



CEDR Accreditation:	1997
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Languages:	English
Location:	United Kingdom

Brigit Sambeth

Overview

Since 1997, working mostly in mediation and participation in numerous national and international mediations as single mediator and co-mediator as well as counsel to parties in mediation, notably in complex multiparty International commercial cases (SPA, trading, contacts, etc.), joint-ventures, liquidation of commercial enterprises, construction issues, financial disputes, IP structures, employment matters, unions, lease / tenant disputes, complex family disputes and multiparty inheritance.

Professional Background

Birgit Sambeth is Co-Head of the Dispute Resolution Team at Altenburger. As a former substitute judge she is an acknowledged specialist in questions of strategic dispute resolution and is often appointed as a mediator in complex commercial, family and criminal matters. Further, she is frequently acting as a bankruptcy liquidator and creditor representative in the context of domestic and international bankruptcy and composition proceedings.

Professional Skills

Current

- Sworn Mediator accredited by Swiss Courts, Mediator since 1997
- Attorney at law, LL.M. international Banking and Finance, Boston USA
- Head of the Dispute resolution team of Altenburger Geneva

Special areas of practice: international and national company & commercial and contract law, M&A, trade and finance, organisation & governance, employment law, bankruptcies and reorganizations, intellectual property, professional liability, real estate and leaseholds, inheritance and estates, as well as international matrimonial law and divorce.

Dispute resolution: early case assessment, negotiation, mediation, litigation and arbitration & collaborative law

Previous

- Lic. Iur. 1984, Bar exam 1990, Geneva (CH) and 1986, LL.M. International Banking Law, Boston USA
- First trained at Lloyds Bank plc and then worked with Baker & Mc Kenzie Chicago and Geneva before practicing 5 years at the Tax and Legal Department of Ernst & Young in Basel
- Managed her own law firm for 11 years in Geneva and merged with Altenburger Geneva and Zurich in 2005
- Deputy Judge for conciliations at the Geneva Courts, 1994-2008

Accreditations

Certified Mediator by:

- Swiss Bar Association
- IMI International Mediation Institute
- SCCM Swiss Chamber for Commercial Mediation
- CEDR Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, London
- CPR New York
- CMAP Centre de Médiation et d'Arbitrage de Paris
- INSOL International Insolvency Mediator

Memberships

- Distinguished Fellow of IAM International Academy of Mediators, Toronto
- Chair of the ADR Committee of the Geneva Bar Association
- Swiss Bar Association, former Member of the Mediation Committee
- Former Vice-Chair of the IBA Mediation Committee and National representative for Switzerland
- Vice President for Geneva of the Swiss Chamber for Commercial Mediation, Founding member 1997
- Vice-Chair of the Mediation Committee of the ABA International Section
- Member of the European Advisory Board of CPR- International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution
- Member of the Advisory Committee for the ICC International Mediation Competition 2010 and 2011
- Member of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), ICC Switzerland and the Geneva Business lawyers (AGDA)

Training and Lecturing Experience

Visiting professor teaching Commercial Mediation at: “Master Degree in International Dispute Resolution”, University of Fribourg (CH) and “Master in International Trade”, Torino (Italy) (both with Prof. Pierre Tercier) & “Diploma and Master of Arts in International Trading, Commodity Finance and Shipping” HEC Geneva, and “MIDS Master in International Dispute Settlements” HEI Geneva (CH), and Mediation Advocacy at ECAV Ecole de l’Avocature, Geneva and BUCERIUS Law School, Hamburg (D).

Other

- Listed in “Who’s who Commercial Mediators” 2011-2016
- Listed as Neutral at ICC and WIPO