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#### Languages

German English Spanish

## **Nationality**

German



# **Experience**

#### As Arbitrator

- Several cases as co-arbitrator and president in CEAC, DIS and ICC arbitrations seated in various countries. The arbitrations related to energy projects and contracts, post M&A disputes and shareholder disputes;
- Mediator in a dispute relating to renewable energies.

### As counsel in arbitral proceedings

- Defence of a Eastern European State in four arbitrations in the energy, transport and aviation industries. In particular, Sebastian helped the State client defeat claims in excess of 6 billion USD relating to the State's gas regulation and corporate governance.
- Defence of a Balkan State in four arbitrations in the gaming, sports, real estate and tourism industries, including two arbitrations that concerned the planned construction of a luxury resort with an investment of up to USD 1 billion in a culturally, environmentally and historically protected location;
- Defence of a Balkan State in three arbitrations in the financial services, agriculture and food, and energy industries:
- Defence of an Asian State in an arbitration relating to its electricity grids;
- Defence of the subdivision of an EU Member State in an arbitration relating to the fossil fuel industry;
- The prosecution of claims for a multi-national construction company, where Sebastian helped obtain a significant award against a North African State arising out of events during and after the revolution in that State;
- The prosecution of claims for an Asian chemicals and textiles company against a North African State;
- The prosecution of claims for a multi-national steel company against a North African State;
- The prosecution of claims for a Turkish construction group against an Asian State.



Defence of a shareholder of one of the largest Russian telecoms operators in an international shareholder dispute spanning several arbitrations in Sweden and Switzerland and multiple court proceedings in Europe and Caribbean jurisdictions;

- Defence of the Asian shareholder of a leading manufacturer of medical examination gloves in a global shareholder dispute that included four ICC arbitrations seated in Switzerland and multiple court proceedings in Asia, Europe and the USA;
- Representation of a minority shareholder of a large financial institution in a shareholder dispute;
- Representation of several shareholders in a dispute among the shareholders of a group of companies in the cosmetics and healthcare industries;
- Representation of an Asian shareholder in a dispute among the shareholders of an international joint venture in the healthcare industry;
- Dispute under a development and supply agreement in the aircraft industry;
- Dispute under a project development agreement relating to a chemical project in Egypt;
- Post M&A dispute in the solar industry.

#### Other

- Mediator in a dispute in the renewable energy industry;
- Advisor in a petition proceeding before the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;
- Counsel in a large number of cases before the German courts, including three successful complaints to the German Federal Constitutional Court;
- Advisor to two sovereign States on matters of investment protection policy.

#### Instruments

- Arbitration
- Alternative Dispute Resolution



# **Areas of practice**

#### Investment Protection

#### Banking & Finance

Expert Advice

# **Recognitions**

#### Who's Who Legal

- Sebastian Seelmann-Eggebert "is certainly the leading expert in Germany for ICSID proceedings and provides unique experience. Analytically brilliant, calm, commanding and unflappable"
- "Sebastian Seelmann-Eggebert ... possesses a sterling reputation in the arbitration sphere, with market commentators noting him as 'highly experienced in investor-state arbitrations'"
- Leading expert for international arbitration

#### **Chambers and Partners**

- "Sebastian Seelmann-Eggebert remains a highly trusted adviser to sovereign states for complex and politically sensitive Energy Charter Treaty and Bilateral Treaty claims under ICSID and ICC rules. He also acts for investors in arbitration proceedings."
- "He has a very good grip on public international law matters which he ties in to the strategy"
- "Sebastian impresses clients with his experience and legal intuition: 'He is a very experienced guy and has great judgment; he can walk into a room and in ten minutes he understands what's going on and not just what is being said. It's a rare skill.'"
- Leading expert for international arbitration
- "Sebastian Seelmann-Eggebert is well known for his experience as arbitrator. He is well versed in various arbitration rules, including those of ICSID as well as UNCITRAL, the ICC and the SCC."



# The Legal 500

- "Sebastian Seelmann-Eggebert is world-class in international arbitration, particularly in relation to management and client relations ... [Sebastian] writes excellently; [he has a] very precise and analytical approach which he skilfully combines with strategic thinking ... [he] is a very experienced and well-versed lawyer who has mastered all the nuances of oral proceedings"
- "Sebastian is at the top of the game for investment arbitration and public international law"
- Leading expert for international arbitration

#### **Global Arbitration Review**

Leading expert for international arbitration

#### **JUVE**

Leading expert for international arbitration

# Curriculum vitae

Since April 2023

Of Counsel with HANEFELD

2001-2023

Latham & Watkins LLP, London and Hamburg Partner 2005 – 2023 Global Chair and Co-Chair of the Arbitration Practice Group 2007 – 2015

**1999-2001** 

Gaedertz Rechtsanwälte, Hamburg

**1998-1999** 

Schön Nolte Finkelnburg & Clemm, Hamburg

**1998** 

Doctor of Laws (Dr. iur.), University of Osnabrück

**1993-1997** 

Legal traineeship (Referendariat), Hamburg, including a Stage at the European Commission (DG 1) in Brussels;



Assistant at Department for European Law at Hamburg University

1988-1993 Studies of law at the University of Hamburg

# **Academic appointments**

- Fellow Lecturer for Course on International Arbitration Fellow at Universität Zürich, Switzerland 2018
- Lecturer for Course on International Arbitration at the Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany 2011 – 2012

# **Publications**

#### 2023

 Too much of a good thing? The exorbitant scope of § 1032(2) of the German Code on Civil Procedure SchiedsVZ, pp. 32 et seq.

#### 2021

 Amendment of the ICSID Arbitration Rules: Comment from Counsel's Perspective
Hobe / Scheu: Evolution, Evaluation and Future Developments in International Investment Law – Proceedings of the 10 Year Anniversary
Conference of the International Investment Law Centre

# **Memberships**

- DIS
- ICC
- ILA