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Biography

Alexander is member of the firm's German dispute resolution team based in Munich. He specialises in domestic and international arbitration, with a particular emphasis on commercial, M&A, venture capital, energy and construction related disputes. Alexander gained extensive experience in this area acting as administrative secretary of arbitral tribunals. In this capacity he has worked with many of the most renowned German and foreign arbitrators. Another focus of Alexander's practice form Russia and CIS related matters. The combination of his Russian background and German legal education allows him to master both legal and cultural implication of a dispute.

In addition to advising clients, Alexander regularly shares his practical experience by publishing on arbitration and commercial law subjects. He is an active member of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS). In this capacity Alexander contributed to the official Russian translation of the 2018 DIS Arbitration Rules and published a short commentary on the rules in Russian. He is also one of the assistant editors of an English language commentary on the 2018 DIS Arbitration Rules. As part of his legal traineeship Alexander also worked at the Australian Attorney General's Department where he was closely involved in the preparation of the 2015 amendments to the Australian International Arbitration Act.

Experience

Advised/acted as counsel for:

- a Russian consortium in two international arbitrations under the LCIA rules concerning claims in connection with an infrastructure project in Russia.
- a Dutch contractor in an international arbitration under the DIS rules concerning claims arising out of an engineering services agreement for the development of front end engineering design for a construction project in Russia.
- a creditor of an SCC award in enforcement proceedings in Germany.
- a leading German eyewear manufacturer in an international arbitration under the DIS rules concerning claims and
 counterclaims arising out of the termination of a distribution agreement with an overall value of approx. 6.5 million euro. In
 parallel, an interim injunction in aid of arbitration was obtained in the United States. The arbitration resulted in a full victory
 for the client.
- a German construction company seeking the annulment of an arbitration award rendered in connection with disputes arising
 out of a power plant project with an overall value of over 100 million euro. As a very rare exception, the award was ultimately
 annulled by the German courts.
- a major German shipyard in dispute adjudication board proceedings in connection with a dispute arising out of a contract for the construction of an offshore wind farm. The proceedings were conducted as a "mini-arbitration" with tight time limits and resulted in a favourable settlement.
- a major German company in the automotive sector in a DIS arbitration in connection with a joint-venture dispute. The dispute featured several novel aspects of German partnership law and resulted in a favourable settlement.
- for the seller in a fast track post M&A arbitration under the DIS rules pursuing earn-out claims. The dispute featured several unusual aspects of German contract law and resulted in a favourable settlement.

Acted as arbitrator:

• Sole arbitrator in an a DIS arbitration between two German entities in connection with an infrastructure project.

Acted as administrative secretary of an arbitral tribunal

- in several multi-million arbitrations in connection with post-M&A disputes under the DIS and ICC rules.
- in several multi-million gas price revision arbitrations triggered by the liberalisation of the European gas market.
- in an ad hoc arbitration in connection with a dispute over the construction of a power plant.
- in a multi-million ICC arbitration in the pharmaceutical sector.

Areas of Expertise

- Commercial
- Corporate disputes
- Energy & Infrastructure
- M&A disputes
- Securities disputes

Education

- 2010, University of Freiburg First State Exam
- 2012, University of Freiburg Doctoral
- 2012, University of New South Wales (Sydney) – Master of Laws (LL.M.)
- 2015, Higher Regional Court of Dusseldorf - Second State Exam

- Commercial agents and distribution
- Debt Recovery
- Insurance claims and disputes
- Oil & Gas
- Venture capital disputes

Qualification year and jurisdiction

2015 – Germany

- Construction
- D&O insurance disputes
- International trade
- Russia & CIS

Career History

- 2018 to present Pinsent Masons, Senior Associate
- 2015 to 2018 Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, Associate

Professional Memberships

- German Bar Association
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- German Arbitration institute (DIS)
- German-Russian Lawyers Association (DRJV)
- Young ICCA (International Council for Commercial Arbitration)

Languages

- German Native
- English Fluent
- Russian Native
- Spanish Basic

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- The Role of Party-Appointed Arbitrators, in Shaughnessy/Tung (eds), The Powers and Duties of an Arbitrator: Liber Amicorum Pierre A. Karrer, Kluwer Law International, 2017, p. 65 (together with Siegfried H. Elsing)
- Umbrella Clauses A Balanced Approach to Interpretation, GRIN Verlag, 2013
- Improving Corporate Governance in Companies with a Dual Board Structure Lessons from Germany and China, GRIN Verlag,
- Transfer-Pricing for Intra-Group Services [Umlagen im Konzern], Peter Lang, 2012 (in German, PhD thesis)