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“Well placed to understand the needs of business people.”

Client Feedback

Wolf Jürgen von Kumberg

Overview

Wolf is a qualified arbitrator and mediator with a broad range of experience in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and conflict management. He has been involved as counsel in a large variety of international commercial litigation and arbitration proceedings in multiple jurisdictions. He has acted as mediator and joint mediator in a range of corporate, commercial, boardroom, aviation, aerospace, technology, insurance and investor state related disputes. He is a consultant for the development of conflict avoidance systems, a member of the CEDR training faculty and lecturer in ADR, has written on the subject and sits on the boards of several ADR Institutions, including CEDR.

Professional Background

Wolf has over 30 years' experience in the practice of international commercial law. In excess of 25 years as Group Company Director and European General Counsel to multi-national aerospace, marine and electronics companies, with emphasis on conflict management. Through this background he has garnered a wide range of experience in many aspects of corporate commercial, government procurement, international trade and investment as well as compliance related matters. As part of the management team, he knows the operation of international business and can relate to the needs of executives and senior management.

Expertise

- Aviation
- Aerospace
- Commercial Contracts
- Construction & Engineering
- Employment & Workplace
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property
- Partnership & Shareholder
- Intellectual Property
- Sale of Goods and Services
- Shipping and Maritime
- Cyber Security



- Corporate Fraud
- Technology
- Investor State

Dispute Experience Selected Matters

Aviation and Aerospace

- *Claim by Major aircraft manufacturer for deficient system design leading to crash of aircraft.*
- *Claim for failure to achieve airworthiness certification.*
- *Claim for faulty aircraft design.*
- *Claim for part deficiencies in aircraft cockpit equipment.*
- *Claim for supply of fraudulent aircraft parts.*
- *Claim under an aircraft leasing agreement.*

Commercial Contracts

- *Supply chain issue respecting sale of counterfeit parts.*
- *Breach of contract for late delivery of machines to a major infrastructure project.*
- *Breach of contract for failure to deliver a working software program on an emergency response system.*
- *Termination for convenience claim on a large Middle Eastern project.*
- *Claim for consequential damages for delivery of faulty switches to a major City communication system.*

Construction & Engineering

- *Claim by MOD for non-performance of engine control unit in frigate.*
- *Claim for improper design of a security monitoring system.*
- *Claim for improper design of radar installation.*
- *Claim for faulty construction equipment.*

Corporate Fraud

- *Removal of a finance director for fraud.*



- Claim for payment of bribe in a public procurement contract.
- Money laundering claim in a complex mult national commercial deal.

Employment & Workplace

- Claim for bullying against manager.
- Dispute over scope of duties provision in an employment agreement.
- Dispute over termination of a company director.

Insurance

- Dispute over the payment of a reinsurance claim.
- Dispute over calculation of a major property claim.
- Dispute over business interruption coverage.

Intellectual Property

- Breach of software license agreement on a large South Korean project.
- Dispute over conversion of a proprietary design by a competitor.
- Patent infringement claim respecting a guidance system.
- Claim for breach of intellectual property agreement by a subcontractor.

Partnership & Shareholder

- Dispute over termination provision in a shareholder agreement.
- Dispute between directors over settlement of a major contracts claim.
- Dispute between shareholders over sale of a business.

Property

- Claim respecting water pollution on a former industrial site in Paris.
- Claim involving remediation under a property lease agreement.

- Major environmental indemnification claim under a transaction agreement.

Sale of Goods and Services

- Claim for sale of faulty switches to be used in an engine control system.
- Claim for inappropriate computer equipment.
- Claim for improper installation of a ship's guidance system.

Shipping

- *Dispute over installation of bridge system on a cruise ship.*
- *Claim for damage caused to a super yacht for deficient engine controls.*
- *Dispute over design provisions in a shipbuilding contract.*

Tax

- Major Italian tax case involving the payment of dividends to a European holding company.
- Dutch case on tax jurisdiction of a European multinational company.
- Review of employee multi jurisdiction employment contracts.

Personal Style

Wolf practices principled negotiation and interests-based mediation taking a non-judgmental approach, while reality-testing and raising possible options for agreement. He is creatively facilitative, seeking a broad focus, persistent and patient throughout.

Wolf has a calm, respectful approach while keeping control of the mediation. His experience in business helps him to build up trust and gain respect from the parties. This allows him to be able to craft a process to suit the needs of the parties while being mindful of, but not rigidly bound to any format. He is strictly observant of confidences.

Feedback

- *"Good listening ability and putting people at ease."*
- *"Demonstrates intuition and patience."*

- *“He was calm and had an orderly focus on the issues.”*
- *“Makes pro-active suggestions.”*
- *“Perceived by the parties as knowledgeable and trustworthy.”*
- *“Identifies positive commercial benefits not apparent to the parties.”*
- *“Skillfully identifies commercial risks.”*
- *“Helpful and impartial, allowing parties to express themselves.”*
- *“Very helpful in identifying alternatives.”*
- *“Good at controlling the process.”*
- *“Helped parties understand each other.”*
- *“Persuasive but not aggressive.”*
- *“He was calm and had an orderly focus on the issues.”*
- *“Particular expertise in assessing options and settlement scenarios in cases where.”*
- *“...deep-seated emotions often evident in the dispute.”*
- *“Conducts mediations in a careful and professional manner.”*
- *“Effective co-mediator and works well as a team member.”*

Professional Skills and Background

Education

- York University, Toronto, Ontario - B.A. History and Political Science (1974 – 1977)
- Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Ontario - LL.B. Bachelor of Law (1977 – 1980)
- Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, Ontario - Bar Admission Course - Barrister and Solicitor - April, 1982 (1981 – 1982)
- University of Cambridge, United Kingdom - LL.M. Master of Law - International Law (1984 – 1985)
- Solicitor's Final Examination - The Law Society England and Wales (1989)

Memberships

- Law Society of Upper Canada (Province of Ontario) (1982)
- The Law Society (England, Wales) (1989)

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (1998)
- CEDR Accredited Mediator (2001)
- Institute of Directors (UK)
- IBA
- ICC (UK)
- LCIA
- Canadian Bar Association

Directorships

- Former Chairman and current Director the International Mediation Institute (IMI)
- Director American Arbitration Association (AAA)
- Director CEDR and on CEDR Faculty
- Former Chair of the Board of Management Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)
- Former Member of the Steering Committee of the CCIAG

