisation, thoroughness and leadership”. Peers and clients say: “Xavier is an important name in arbitration and a very fine lawyer”, “He has sharp and fair judgement and serious dedication to his clients”

*Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders Switzerland Arbitration 2024*

Xavier Favre-Bulle is “an arbitration practitioner with an impressive track record in disputes arising from the construction, energy, life sciences and sports sectors”

*Who's Who Legal Switzerland Arbitration 2024*

Xavier has extensive experience advising Swiss and international sports professionals in an array of complex commercial disputes

*Who's Who Legal Switzerland Sports & Entertainment 2024*

Xavier Favre-Bulle is a seasoned practitioner with extensive experience handling disputes arising from the sports, retail, healthcare and energy sectors

*Who's Who Legal Switzerland Commercial Litigation 2024*

Xavier Favre-Bulle “is excellent as arbitrator”, “he knows files inside out and is apparently able to identify key issues for the tribunal to decide on”

*Chambers Global and Chambers Europe 2024 (Switzerland: Band 1 Arbitration Counsel, Band 2 Arbitrator)*

“Dr Xavier Favre-Bulle is a seasoned and professional arbitrator and lawyer who thinks strategically”; he is also described as “a very good, clever arbitrator” and “extremely good both as counsel and arbitrator”

*Chambers Global and Chambers Europe 2024 (Europe-wide: Band 3 Most In Demand Arbitrators, Band 5 International Arbitration)*







*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*