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Languages

German
English
French

Nationality

German

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Experience

As Arbitrator

Chairman, Sole Arbitrator, Party-Appointed and Emergency Arbitrator in more than 60 arbitration proceedings (ICC, Swiss Rules, VIAC, DIS, DIA, FAI, Hamburg Chamber of Commerce and ad hoc)

As counsel

- Representation of domestic and foreign companies in arbitration proceedings in commercial matters (ICC, LCIA, SCC, DIS and ad hoc) and investor-state-proceedings (ICSID and ad hoc)
- Representation of domestic and foreign companies in DAB proceedings (FIDIC, ICC, DIS and ad hoc) as well as in mediation proceedings
- Representation of domestic and foreign companies before German courts (i.a. enforcement of arbitral awards and follow-on-damage claims)

Other

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

Instruments

- Arbitration
- Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Expert Advice

Areas of practice

- Commercial & Trade Law
- Investment Protection
- Construction & Engineering
- Energy & Renewables
- Infrastructure and transport
- Post-M&A & Corporate Law
- International Private & Civil Procedure Law

Recognitions

Who's Who Legal

- "Nils has a quick and sharp mind"
- "In complex matters, he never looses sight of his client's interests, while also taking into account the opposite side's position"
- "An excellent practitioner and out-of-the-box thinker"
- Dr. Nils Schmidt-Ahrendts "is hugely experienced in international arbitrations"
- Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders - Germany
- "highly visible and on almost every shortlist of arbitrators"
- a star in the German market, commended for his 'top-tier' work as arbitrator
- "a very smart and well-prepared arbitrator"
- "excellent arbitrator, legally exact and to the point"
- "an outstanding performer with the sharpest legal mind and impressive clients"
- "a class act who is very business-oriented and very

strategic"

JUVE

- JUVE's 2020 list of Germany's 30 most renowned arbitrators
- Dr. Nils Schmidt-Ahrendts has a "very good Court-Room-Presence" and is recommended for his "effective case management, excellent quality of pleadings and conduct of negotiations"
- arbitration shooting star
- Nils Schmidt-Ahrendts is singled out by his peers for his experience and efficiency. He is praised for his "in-depth expertise" and described as "in command and always well prepared".

Curriculum vitae

- **Since 2011**
  Attorney with HANEFELD, Hamburg
- **2009 - 2011**
  CMS Hasche Sigle, Munich (Member of the International Litigation and Arbitration Department headed by Dr. Klaus Sachs)
- **2007 - 2009**
  Legal traineeship including work experience with the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris, France, 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, Germany and University of Grenoble, France

Academic appointments

- Visiting Professor for International Arbitration at the University of Freiburg
- Co-founder of the International Dispute Resolution LL.M at the HU Berlin

Speeches

2024

- Schiedsverfahren mit säumigen Parteien (in German)

Hamburg Arbitration Circle
Hamburg, Germany

2023

- Das neue deutsche Schiedsverfahrensrecht (in German)
  Berlin Arbitration Circle
  Berlin, Germany
- Arbitration, Antitrust & Ordre Public
  Belgrad Arbitration Days
  Belgrade, Serbia
- Document Production in International Arbitration
  Berlin, Germany

2022

- Climate Litigation
  University of Hamburg
  Hamburg, Germany
- IT & Legal Tech in Arbitration
  Baltic Arbitration Days
  Riga, Latvia
- The CISG Applies
  MAA International Commercial Law & Arbitration
  Vienna, Austria

2020

- Fast and Furious – Urgent and Expedited Relief
  SCAI Innovation
  Zurich, Switzerland

2019

- Reform des deutschen Schiedsverfahrensrecht, DIS 40,

Berlin (2019)
DIS 40
Berlin, Germany

2017

- Der richtige Schiedsstandort bei Brexit (in German)
  Konstanz, Germany
- Energy Disputes
  ICC YAF
  Dusseldorf, Germany

2016

- Minimising unconscious bias – a checklist for arbitrators
  Vienna, Austria
- Schiedsort Berlin – quo vadis (in German)
  Berlin, Germany
- Arbitrating East-West Disputes in the Time of Sanctions
  ICC YAF
  Helsinki, Finland
- Damages under the CISG
  Hanover, Germany

2015

- Challenges for a new generation of arbitrators
  ICC YAF
  Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- Independence and impartiality – the new IBA Guidelines
  Copenhagen, Denmark
- Arbitral activism v impartiality
  Kiev Arbitration Days
  Kiev, Ukraine
- Emergency arbitrators – success stories and challenges
  ICC YAF

Cologne, Germany

2014

- Internationales Schiedsverfahrensrecht (in German)
  YAAP Roundtable
  Vienna, Austria
- The future of investment arbitration
  ICC YAF, Hamburg (2014)
  Hamburg, Germany
- Counsel ethics in international arbitration
  YIAG
  Istanbul, Turkey
- Europe Hall Debate
  ICC YAF
  Rome, Italy

2013

- Arbitration & Project Finance
  Baltic Arbitration Days
  Riga, Latvia
- The empty chair – arbitrating against absent Respondents
  ASA Below 40
  Geneva, Switzerland
- CISG & Arbitration
  ICC YAF
  Paris, France
- Evidence in international arbitration
  Warsaw, Poland
- Sportschiedsgerichtsbarkeit
  Frankfurt am Main, Germany

2012

- The Use of Experts in International Arbitration

Wellington, New Zealand

- Bridging the divide between party and tribunal-appointed experts
  Auckland, New Zealand
- The CISG – a good choice for buyers
  Cologne, Germany
- Sports Arbitration in Germany
  Warsaw, Poland

Publications

2024

- Schiedsverfahren und UN-Kaufrecht (in German)
  Hofstätter / Flecke Giammarco (eds.), Schiedsverfahren in der Unternehmenspraxis, pp. 313.
- Art. 25-27 and 71-73 UN-Kaufrecht (in German)
  Beck Online Großkommentar

2022

- Art. 7-10 und 21 ICC-SchO sowie Art. 8, 17-20 und 24 DIS-SchO (in German)
  Nedden / Herzberg / Kopetzki (eds.), Praxiskommentar ICC-SchO / DIS-SchO, 2nd ed.

2020

- Dispute resolution by Dispute Adjudication Boards - practical advice on the structuring and conduct of proceedings
  BauR 2020, pp. 1385 et seq. (in German, co-author with Dr. J. Büstgens and J. Hombeck)
- Die Feinjustierungen des BGH zu den Folgen der Verletzung von Offenlegungspflichten im Aufhebungs- und Vollstreckbarerklärungsverfahren
  SchiedsVZ 2020, pp. 35 et seq. (in German, co-author with V. K. Schneider)

2019

- Country Report: Germany
  Weigand / Baumann (eds.), Practitioners Handbook on International Commercial Arbitration, 3rd ed.
- Art. 74 - 77 CISG
  Brunner / Gottlieb (eds.), Commentary on the UN Sales Law (CISG)
- The Consequences of the Non-Disclosure of Conflict of Interest on the Enforceability of Awards: The German Stance
  Kluwer Arbitration Blog (co-author with V. K. Schneider)

2018

- The "Right" Place of Arbitration: How Germany Might Profit from Brexit
  SchiedsVZ 2018, pp. 281 et seq. (co-author with A. de Jong)

2015

- Enforcement of international arbitral awards in Germany
  Practice Note for LexisPSL (co-author with J. Hombeck)

2014

- Art. 74 - 77 UN-Kaufrecht
  Brunner (ed.), UN-Kaufrecht – CISG, 2nd ed.

2013

- Art. 7-10 and 21 ICC-SchO
  Nedden / Herzberg (eds.), Praxiskommentar ICC SchO und DIS SchO, 1st ed. (in German)
- §§ 13 und 23 DIS-SchO

Nedden / Herzberg (eds.), Praxiskommentar ICC SchO und DIS SchO, 1st ed. 2013 (in German)

2012

- Expert Teaming - Bridging the Divide Between Party-Appointed and Tribunal-Appointed Experts
  Wellington Law Review 2012, pp. 653 et seq.

2011

- Applicable law in arbitration proceedings seated in Germany
  SchiedsVZ 2011, pp. 267 et seq. (in German, co-author with Dr. P. Höttler)

2010

- Expert evidence under the 2010 IBA Rules
  International Arbitration Law Review 2010, pp. 216 et seq.
- Settlement Efforts in Arbitration
  Revista de Arbitragem e Mediação 2010, pp. 161 et seq.
- Diverging concepts of the Principle of Competence-Competence
  New Developments in International Commercial Arbitration 2010, pp. 1 et seq.
- Experts – Neutrals or Advocates
  ICCA Congress Series 2010, pp. 135 et seq.
- Einführung in das Schiedsverfahrensrecht
  JURA 2010, pp. 520 et seq.

2006

- Der Ersatz frustrierter Aufwendungen im UN-Kaufrecht
  IHR 2006, pp. 67 et seq.

- Recoverability of frustrated expenses under the CISG (in German)
  IHR 2006, pp. 67 et seq.

2007

- Das Verhältnis von Erfüllung, Schadensersatz und Vertragsaufhebung im CISG
  Mohr Siebeck, 2007 (doctoral thesis in German; sponsored by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation)

Memberships

- Appointed member of the advisory board of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS)
- Hamburg Arbitration Circle (HAC)