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Educational/Professional Memberships

Doctorate, University of Basle (1979); Law degrees, University of Basle (1977) and University of Geneva (1974); Member of the Bar, New York and Geneva (entitled to appear before Swiss courts); Member of many professional associations and committees in the international arbitration and international legal practice communities.

Current Position

Founding Partner of Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, Geneva; Professor, University of Geneva Law School; Director, LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) and Co-Director of the Center in International Dispute Settlement (CIDS).

Professional Experience

Professor of international commercial arbitration at Geneva University Law School (since 1997). Previously she was an adjunct professor at Geneva University Law School (1993-97). Practicing attorney, partner with Schellenberg Wittmer, Geneva (1996- 2007); Partner (1985-95) and associate (1981-85) with Baker & McKenzie, Geneva and New York. Known worldwide for her expertise in international arbitration, and private international law, especially international contracts. Her research activities focus on increased efficiency of international dispute settlement and on transnational arbitration.

Arbitration Experience

Regularly ranked among top ten arbitrators worldwide. Focuses primarily on international commercial and investment arbitration and has handled over 200 international arbitrations, as presiding, sole or party-appointed arbitrator, or as counsel. Among other positions, Gabrielle is an Honorary President of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) and was ASA President from 2001 to 2005. She is also a member of ICCA's Governing Board, the HKIAC Advisory Board, the President of FIAA and a former member of the ICC Court, LCIA Court, and AAA Board. She was a member of the Swiss delegation to the UNCITRAL Working Group II on transparency in investment arbitration and to the UNCITRAL Commission (2010 – 2013). She has also co-authored a report on the reform of investor-state arbitration for UNICTRAL.

Publications

Has authored and edited many books and articles in the field of international dispute settlement, and headed research projects financed by the Swiss National Research Fund in this area (including on arbitration in China).

Languages

French, English, German, Spanish, reading knowledge of Italian