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QUALIFICATIONS

- Germany (Rechtsanwalt)
- New York (Attorney-at-law)

CASES HANDLED

- Litigation: 400+
- Arbitration (as Counsel and Arbitrator): 20+
- Governing Laws in Cases Handled: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, CISG, Czechia, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Namibia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, UAE, laws of several states of the United States, including California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.
- Places of Arbitration in Cases Handled: Alzenau (Germany), Cologne (Germany), Düsseldorf (Germany), Frankfurt (Germany), Hamburg (Germany), Los Angeles (California, USA), Prague (Czechia), Stockholm (Sweden), Vienna (Austria), Zurich (Switzerland)
- Sectors and Practice Areas in Cases Handled: Antitrust, Commercial, Construction, Corporate, Distribution, Energy, Investments, IP, IT, Media, Sports

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Acted as arbitrator in ad-hoc arbitration between a German manufacturer of medical products and an Israeli distributor.

Acted as arbitrator under ICDR/Interim Supplementary Procedures for ICANN Independent Review Process regarding the operation of the .org, .info and .biz generic top-level domains.

Represented a German investor in three consecutive BIT arbitrations against the Republic of Poland.

Represented a German service provider for the production of biopharmaceuticals against a Finnish clinical stage biopharmaceutical company in arbitral proceedings under the SCC Rules.

Represented a German/Czech industrial commercial agency and an Italian/German automotive components manufacturer in two consecutive ICC arbitrations.

Represented one of the largest former German car dealerships against a major French automobile manufacturer before the Cologne District Court regarding the goodwill indemnity.

Represented the former manager against a famous French soccer player before the Munich District Court.

Represented a manufacturer and worldwide installer of resin floor systems in various litigation matters before German and US courts.

Represented a major US soft drink manufacturer regarding its renowned German naturally sparkling mineral water brand after the termination of the Belgium distributor before German and Belgian courts.

Defended a major international polyurethane manufacturer in a cartel damage claim before the Erfurt District Court.

Represented an Israeli packaging distributor in arbitration as well as litigation cases before German and Hungarian courts.

CAREER MILESTONES

Admitted to the bar in Cologne (Germany) in 1989, Christof Siefarth started his career at a major German law firm in Cologne, Germany. In 1991, he worked as an associate with an international U.S. law firm in Atlanta, Georgia. He was admitted to the New York State bar in 1992. In 1996, Christof Siefarth became a founding partner of one of Germany's largest full-service law firms, and remained a partner with this law firm, heading their disputes practice, until he joined BODENHEIMER HERZBERG in 2020.

MEMBERSHIPS (SELECTION)

Atlanta International Arbitration Society, Board Member | Center for International Legal Studies, Congress of Fellows | Alexander Lüdertz Stiftung, Board Member | German Arbitration Institute (DIS) | International Distribution Institute (IDI) | New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Christof Siefarth graduated from the University of Cologne, School of Law in 1984 (first state exam) and 1989 (second state exam) and obtained a doctors degree in 1990. In addition, he spent a year studying international and comparative law at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1980/81 and obtained a Master of Laws degree from the University of Georgia, School of Law in 1985/1986.

LANGUAGES

English | German | French

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