

Dr. Franz X. Stirnimann Fuentes, LL.M. is a recognized international arbitrator with over 20 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, an independent law firm based in Geneva, Switzerland, 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 as an attorney in Switzerland as well as England & Wales (non-practising) 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 80 international arbitrations, both commercial and investor-State, in English, Spanish, German and French, under the rules of the major arbitration institutions, and under the laws of civil 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. In addition, he regularly advises on cross-border commercial transactions subject to Swiss law and occasionally on Swiss antitrust, IP/IT, customs, and employment law matters.

Bar Admissions

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

Nationalities

Switzerland; Peru

Languages

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

Professional Background

2020-present	Stirnimann Fuentes Dispute Resolution, Geneva: <i>Founder</i>
2015-2020	Froiep Legal Ltd, Geneva: <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 theses 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 by Chambers Global since 2014 and by Chambers Europe since 2016.

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

Also ranked for arbitration by Legal 500, Best Lawyers – Switzerland (Handelsblatt – Beste Anwälte der Schweiz), Euromoney's Expert Guides in Commercial Arbitration, Benchmark Litigation, and Décideurs Guide-Annuaire Contentieux & Arbitrage.

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, AIAC/Malaysia, CAM/Mexico, CAIC/Mexico, CCL/Peru, etc.) and is an active member of a number of arbitration (ICC, LCIA, CIArb, ASA, CEA, IAI, etc.), bar (FSA-SAV, ABA, NYBA, Law Society of England & Wales), and 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, competition and intellectual property law, and a regular speaker 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 Europe, the USA, and Latin America.

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