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**Experience in Arbitration and Litigation:**

As Arbitrator

- Chairman, Sole Arbitrator and Party-Appointed Arbitrator in more than 20 domestic and international ICC, DIS, DIA, Swiss Rules and *ad hoc* arbitration proceedings

As Counsel in arbitral proceedings

- Representation of domestic and foreign companies in ICC, DIS, SCC and LCIA as well as in *ad hoc* arbitration proceedings

As Counsel in state court proceedings

- Representation of domestic and foreign companies before German courts (*i.a.* enforcement of arbitral awards and follow-on-damage claims);

Co-Counsel and expert

- Co-counsel and expert arrangements with domestic and foreign law firms

**Areas of Specialization:**

- International trade, international construction, energy (in particular, on and offshore wind energy), transport, infrastructure and post-M&A
- International contract law, commercial law, construction law, corporate law, energy law, sales law (*i.a.* CISG), transport and distribution law as well as antitrust law
- International private law, law of international civil procedure and comparative law

**Languages:**

German, English, French and Spanish

### **Employment and Education:**

- **Since 2011** Hanefeld Rechtsanwälte, Hamburg
- **2009 – 2011** CMS Hasche Sigle, Munich
- **2007 – 2009** Legal traineeship including stages with the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris, Hengeler Mueller in Berlin and the German Embassy in Cambodia
- **2005 – 2007** Doctor of Laws (*Dr. iur.*) and Research and teaching assistant at the Institute for Foreign and International Private Law, University of Freiburg, Germany
- **1999 – 2005** University of Freiburg and University of Grenoble

### **Academic Appointments:**

- Visiting Professor for International Arbitration and CISG at the Humboldt-University of Berlin and the Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg
- Co-founder of the International Dispute Resolution Master at the Humboldt-University of Berlin
- Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR for the “Task Force: Maximizing the Probative Value of Witness Evidence”

### **Speeches (selection):**

- Reform of the German Arbitration Act, Berlin (2018)
- The right place of arbitration in case of BREXIT, Konstanz (2017)
- Energy Disputes, ICC YAF, Düsseldorf (2017)
- Arbitrators’ unconscious bias, Vienna (2016)
- Arbitration in Berlin – quo vadis, Berlin (2016)
- Arbitrating East-West Disputes in the Time of Sanctions, Helsinki (2016)
- Damages under the CISG, Hannover (2016)
- Challenges for a new generation of arbitrators, Frankfurt (2015)
- Independence and impartiality – the new IBA Guidelines, Copenhagen (2015)
- Arbitral activism v impartiality, Kiev Arbitration Days (2015)
- Emergency arbitrators – success stories and challenges, Cologne (2015)
- International Arbitration, Vienna (2014)
- Counsel ethics in international arbitration, Istanbul (2014)
- Europe Hall Debate, Rome (2014)
- Arbitrability of corporate law disputes, Moscow (2014)
- Arbitrability & Project Finance, Riga (2013)
- The empty chair – arbitrating against absent Respondents, Geneva (2013)
- CISG & Arbitration, Paris (2013)
- Evidence in international arbitration, Warsaw (2013)
- Sport Arbitration, Frankfurt (2013)
- The use of experts in international arbitration, Wellington (2012)

### **Publications (selection):**

- Specific Performance, Damages and Avoidance under the CISG, Mohr Siebeck, 2007 (doctoral thesis) (sponsored by the German National Academic Foundation)
- Commentaries on the CISG in the leading German online commentary (Beck-Online) (Articles 25-27 and 71-73) as well as in a Swiss commentary (Articles 74-77) (2016)
- Commentary on the 2012 ICC Rules and the 1998 DIS Rules (2013)
- Enforcement of international arbitral awards in Germany, Practice Note (2015)
- Expert Teaming – Bridging the Divide Between Party-Appointed and Tribunal-Appointed Experts, VU of Wellington Law Review, Vol. 43, No. 4 (2012), p. 653 *et seq.*
- Applicable Law in arbitration proceedings in Germany, SchiedsVZ (2011), p. 267 *et seq.*
- Expert evidence under the 2010 IBA Rules, International Arbitration Law Review, Vol. 13, No. 5 (2010), p. 216 *et seq.*
- Settlement Efforts in Arbitration, Revista de Arbitragem e Mediação No. 25 (2010), p. 161 *et seq.*
- Diverging Concepts of the Principle of Competence-Competence, New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration (2010), p. 1 *et seq.*
- Experts – Neutrals or Advocates, ICCA Congress Series No. 15 (2010), p. 135 *et seq.*
- Introduction to the law of arbitration, JURA (2010), p. 520 *et seq.*
- Recoverability of frustrated expenses in case of restitution due to a breach of contract under the CISG, IHR (2006), p. 67 *et seq.*

### **Rankings, peer quotes & memberships (selection):**

- Nils “*is ‘a big star’ in the German market, commended by international peers for his top-tier work as arbitrator*” (Who is Who Legal “Arbitration”)
- “*He is going to be a big big star, he is incredibly good*” (Who's Who Legal “Arbitration – Future Leader”)
- “*One of the most promising young German arbitration lawyers*” (Global Arbitration Review);
- The “*shooting star*” of the German arbitration scene (JUVE);
- Also recommended in The Legal 500 Germany.
- Ex-Regional Coordinator Europe & Russia ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF)
- Ex Regional Coordinator Berlin German Institute of Arbitration (DIS40)
- Ex Regional Coordinator Europe LCIA Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG)
- Groupe ASA des Jeunes Praticiens de l'Arbitrage (ASA Below 40)
- Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP)