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About

Günther J. Horvath is the Honorary President of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), the premier international arbitration institution in Central and Eastern Europe. In his previous role as a long-time partner of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP for 35 years, he has led the firm's International Arbitration Group in Vienna. Günther is known for his wide range of expertise. He specializes in advice and representation of closely held and growing business enterprises, corporate transactions and in international commercial arbitration, particularly, in energy, corporate law and post-M&A matters, as well as industrial engineering disputes. He has acted as counsel and arbitrator in over 150 high-profile disputes under the rules of ICC, UNCITRAL, ICSID, LCIA, SCC, VIAC and in ad-hoc arbitrations. Günther works as an independent Rechtsanwalt in Vienna and holds Board seats in leading European industrial companies.

Furthermore, Günther also practices corporate law, specializing on family businesses.

He speaks German and English, some Italian.

Functions

- Board member and Honorary President of the Vienna International Arbitral Center (VIAC)
- Former member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration
- Chairman Emeritus Lex Mundi Ltd., Houston
- Panel of Arbitrators of CIETAC (China International Economic And Trade Arbitration Commission), SIAC (Singapore International Arbitral Centre), ASA (Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage) and DIS (German Institution of Arbitration)

Education

- University of Graz (Doctor of Laws - Dr iur, 1976)
- New York University (MCJ, 1977)

Professional summary

Representation of

- a **global industry leader** in a number of legal disputes with its Asian joint venture partner, involving proceedings before ICC arbitration tribunals, in relation to, inter alia, the validity of contractual exclusive distribution rights;
- a **Central European gas storage provider** in three arbitration proceedings against customers on requests for price revisions;
- **RWE Supply & Trading** in various matters against major European gas producers involving long-term, large-volume natural gas delivery contracts.
- an **international investment bank** in ad hoc arbitration proceedings against a Southeast European state and state owned entities for the payment of the investment bank's services in connection with a telecommunications privatisation;
- a **world leader in industrial engineering** in a multi-party arbitration under ICC Rules in Brazil;
- a **producer of core technology for hydro-power plants** in an ICC arbitration against a state owned energy group in CEE.

Recent publications in the field of arbitration

- Handbuch Schiedsrecht (Handbook Arbitration law), Manz, 2018, (co-author)
- Addressing Corruption in Commercial Arbitration: How Do Arbitral Tribunals Evaluate and Adjudicate Contractual Relationships Tainted by Corruption?, Romanian Arbitration Journal, 2016
- Challenge of Arbitrators; Premature Termination of the Arbitrator's Mandate and Effects of the Premature Termination of the Arbitrator's Mandate (in Handbook Vienna Rules A Practitioner's Guide - Vienna International Arbitral Centre of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber 2014);
- Handbook Vienna Rules A Practitioner's Guide, Vienna International Arbitral Centre of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber 2014, (co-author)
- Guerilla Tactics in International Arbitration, Kluwer Law, 2013, (co-author)