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# AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

- Arbitration
- Real Estate

- Dispute Resolution
- Central and Eastern Europe

### **EDUCATION**

- Certified Mediator (2004)
- Master of European and International Business Law, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland (1999)
- Orientation in the US Legal System, Georgetown University, USA (1991)
- Doctor iuris, University of Vienna, Austria (1984)
- Magister iuris, University of Vienna, Austria (1984)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 1995: Partner at Graf & Pitkowitz, Vienna

1990 – 1994: Partner at a leading commercial law firm, Vienna
1986 & 1991: Working experience with law firms in New York
1985 – 1989: Associate at a leading commercial law firm, Vienna

1979 – 1985: Employed with international trading company in Vienna, London & New York

### **FUNCTIONS**

- Member of the Board of the VIAC Vienna International Arbitral Centre (since 2010)
- University Lecturer for Czech Business Law, Danube University Krems (1993–1999)
- Member of Panel of Arbitrators of
  - o VIAC Vienna International Arbitral Centre (since 1993),
  - o Austrian Czech Joint Arbitral Court (since 1999)
  - o Austrian-Hungarian Joint Arbitral Court (since 2007)
  - o SIAC Singapore International Arbitration Centre (since 2010)
  - o KLRCA Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (since 2010)
  - o HKIAC Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (since 2010)



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- CIETAC China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (since 2011)
- Arbitrator, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Co-Chair, Committee on Mediation Techniques, IBA Dispute Resolution Section (since 2006)
- Vice-Chair, Cross-Border Real Estate Practice; ABA Section of International Law (since 2009)
- Secretary, IBA Real Estate Section
- Co-Organizer CIS Local Counsel Forum (Dispute Resolution Panel since 2007)
- Co-Organizer Vienna Arbitration Days (since 2008)

### **EDITORIAL BOARD**

- Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration (since 2007)
- Journal of Arab Arbitration (since 2009)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Vienna Bar Association
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- Austrian Arbitration Association (ArbAut)
- German Institution of Arbitration (DIS)
- Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb)
- International Law Association (ILA)

## PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION, FOR FULL LIST VISIT WWW.GPP.AT)

- Shared Funding of Arbitration Proceedings Fact of Fiction?, Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration 2011, 31
- Arbitral Settlement and its Scrutiny by State Courts; in Consensual Dispute Resolution, 7<sup>th</sup> Law School Day Karl-Franzens-University of Graz, 2010, 134
- Mediation and Cultural Differences; in Barclay, Mediation Techniques, International Bar Association 2010, 213
- Digest of an Austrian Case Law on Setting Aside Arbitral Awards 1895-2007, Austrian Arbitration Yearbook 2008, 433
- Setting Aside Arbitral Awards (Die Aufhebung von Schiedssprüchen), Textbook, Manz 2008
- Defence Tools in Arbitration Proceedings, Pitkowitz/Schmitt, Austrian Arbitration Yearbook 2007, 183
- Klimt Award violating public policy? (Ordre public-widriger Klimt-Schiedsspruch Kann der armen Amalie geholfen werden?) ecolex 2007, 663
- Setting Aside Arbitral Awards under the New Austrian Arbitration Act, Austrian Arbitration Yearbook 2007, 231



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#### RECHTSANWÄLTE GMBH

- New Mediation Rules of the EU Is Austria still Paving the Way? (Die neuen Mediationsregeln der EU Ist Österreich noch Wegbereiter?) Schieds VZ 2005, 81
- Business Law in Austria, Graf/ Pitkowitz et al, (1996, 2003)
- Investing in Hungary, Pitkowitz/Simonfay/Vanas, Orac (1990, 1991, 1994)
- The Greenfield Approach and the Role of Austria for Privatization in Eastern Europe; in Smit/Pechota, Privatization in Eastern Europe: Legal, Economic and Social Aspects, Columbia University, Juris Publishing 1994, 216
- Investing in the Czech and Slovak Republics, Pitkowitz/Svoboda/Vanas, Orac (1990, 1991, 1993)
- Loan Security by Real Estate in the Czech and Slovak Republics, Pitkowitz/Schwalm-Tlapak, Austrian Bank Archive (1993)
- Checklist Joint Ventures in Czechoslovakia, ecolex 1991, 370
- Large-scale Privatization in Czechoslovakia, ecolex 1991, 363

### **OTHER**

- "FORMAT", Austria's Best Attorneys listed among top ten dispute resolution attorneys in surveys 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- "FORMAT", Austria's Best Attorneys listed among top ten CEE attorneys in surveys 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2011.
- Chambers Global 2011: Dispute Resolution: Arbitration (Band 2), Litigation (Band 2), Dispute Resolution: Most in Demand Arbitrators (Band 2): "Nikolaus Pitkowitz leads the dispute resolution practice group and is held in high esteem as an arbitration specialist. He handles numerous real estate, commercial negotiations and construction disputes across Eastern Europe."
- Chambers Europe 2010 Recommendation (Leading Individuals): "Nikolaus Pitkowitz plays a lead role in the case and is described as 'one of Austria's top-level arbitration experts."
- Chambers Europe 2009 Recommendation (Leading Individuals): "Greatly appreciated by his clients, Nikolaus Pitkowitz is lauded for his ability to 'provide a rational analysis that covers every possible solution to an issue.' International clients comment that he 'can convey the subtle idiosyncrasies of Austrian law to foreigners'."
- "2009 Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration", Legal Media Group (Euromoney)
- PLC Which Lawyer 2009: Highly recommended for Real Estate and recommended for Dispute Resolution
- Legal500, 2009, Leading Law Firm Dispute Resolution
- PLC Which Lawyer Yearbook 2008: Highly recommended Corporate Real Estate and Dispute Resolution
- Chambers Global 2008 (Leading Individuals): "Nikolaus Pitkowitz has a good sense of strategy and is a very safe pair of hands"

Frequent lectures and seminars in the fields of Dispute Resolution and Real Estate Law