



Weber-Stecher
Arbitration • Mediation



Curriculum Vitae

Urs Weber-Stecher

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CEDR Accredited Mediator, Mediator SAV, SKWM
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Urs Weber-Stecher practices as independent arbitrator and mediator in commercial disputes and has over 25 years of experience in dispute resolution.

Arbitration experience

Chairman, co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator, counsel and co-counsel in over 150 international and national arbitration proceedings (ICC, Swiss Arbitration Centre, DIS, VIAC, HKIAC, CEPANI, ZCC, UNCITRAL, ad hoc) in the fields of legal expertise and specialization listed in the following paragraph, involving substantive laws of Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, France, England, Germany, Hong Kong, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, and CISG, ex aequo et bono.

Fields of legal expertise / specialization / industries

Competition law, intellectual property law, commercial contracts, agency, distribution, franchising and license agreements, research & development agreements, sales and purchases, construction contracts, corporate law, mergers & acquisitions, joint ventures, shareholder agreements in a wide range of industries incl. energy and natural resources (incl. gas price disputes), construction, engineering, machinery, information and communication technology, aerospace and defense, automotive, telecommunication, insurance, pharmaceuticals, medical engineering, commodity trading, food production.

Languages

- German
- English
- French

Arbitration panels

- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- International Centre of Dispute Resolution (ICDR)
- Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
- Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC)
- Pacific International Arbitration Centre (PIAC)

Mediation experience

Commercial mediations as mediator and counsel in connection with shareholders' agreements, restructuring of management, succession planning, distribution agreement (pharmaceutical industry), purchase of hardware and software, aircraft leasing, mismanagement of investments by trust company.

Teaching Activities

- Lecturer for international arbitration at the Law School, University of Zurich
- Lecturer for CAS (Certificate in Advanced Studies) in international arbitration at the Universities of Lucerne and Neuchâtel in cooperation with the SAA

Professional positions and activities

- President of the Commission of Arbitration and ADR of ICC Switzerland
- Member of the Board of the Association Suisse d'Arbitrage (ASA)
- Member of the Advisory Council for Mediation of the Swiss Arbitration Centre
- Vice-Chair of the Board of the Swiss Arbitration Academy (SAA)
(<https://www.cas-arbitration.org/>)

Memberships in professional organisations and institutions

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb)
- Fellow of the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR)
- Member of the Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage (ASA)
- Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration
- Member of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- Member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- Member of the Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit (DIS)
- Member of the Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC)
- Member of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA)
- Member of the Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht (Germany of the Swiss Chapter)



- Member of the International Bar Associations (IBA Dispute Resolution Section of the Arbitration Committee; Antitrust and Trade Law Section of the Antitrust Committee)

Former professional positions and activities

- Partner and head of the arbitration team at Wenger Vieli Ltd. (2003-2021)
- Member of the Arbitration Court of the Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution (today: Swiss Arbitration Centre) (2010 – 2019)
- Vice-Chair of the Dispute Resolution & Arbitration Committee of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA)(2014 - 2020)
- Visiting professor for post-graduate studies in international arbitration at the INSPER University, São Paulo, Brazil (November 2011)
- Lecturer for competition law at the Law School, University of Lucerne (2005 – 2009)
- Lecturer for International and European Civil Procedure Law (esp. Lugano Convention) at the Law School, University of Zurich (1999 - 2001)
- Associate at Wenger & Vieli Ltd. (1998-2002)
- Head of Unit, Swiss Federal Office for Foreign Economic Affairs (today part of the SECO), International and European Economic and Business Law, a.o., responsible for dispute resolution under international investment treaties (Bilateral Investment Treaties and negotiations on a Multilateral Agreement on Investment among the OECD countries) and competition law (1995-1998);
- Scientific assistant at the Institute for European Law, Law School of the University of Zurich (1992-1994)
- Law Clerk, District Court of Dielsdorf, Canton of Zurich (1990-1991)

Recognitions

- **Who's Who Legal Global – Arbitration 2022 I** "He is an arbitrator in demand and is super to work with." – "He is an extremely good counsel, arbitrator and mediator, with very broad experience and good judgement." – "Urs is a commercially minded arbitrator with a growing mediator profile"
- **Who's Who Legal Switzerland – Arbitration 2021 I** "Sources praise Urs Weber-Stecher as an 'excellent arbitration specialist and a top-choice as counsel'. He receives plaudits for being 'straight to the point, reliable and easy to work with'"
- **Who's Who Legal Global – Arbitration 2020 I** "Urs Weber-Stecher is described as 'an excellent legal mind' – as his peers say, 'He is a senior professional to look up to and to steal tricks from!' Sources laud him as 'a great arbitrator and very sharp thinker'"



- **Chambers Global 2020 I** "a quick thinker and has an excellent understanding of both the law and the commercial background" and "experienced and well respected in the market"
- **Legal 500 Dispute Resolution – Arbitration 2021 I** "Practice head Urs Weber-Stecher is 'equally excellent as arbitrator and counsel'"
- **Chambers Global 2019 I** "well-organised, quick and efficient arbitrator"
- **Chambers Global 2018 I** "very skilled arbitrator conducting the arbitration proceedings with great prudence and efficiency"
- **Chambers Global 2017 I** "absolutely top and very quick" - "he has a sharp mind and excellent legal skills combined with a commercial approach"
- **Who's Who Legal Switzerland – Mediation 2021: Recommended**
- **WWL Thought Leaders – Global and Switzerland – Arbitration and Litigation**

Education

- Mediator SAV (Swiss Bar Association, 2018)
- SCCM Accredited Mediator (Swiss Chamber of Commercial Mediation, 2018)
- CEDR Accredited Mediator (London 2015)
- Dr. iur., University of Zurich, Law Faculty; doctoral thesis: International Consumer Contracts, Jurisdiction, Enforcement and Applicable Law (in German language)(1997)
- LL.M., Tulane University, School of Law, including in-depth education in American and International Arbitration (Prof. Th. Carbonneau, in co-operation with AAA) (1994/95)
- Lic. iur., University of Zurich, Law Faculty (1989)

Selection of representative arbitration cases

Antitrust

- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between two German telecom services providers relating to a price revision procedure based on a mobile bid stream access agreement, involving an amicus curiae brief by the EU Commission.
- Chairman in an arbitration between a French company and an Austrian company relating to gas transportation agreements.
- Chairman in an arbitration between a Swiss company and a Japanese company in the pharma industry relating to R&D and licenses agreements.

Construction

- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between an Italian construction company and a Turkish and a UAE construction company relating to a ship harbour construction project based on an engineering, procurement, installation and commissioning agreement and a parent guarantee agreement.



- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between a Swiss construction company and a Spanish construction company relating to gearless mill drive systems based on a cooperation agreement.
- Chairman in an arbitration between a Turkish construction company and two Spanish construction companies relating to a large scale rail project in Istanbul based on a subcontract to a collaboration agreement.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between an Austrian construction company and a Chilean construction company relating to defective parts of a steam electric station in Chile based on a subcontract.
- Chairman in an arbitration between an Armenian company and a German company relating to the delivery and construction of an extruder line for the fish food production in Armenia based on a supply and installation agreement including assembly checks, commissioning, training of end user personal.
- Chairman in an arbitration between a Portuguese steel manufacture company and two German industrial companies relating to the manufacture and supply of steel structures for use in power generation equipment and related applications based on a manufacture and supply agreement.
- Sole arbitrator in an arbitration between a Cypriote construction company and a Czech construction company relating to two defective steam turbine generator sets based on a supply agreement.

Defence

- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between a German company in the arms and ammunition industry and a UAE company relating to a purchase agreement for ammunition.
- Sole arbitrator in an arbitration between an Austrian company and a German company relating to a dispute on unpaid invoices based on consultant agreements in the air defence sector.

Distribution / agency

- Chairman in an arbitration between a Greek company and a German company relating to the termination of the business relationship and the compensation for clientele based on a distributor agreement and the Swiss code of obligations.
- Sole arbitrator in an arbitration between a Hong Kong company and an Austrian company relating to the sale of aeronautic products based on two agency agreements.
- Sole arbitrator in an arbitration between an Omani company and a German company relating to agency services in connection with the construction of a concentrating solar power plant in Oman based on an agency agreement.



- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between a Swiss company and a Chinese company relating to the handling and marketing of steel products based on an agency agreement.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between a Lebanese consultant and a Greek construction company relating to the tender and execution of a major new combined power plant based on a consultancy agreement in relation to a consortium agreement.

Intellectual property

- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between a Peruvian company and two respondents from Switzerland and the United States based on a technology license and technical assistance agreement and a trademark license agreement relating to the scope of exclusive technology and trademark rights granted.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between an Austrian manufacturing company and a Chinese company in the railway industry relating to co-operation and license agreements.

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between two French construction companies and a German and a Swiss construction company relating to post M&A claims (re valuation of target companies) based on a share and loan purchase agreement.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between two Swiss companies and eight respondents from various jurisdictions based on a share purchase agreement and a transfer agreement relating to damages incurred in connection with a judgement of an Italian state court.
- Chairman in an arbitration between a French rolling stock company and an investment company domiciled on the Channel Island relating to a post M&A claim (representations and warranties) based on a share purchase agreement.
- Chairman in an arbitration between Singaporean investment company and an Austrian bank relating to warranty claims based on a share purchase agreement in the aftermath of the financial crisis.

Telecommunications (see also Antitrust)

- Sole arbitrator in an arbitration between a Swiss telecom services provider (affiliate of a large international group) and a large Swiss insurance company relating to the termination and transition of services based on a number of agreements.
- Chairman in an arbitration between a Turkish telecom service provider and Turkish ministries relating to concession fees based on a concession agreement.
- Chairman in an arbitration between a Turkish telecom service provider and a Turkish ministry relating to concession fees based on a concession agreement.



Machinery industry

- Sole arbitrator in an arbitration between a French company in the machinery industry and a German company relating to the delivery and installation of a coating machine based on a supply and installation agreement.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between a Swiss manufacturing company and a Brazilian construction company relating to the production of specific engines, as well as, the provision of technical assistance, services and know how, based on a technical and industrial cooperation agreement.

Natural resources

- Chairman in an arbitration between a Dutch and an Italian company in the gas industry relating to gas price adjustments based on a gas supply contract.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between a Lithuanian company and a Russian company relating to a fair gas price guarantee based on long-term gas supply agreements.

Sports marketing

- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between a Swiss sports marketing company and a world sports event organization relating to marketing activities and access to sports events based on a collaboration agreement.

Mediation cases

- Dispute between shareholders of a Swiss stock corporation regarding the renegotiation of a shareholders' agreement to adapt to new circumstances.
- Dispute between several family members on the allocation of properties abroad and related issues.
- Dispute between a German parent company and Swiss minority shareholders about future structure and management of Swiss affiliate in the high-tech industry.
- Dispute between owner of a beer brewery and his son on succession planning; also involving the owners longstanding deputy.
- Dispute between two family branches jointly owning a real estate company about the costs of a new building and the future organization of the company.
- Dispute between a manufacturer of medical products and a pharmaceutical company regarding the marketing of a product after an employee had moved from one company to the other.
- Dispute between two companies regarding the purchase of computer hardware and software and alleged defects of a practice management and client service system.



Presentations and speeches

- **16 June 2021** | Swiss Chamber of Commercial Mediation, Webinar, co-moderated discussion (with Julia Jung, Steve Rottman, Daniel Hochstrasser) on **Does mediation work with regard to commercial disputes?**
- **28 April 2021** | ZAV Fachgruppe Mediation, Webinar / Diskussionsrunde über **Erfahrungen von Rechtsvertretern mit Mediation in wirtschaftsrechtlichen Streitfällen**
- **24 March 2021** | ICC Switzerland Webinar, moderator on **2021 ICC Arbitration Rules: Information and Roundtable**
- **4 March 2021** | ASA / Swiss Chamber of Commercial Mediation, Webinar, co-moderated discussion (with Julia Jung, Steve Rottman, Daniel Hochstrasser) on **Does mediation work with regard to commercial disputes?**
- **22 January 2021** | 2nd Belgrade ICC Construction and Arbitration Conference (virtual conference), **Newest updates from arbitration practice: joinder and consolidation, online hearings and electronic document sharing**
- **4 November 2020** | Gabriel Arbitration Conference, Zurich, Switzerland, Keynote speaker, **Disruption of Supply Chains – How to Decide all Claims in one Go**
- **12 June 2020** | Meritas Law Firms webinar, **International Arbitral Tribunals: Selection, appointment and removal of arbitrators – Issues of impartiality and independence (in particular ICC Note of 2019 and IBA Guidelines of 2014**
- **13 November 2019** | IPBA Arbitration Day, Osaka, Japan, Moderator of session on **Med-Arb / Arb-Med – How to combine the best of the two worlds? Chances and Risks**
- **29 August 2019** | Europa Institut Universität Zürich, 4. Tagung zur Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit: **Hot Topics – Vergleichsverhandlungen vor Schiedsgerichten**
- **27 June 2019** | AIJA 11th Annual Arbitration Conference, Zurich, Switzerland, Keynote speaker, **Towards greater efficiency in international arbitration**
- **23 May 2019** | 15th IFCAL Biennial Conference, Helsinki, Finland, Speaker of Roundtable Discussion: **Conflict Diagnosis, Conflict Resolution Strategies and Versatile Use of ADR Mechanisms – How to Use These Tools for Strategic and Effective Conflict Resolution?**
- **27 April 2019** | IPBA Conference, Singapore, Moderator of a mock case on **Advantages and Pitfalls of Arb-Med Proceedings**
- **12 March 2019** | Asia Club, HSG, St. Gall, Switzerland, **International Arbitration – A Trusted Tool to Facilitate Global Trade**
- **8 March 2019** | UIA 26th World Forum of Mediation Centres, Zurich, Switzerland, **The Swiss Dispute Resolution Landscape, in particular, SCAI, Arb-Med-Arb**



- **31 January 2019** | SCAI Innovation Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, **All Eyes on the Arbitrator, Standards of Disclosure under the ICC Note to Parties and Arbitral Tribunals of 1 January 2019**
- **2 October 2018** | Swiss Russian Forum/Swiss Bar Association, Bern, Switzerland, **Introduction in International Arbitration and ADR for Russian Lawyers**
- **26 April 2018** | GAR Live Zurich, **The GAR Live Symposium**
- **15 February 2017** | Iran-Switzerland Chamber of Commerce and SCAI, Teheran, Iran, **The Role of Arbitration in International Contracts**
- **8 September 2016** | IPBA Arbitration Day, Kuala Lumpur, **Strict Approach to Discovery and Disclosure in international Arbitration**
- **16 April 2016** | IPBA Conference, Kuala Lumpur, **The Non-Cooperating (Recalcitrant) Respondent; Guerrilla Tactics of Respondent**
- **23 March 2016** | Istanbul University, Faculty of Law, Dispute Resolution Club, at ICC Switzerland, Zurich, **Procedural Framework in International Arbitration**
- **24 September 2015** | ICC Switzerland: International Arbitration and Economic Sanctions, Zurich, **Arbitration, Economic Sanctions and Contracts (moderator)**
- **12 and 15 May 2015** | Swiss-Chinese Dispute Resolution Forum 2015, Shanghai and Beijing, **Switzerland: A Global Dispute Resolution Forum (topic 1) and Expert Determination and Dispute Boards (topic 2)**
- **4 December 2014** | Swiss Rules Workshop, Athens, presentation and panel discussion on **Expedited Procedure**
- **26 May 2014** | KIAC International Arbitration Conference 2014, Kigali, Rwanda, **Multiparty Arbitrations in Practice; Joinder and Consolidation**
- **10 May 2014** | IPBA Conference, Vancouver, **Courts and Arbitration: Interim Measures Emergency Relief, Disclosure, and other Issues in Arbitration**
- **24 April 2014** | ICC Switzerland / Swiss Arbitration Academy; joint arbitration session (host and moderator), Zurich, **Experts' Testimony: Dos and Don'ts**
- **20 November 2013** | SCAI/DIS Veranstaltung, Stuttgart, **Erste Erfahrungen mit den Swiss Rules 2012**
- **12 November 2013** | SCAI/DIS Veranstaltung, Frankfurt, **Erste Erfahrungen mit den Swiss Rules 2012**
- **28 October 2013** | Swiss American Chamber of Commerce, Legal Committee, Zurich, **Current revision of the Swiss Cartel Act**
- **23 April 2013** | AIJA 2013 May Conference, Helsinki, **Arbitration Institutions' Approach to Interim Measures**
- **10 January 2013** | ChinaGoAbroad, Doing Business in Switzerland, Beijing, **Arbitration in Switzerland**
- **24 September 2012** | Zurich Bar Association, Arbitration Group, Zurich, **The Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution, a look behind the curtain**



- **7 May 2012** | Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution Workshop, Revised Swiss Rules of International Arbitration, **Emergency Relief**
- **9 September 2011** | ASA Conference on Arbitral Institutions under Scrutiny, Zurich, **Principles of Good Governance and Organization of Arbitral Institutions**

Publications

- **2021** | **Mediationskomponenten in kombinierten Streitbeilegungsverfahren**, in: KonfliktDynamik, Heft 4/2021, p. 332-340 (mit Julia Jung)
- **2021** | **Enforcing Arbitral Awards** (Chapter on Switzerland), in: In-depth Feature of Financier Worldwide, October 2021 (with Nicolas Bracher)
- **2021** | **The Myth of Partial Awards on Advances on Costs in International Commercial Arbitration in Switzerland under the Swiss Rules**, 39 ASA Bulletin 3/2021, p. 545-569 (with Flavio Peter)
- **2021** | **Merger Control** (Chapter on Switzerland), in: Global Legal Insights 2021, p. 151-157 (with Michael Tschudin and Frank Scherrer)
- **2020** | **Wirtschaftsmediation – ideale Ergänzung zur Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit**, in Schweizer Anwaltsrevue 11/12 | 2020, p. 440-445 (with Katja Renner)
- **2020** | **Merger Control** (Chapter on Switzerland), in: Global Legal Insights 2020, p. 195-201 (with Michael Tschudin and Frank Scherrer)
- **2020** | **Cartels - enforcement, appeals and damages actions** (Chapter on Switzerland), in: Global Legal Insights 2020, p. 271-282 (with Michael Tschudin and Frank Scherrer)
- **2019** | **Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution – Switzerland**, in: Annual Review 2019, Financier Worldwide
- **2017/18** | **Buchbesprechung Handbuch Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit. Deutschland – Österreich – Schweiz**, in ZZZ 2017/2018, p. 280-282
- **2017** | **International Arbitration in Switzerland**, in: Global Legal Insights – International Arbitration, 3rd ed. 2017, p. 338-348 (with Flavio Peter)
- **2017** | **Verschärfung des Kartellrechts**, in: Wenger Vieli Spotlight, May 2017 (with Michael Tschudin and Frank Scherrer)
- **2017** | **Switzerland Chapter**, in: The Public Competition Enforcement Review 9th ed. 2017, p. 266 – 276 (with Michael Tschudin and Frank Scherrer)
- **2016** | **Civil Litigation in Switzerland**, in: Litigation, Arbitration and ADR in Europe and Middle East (Meritas Law Firms), 2016, p. 95-98 (with Georg Zondler)
- **2016** | **International Arbitration in Switzerland**, in: Global Legal Insights – International Arbitration, 2nd ed. 2016, p. 272-281 (with Flavio Peter)
- **2016** | **Dos and Don'ts im Kontakt mit Wettbewerbern**, in: CH-D Wirtschaft 1/2016, p. 13-14;
- **2015** | **International Arbitration in Switzerland**, in: Global Legal Insights – International Arbitration, 1st ed. 2015, p. 293-302 (with Flavio Peter)



- **2015 | Competition Law** (Chapter on Switzerland), in: The Public Competition Enforcement Review, 7th ed. 2015, p. 336-347 (with Michael Tschudin and Frank Scherrer)
- **2014 | Arbitration in Switzerland – The Fine Art of Dispute Resolution**, IPBA Journal, March 2014, p. 34-37
- **2014 | Arbitration in Switzerland**, in: GAR – The European, Middle Eastern and African Arbitration Review 2014, p. 3-5 (with Rainer Fueg)
- **2013 | Commentary to the Swiss Code on Civil Procedure, Part 3: Arbitration, Artt.353-356, 363, 367-369** (in German language), in: Basler Kommentar zur Schweizerischen Zivilprozessordnung, 2.A. Basel 2013
- **2013 | Commercial Arbitration – Switzerland**, in: Commercial Arbitration – Annual Review 2013, Financier Worldwide, March 2013, p. 36-39
- **2013 | Decision of the Swiss Federal Tribunal on the exceptio arbitri in state court proceedings – comments on the prima facie review and its scope of application**, in: IBA Arbitration News Letter Vol. 18 No. 1, February 2013, p. 92-95)(with Flavio Peter)
- **2013 | Principles of Good Governance and Organisation of Arbitral Institutions**, in: Arbitral Institutions under Scrutiny, ASA Special Series No. 40, New York 2013, p.39-55
- **2013/12/10 | Selected Papers on International Arbitration**, Series on International Arbitration of the Swiss Arbitration Academy, Volumes 1 – 3, Bern 2010/2012/2013 (co-editor)
- **2012 | Informationsaustausch zwischen Konkurrenten – eine Gratwanderung**, in Wenger Vieli Spotlight, March 2012 (with Michael Tschudin and Frank Scherrer);
- **2011 | Arbitral institutions under scrutiny**, Report on ASA Conference in Zurich of 9th September 2011, in: Global Arbitration Review, Volume 6, Issue 5, p. 46
- **2010 | Arbitration and Competition Law** (in German language), in: Basler Kommentar zum Kartellgesetz, nach Art. 12 - 17 KG, Basel 2010

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