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Herman Verbist is a lawyer at the Bars of Ghent and Brussels. Since 1998, his activity focuses primarily on arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. He is registered on the list of collaborative lawyers of the Association of Flemish Bars and on the list of third party deciders of the Brussels Bar (Dutch speaking section) since 2020.

He obtained his Master's degree in law at the University of Leuven (K.U.L., 1982), and has completed additional law studies in Germany (Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen, 1982-1983) and in the United Kingdom (King's College, University of London, 1986). In 2008, he obtained a doctorate in law at the University of Ghent.

He has worked as counsel at the Secretariat of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Paris (1988-1996). He has taught, as a visiting professor, the course on international commercial arbitration at the University of Ghent (1996-2013). He has lectured in the field of arbitration at various other Universities (University of Leuven, 1993, 1994 and 1997; Université Libre de Bruxelles – Solvay Brussels School of Economics & Management, 1999-2003; University College Dublin, 1999 and 2000; City University Hong Kong, 2014; University Paris X – Nanterre, 2015). Since 2020, he lectures the course “*Case Study Investment Mediation*” at the Europa-Institut of Saarland University in Germany, teaching students an alternative method for settling investor-state disputes on the basis of a practical case.

He was president of the arbitrators of the Belgian Court of Arbitration for Sport from 2016 until 2020, Since 2021, he is president of the training and documentation department of the Belgian Court of Arbitration for Sport.

He has acted in more than 70 national and international arbitrations as counsel, sole arbitrator, chairman of the arbitral tribunal, co-arbitrator, or expert (CEPANI, ICC, CAS, Permanent Court of Arbitration, European Court of Arbitration, Danish Institute of Arbitration, Polish Court of Arbitration, *ad hoc*) and has also acted as mediator in national and international mediations (appointments by Belgian Courts, WIPO, Energy Community, *ad hoc*) and as adjudicator.

Herman Verbist is a member of numerous international arbitration associations and registered as arbitrator on the list of arbitrators of several arbitration institutions worldwide, including CAS, VIAC, ICDR, HKIAC, SIAC, AIAC, KCAB. He is an accredited mediator (Belgian Federal Mediation Commission, since 2008) and is registered on the “*Panel of Conciliators*” of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Washington D.C. (since 2016), upon designation by Belgium; registered on the “*Panel of Transit Conciliators*”, International Energy Charter Treaty, Conflict Resolution Centre, Brussels, Belgium (since 2018), designated by Belgium; registered on the Energy Community Dispute Resolution Panel of Mediators, Vienna, Austria (since 2018); registered on Mediation and Conciliation Network (MCN), New Delhi, India. He is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR (since 1996) and member of the Board of CEPANI (since 2001).

He is co-chairman of FICA (Forum for International Conciliation and Arbitration) since 2022 and attends the sessions of Working Group II (Dispute Resolution) of UNCITRAL in New York and Vienna as a member of the FICA delegation since 2016.

He is author or co-author of more than 190 articles in numerous Belgian and foreign legal periodicals and of more than 20 books in the field of arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. He is a member of the editorial committee of several periodicals in the field of arbitration and alternative dispute resolution: “*Tijdschrift voor arbitrage*”, “*Nederlands-Vlaams Tijdschrift voor Mediation en Conflictmanagement*” and “*b-Arbitra*”.

He is recognised by “*Who’s Who Legal*”, GAR, London, as a “*Global Leader*” in arbitration and mediation. Peers and clients say : “*An authority in international arbitration. His knowledge of international arbitration is second to none.*” He is “*highly recommended*” by “*Leaders League*” (Paris)