



**Dr. Franz X. Stirnimann Fuentes, LL.M.** is a recognized international arbitrator and Swiss lawyer with over 25 years of experience in international and Swiss dispute resolution, who is regularly appointed as presiding, sole or co-arbitrator in arbitrations in Switzerland, Europe, and Latin America. After working as a partner in major Swiss and US law firms, he founded **STIRNIMANN FUENTES Dispute Resolution Sàrl**, an independent law firm based in Geneva, Switzerland, which is specialized in providing arbitrator services and representing clients in international arbitrations and in civil and commercial litigations before Swiss courts.

Dr. Stirnimann Fuentes is admitted to practice in Switzerland as well as England & Wales and New York. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb). He has been appointed by the Government of Switzerland to the ICSID Panel of Conciliators.

He has acted as counsel and arbitrator in over 90 international arbitrations, both commercial and investor-State, in English, Spanish, German and French, under the rules of the major arbitration institutions, many under Swiss law, but also under the laws of other civil jurisdictions as well as common law jurisdictions. He is also a Swiss court litigator with trial experience in more than 50 commercial cases before courts in both the German and French speaking part of Switzerland and the Swiss Supreme Court. He also advises on cross-border commercial transactions subject to Swiss law and on Swiss antitrust, IP/IT, customs, and employment law.

#### **Bar Admissions**

Avocat (Geneva, 2011); Solicitor (England & Wales, 2005, currently non-practising); Attorney-at-Law (New York, 2002)

#### **Nationalities**

Switzerland; Peru

#### **Languages**

German (native); Spanish (native); English (fluent); French (fluent); Italian (working knowledge); Portuguese (working knowledge)

#### **Professional Background**

2021-present	Stirnimann Fuentes Dispute Resolution Sàrl, Geneva: <i>Partner</i>
2015-2020	Froriep Legal Ltd, Geneva (now MLL Legal Ltd): <i>Partner</i>
2012-2015	Winston & Strawn LLP, Geneva: <i>Partner</i>
2009-2012	Lalive, Geneva: <i>Counsel</i>
2001-2008	Winston & Strawn LLP, Washington, DC and Geneva: <i>Associate</i>
1998-1999	Holcim SA, Madrid: <i>Project Manager</i>
1996-1997	Gómez-Acebo & Pombo Abogados, Madrid: <i>Foreign Associate</i>
1995-1996	Université de Fribourg, Switzerland: <i>Research Assistant</i>
1990-1991	Switzerland Global Enterprise (former OSEC), Zurich: <i>Information Officer</i>

## Academic Qualifications

- 1998-2003      Universität Zürich, Switzerland: *Dr.iur., summa cum laude (S.J.D. equivalent)*. Professor Walther Hug Prize, awarded to Switzerland's best doctoral dissertations in law
- 2000-2001      Georgetown University, USA: *LL.M., with distinction*. Professor Heinrich Kronstein Scholar; Fellow of the Swiss National Science Foundation
- 1991-1996      Université de Fribourg, Switzerland: *lic.iur. utriusque iures (J.D. equivalent)*. Special honors in EU law and Ecclesiastical law
- 1993-1994      Durham University, Hatfield College, UK: *Certificate in English Common Law*. Erasmus Scholar of the European Union

## Awards and Recognitions

Ranked for arbitration (counsel and arbitrator) by Chambers Global since 2014 and by Chambers Europe since 2016.

Recognized by Who's Who Legal as a Thought Leader in arbitration (counsel and arbitrator) and ranked by Who's Who Legal in arbitration (Arbitration, worldwide) since 2017 and by Who's Who Legal (Switzerland) since 2014.

Also ranked in arbitration (counsel and arbitrator) by Legal 500, Best Lawyers – Switzerland (Handelsblatt – Beste Anwälte der Schweiz), Leaders League/Décideurs Guide-Annuaire, Euromoney's Expert Guides in Commercial Arbitration, and Benchmark Litigation.

## Professional and Academic Activities

Dr. Stirnimann Fuentes is on the roster of arbitrators, conciliators, or neutrals of several major international and regional arbitration centers (ICSID, ICC, LCIA, SCAI, WIPO, CIMA/Spain, CIAM/Madrid, CAM/Mexico, CAIC/Mexico, CCL/Peru, CCB/Colombia, AIAC/Malaysia, etc.). He is an active member of several arbitration institutions and associations (ICC, LCIA, CIArb, ASA, CEIA, IAI, etc.), bar associations (FSA-SAV, ABA, NYBA, Law Society of England & Wales), as well as business associations in Switzerland, Europe, USA, and Latin America.

He is also a published author and editor of two books, several book chapters, and numerous articles on matters of international arbitration, WTO law, international business law, and Swiss competition, intellectual property and product liability law. He is a regular speaker on matters of arbitration before professional and academic audiences across the world. He is furthermore a visiting lecturer and a member of the board of academic institutions and editorial boards of specialized law journals in Switzerland, Europe, the USA, and Latin America.

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