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Bar admission : Geneva, 1979
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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- > Arbitration / Litigation
- > Corporate Law
- > Distribution / Agency
- > Joint Ventures / Consortia
- > Investments & BITs
- > Mergers & Acquisitions

INDUSTRY SECTORS

- > Automotive & Heavy Industry
- > Construction & Engineering
- > Electricity Supply
- > Fashion & Luxury Goods
- > Oil & Gas
- > Pharmaceutical & Biotech

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Wolfgang Peter is recognized by clients and his peers as one of the most in-demand counsels and arbitrators in Europe and globally.

Dr. Peter is particularly active in cases involving complex issues of valuations, including post-M&A disputes, joint ventures and projects stemming from the heavy industry. He has decades of expertise in cases involving gas & oil contracts, including upstream and downstream projects, as well as price reviews under long-term gas supply agreements.

Dr. Peter regularly advises third-party funding companies in evaluating the merits of the Claimant(s)' cases, especially with regard to the damages.

An active speaker and contributor to the arbitration community at large, he is a member of the LCIA Board of Directors and of the ASA Board. Prior to his new venture, Dr. Peter founded Peter & Partners, a boutique law-firm specialised in arbitration, headed the arbitration group of Python & Peter and acted as a CEO of two luxury watch-making companies, for 12 years.

CAREER

- > Founding Partner of Peter & Kim, Geneva (2020-present)
- > Founding Partner of Peter & Partners, Geneva (2016-2019)
- > Founding Partner of Python & Peter, Geneva (1981-2015)
- > CEO of Breguet and Jaquet Droz (1987-2000)
- > Adviser to the Federal Minister of Justice and Police (1980-1982)
- > Secretary of the Federal Expert Commission on Swiss Company Law (1979-1980)

EDUCATION

- > University of Frankfurt (Doctorate in Law, 1986)
- > Harvard Law School (Visiting Scholar, 1982-1983)
- > University of Lausanne (Bachelor of Law, 1977)
- > University of Lausanne (Doctorate in Economics, 1975)
- > Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva (Degree in Political Science, 1974)
- > University of Lausanne, Business School (M.B.A., 1972)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- > Member of the Board of Directors of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- > Member of the Board of Directors of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- > International Bar Association
- > Geneva Arbitration Association
- > Geneva Association of Business Law

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QUOTES

- > Wolfgang Peter is “regarded as one of the foremost energy arbitrators in Switzerland.” WHO’S WHO SWITZERLAND ENERGY, 2017

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- > Lead counsel in *an ad hoc* arbitration between a state-owned enterprise and a sovereign state, involving aspects of public international law, with an amount in dispute of USD several billion.
- > Lead counsel in a case involving two state-owned entities in a highly complex ad hoc arbitration involving aspects of public international law stemming from oil production and delivery agreements, securing an award of more than a billion USD for our clients.
- > Counsel to a major energy conglomerate in its price adjustment disputes against another European major relating to long-term gas supply agreements subject to ICC Rules.
- > Lead counsel in an ICC arbitration for a major mining and metallurgy consortium with more than USD 500 million in dispute, under Swiss law
- > Chairman of an Arbitral Tribunal in an ICC arbitration arising out of nuclear power plant construction (more than USD 1.5 billion in dispute).
- > Chairman of the Arbitral Tribunal in the *Vivendi v Elektrim* arbitration, an important decision on the interrelation between arbitral proceedings and bankruptcy, confirmed by two instances of the English courts.
- > Co-counsel in an ICC arbitration concerning the break-up of Arthur Andersen, resulting in a seminal decision of the Swiss Supreme Court on the joinder of the arbitration agreements.

PUBLICATIONS

- > Material Adverse Change Clauses: Some Practical Thoughts, in *Contemporary Issues in International Arbitration and Mediation – The Fordham Papers 2015*, Edited by Arthur W. Rovine, 2017, p. 203-213

Various articles on business law and international commercial arbitration.