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## Expertise

Dr. Favre-Bulle has more than 20 years of experience in dispute resolution (arbitration as counsel or arbitrator, ADR, court litigation). He has been involved in more than 200 arbitrations (*e.g.* sales agreements, agency & distribution, licences, joint ventures, shareholders agreements, post-M&A disputes, etc.), in various business industries such as telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, banking, energy, construction, luxury goods, sports, etc.). At Lenz & Staehelin in Geneva, Dr. Favre-Bulle leads the Arbitration group and the Sports law sector. He is a frequent speaker at conferences and the author of some 60 books and articles.

## Education and Professional Experience

- 1988 Licence en droit (LLB), Faculty of Law, University of Geneva
- 1988-1994 Research assistant, Commercial Law Department, University of Geneva
- 1991 Diplôme d'études supérieures en droit (LL.M.), Faculty of Law, University of Geneva
- 1992 Academy of European Law, European University Institute, Florence (Italy)
- 1994 Joined Lenz & Staehelin
- 1996 Bar exam, Geneva (admitted to the Geneva Bar in 1997)
- 1998 Ph.D., Faculty of Law, University of Geneva
- 1999 College of Law, London (UK)  
Visiting foreign lawyer, Herbert Smith, London
- 2000 Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales
- 2003 Partner at Lenz & Staehelin

## Memberships

Member of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), International Arbitration Institute (IAI), Comité français de l'arbitrage, International Bar Association (IBA), Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA), The Law Society of England & Wales, Geneva Bar and Swiss Bar Associations, Société suisse des Juristes, Association Genevoise de Droit des Affaires, Société Genevoise de Droit et de Législation, Centre du droit de l'entreprise de l'Université de Lausanne (CEDIDAC), Association Henri Capitant, Association of International Business Lawyers (AIBL), Association suisse de droit du sport (ASDS), ICC Institute of World Business Law, Associazione Italiana per l'Arbitrato (AIA).

Member of the Panels of Arbitrators of ICC Switzerland, International Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA), Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), Tehran Regional Arbitration Centre (TRAC).

#### **Other Activities**

Member of the Governing Board of the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA); President of the Sports Law Commission; former President of the International Arbitration Commission.

Lecturer in law at the University of Versailles (Master “Arbitration and International Business Law”).

Lecturer in law and founding member of the Swiss Arbitration Academy.

Lecturer in law at the University of Zurich (LL.M. “International Sports Law”).

Member of the ADR Commission of the Geneva Bar Association.

Former Member of the Arbitration Committee of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2002-2012) as well as the Arbitration Committee and Special Committee of the Swiss Chambers of Commerce (2004-2012).

#### **Professional Awards & Recommendations**

Who’s Who Legal: Switzerland 2016: *“Xavier Favre-Bulle is a ‘top flight’ litigator with a ‘commanding presence’ in the courtroom. Clients cannot praise him highly enough”, “is praised for his ‘quick grasp of complex issues’, has ‘rich experience’ in the field of arbitration”.*

Chambers Global 2016 (Dispute Resolution: Arbitration Counsel: Switzerland, Band 1): *“insightful and precise and knows how to proceed from the strategic side”.*

Chambers Europe 2016 (Europe-wide, Band 3): Xavier Favre-Bulle is *“a highly active practitioner across commercial arbitration, including niche expertise in sport-related cases”, “showed real courage in a case and won”, “did one of the best opening statements I have ever seen”.*

Chambers Global 2015 (Switzerland, Band 1): Xavier Favre-Bulle *“did an excellent job of strategically guiding us through the two cases”, “extremely thorough”, “sound guidance, honest assessment and ability to assess and understand our needs”, “pleadings very elaborate and carried weight”.*

Chambers Europe 2014 (Switzerland, Band 1): Xavier Favre-Bulle is *“an established and highly respected figure in Swiss arbitration, and a growing presence across the continent”, “high quality of his work, meticulous, very good at looking into the detail of a case”.*

Chambers Global 2014 (Dispute Resolution: Arbitration Counsel: Switzerland, Band 1): *“We really appreciate his assessments and firm guidance”, “He’s also extremely accurate and responsive”.*

Legal 500 Europe, Middle East & Africa 2014: *“Practice co-head Xavier Favre-Bulle is ‘a bright lawyer’, who is ‘always accessible’, has ‘in-depth expertise’, and provides ‘cutting-edge advice, he is really great at considering possible strategies and putting them in place’”.*

Who’s Who Legal: Switzerland 2014: *“is a ‘high-profile figure’ in the Geneva litigation legal market, a ‘brilliant arbitrator’ and sports law expert”.*

Who’s Who Legal: Switzerland 2013: *“Xavier Favre-Bulle is a ‘highly notable’ dispute resolution lawyer and is recognised in the arbitration, commercial litigation and sports and entertainment chapters for his ‘calm and sophisticated approach to handling disputes’”.*

Chambers Europe 2013 (Dispute Resolution: Arbitration Counsel: Switzerland, Band 1): *“is a leading arbitration counsel”*.

Chambers Global 2012 (Dispute Resolution: Arbitration: Switzerland, Band 1): *“is a prominent figure on the arbitration team. He gives an exceptional level of service. He is a first-class lawyer”*.

Chambers Global 2011; Chambers Europe 2011 (Dispute Resolution: Arbitration Counsel, Band 1): *“a first-class lawyer - incredibly knowledgeable about the arbitration practice and a highly capable litigator to boot”*.

Chambers Global 2010 (Dispute Resolution: Arbitration): *“Knowledgeable and popular, Xavier Favre-Bulle works both as counsel and as an arbitrator”*.

The Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration 2010: *“Xavier Favre-Bulle is a ‘hugely impressive’ arbitration expert”*.

Chambers Europe 2009 (Dispute Resolution: Arbitration): *“Xavier Favre-Bulle [...] whose ‘proficiency in multi-jurisdictional work’ and ‘24-hour availability’ make him a highly sought-after choice of counsel”*.

Chambers Global 2007 (Global Practitioners, Arbitration (International)): *“Xavier Favre-Bulle succeeds in impressing sources with his ‘excellent counsel skills’”*.

Chambers Global 2006 (Global Practitioners, Arbitration (International)): *“With regard to counsel, Xavier Favre-Bulle was deemed to be already turning out ‘exceptionally good presentations’”*.

The Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration 2007 and 2008: *“Xavier Favre-Bulle come highly nominated in the commercial arbitration research”, “Favre-Bulle who was described as an ‘out-standing counsel’”*.

Practical Law Company (PLC) Which lawyer? (2009/10, 2008/09): *“Highly respected counsel to arbitration proceedings, with particular focus on commercial contracts, IT and telecoms”*.

Euromoney Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration.

### **Publications (selection)**

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