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Professional practice

Wolfgang Peter is recognized by clients and his peers as one of the most in-demand counsels and arbitrators in the world, having been engaged in over 300 arbitrations as counsel and arbitrator. Dr. Peter is particularly active in cases involving complex issues of valuations, including post-M&A disputes, joint ventures and projects stemming from heavy industry. He has decades of expertise in cases involving gas & oil contracts, including upstream and downstream projects, as well as price reviews under long-term gas supply agreements. Dr. Peter regularly advises third-party funding companies in evaluating the merits of the Claimant(s)' cases, especially with regard to the damages. An active speaker and contributor to the arbitration community at large, he is a member of the LCIA Board of Directors. Prior to starting his independent arbitration practice, he headed the arbitration group of Python & Peter, one of the largest Swiss firms, which he also co-founded. Before engaging in arbitration practice full time, Dr. Peter led a successful M&A and corporate practice for 14 years, completing over 40 transactions and IPOs, including such well-known brands and companies as Gucci, Chaumet, Breguet, Tag Heuer, Ebel and Leica. While practicing M&A, he managed over 8 years as CEO the Breguet Group, a luxury watch-making company.

Career

- Founding Partner, Peter & Kim, Geneva (2020-current)
- Founding Partner, Peter & Partners, Geneva (2016-2019)
- Founding Partner, Python & Peter, Geneva (1981-2015)
- CEO, Breguet and Managing Director, Jaquet Droz (1987-2001)
- Adviser to the Federal Minister of Justice and Police (1980-1982)
- Secretary of the Federal Expert Commission on Swiss Company Law (1979-1980)

Education

- University of Frankfurt (Doctorate in Law, 1986)
- Harvard Law School (Visiting Scholar, 1982-1983)
- University of Lausanne (Bachelor of Law, 1977)
- University of Lausanne (Doctorate in Economics, 1975)
- Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva (Degree in Political Science, 1974)
- University of Lausanne, Business School (MBA, 1972)

Representative cases

- Lead counsel in an *ad hoc* arbitration between a state-owned enterprise and a sovereign state, involving aspects of public international law, with an amount in dispute of USD several billion.
- Lead counsel in a case involving two state-owned entities in a highly complex *ad hoc* arbitration involving aspects of public international law stemming from oil production and delivery agreements, securing an award of more than a billion USD for our clients.

ADMISSIONS & COURTS

Geneva, Switzerland (1979)

LANGUAGES

German, English, French

NATIONALITIES

Swiss

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Arbitration
Corporate Law
Joint Ventures/Consortia
Investments & BITs
Mergers & Acquisitions

INDUSTRY SECTORS

Oil & Gas
Automotive & Heavy Industry
Construction & Engineering
Electricity Supply
Fashion & Luxury Goods
Pharmaceutical & Biotech

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- Co-counsel in two PCA arbitrations involving a state-owned entity and private companies in a dispute concerning gas deliveries, with more than 15 billion USD in dispute.
- Counsel to a major energy conglomerate in its price adjustment disputes against another European major relating to long-term gas supply agreements subject to ICC Rules.
- Co-counsel in an arbitration under UNCITRAL Rules arising out of a dispute between a Canadian company and two mainland Chinese companies in relation to an unconventional gas project in China.
- Lead counsel in an ICC arbitration for a major mining and metallurgy consortium with more than USD 500 million in dispute, under Swiss law.
- Chairman of an Arbitral Tribunal in an ICC arbitration arising out of nuclear power plant construction (more than USD 1.5 billion in dispute).
- Chairman of the Arbitral Tribunal in the *Vivendi v Elektrim* arbitration, an important decision on the interrelation between arbitral proceedings and bankruptcy, confirmed by two instances of the English courts.
- Co-counsel in an ICC arbitration concerning the break-up of Arthur Andersen, resulting in a seminal decision of the Swiss Supreme Court on the joinder of the arbitration agreements.

Professional associations

- Member of the Board of Directors of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- International Bar Association
- Association of International Business Lawyers
- Swiss Arbitration Association

Publications

- Material Adverse Change Clauses: Some Practical Thoughts, Contemporary Issues in International Arbitration and Mediation – The Fordham Papers, 2015, edited by Arthur W. Rovine, 2017, p. 203-213.
- Witness 'Conferencing', *Arbitration International*, Volume 18, Issue 1, 1 March 2002, p. 47-58.
- Arbitration & Renegotiation of International Investment Agreements, 2 Editions, Kluwer Law Publications, 1986 and 1995.

Accolades/Ranking

- Lexology: Thought Leaders (2019-2025), Lexology Index: Arbitration (2025)
- Who's Who Legal: Energy, Oil&Gas (2021-2025)
- Chambers & Partners: International Arbitration: Most in Demand Arbitrators (2010-2024)

QUOTES

According to clients and peers:

"Wolfgang Peter is a pre-eminent counsel and arbitrator with extensive experience"

"He is excellent in a wide range of disputes and has unmatched abilities in M&A disputes"

LEXOLOGY: Thought Leaders - Arbitration, 2025

""Wolfgang has a profound understanding of economics and a distinct ability to understand complex facts"

LEXOLOGY Index: Arbitration, 2025

"Wolfgang Peter is a leading figure in the Swiss market where he maintains a reputation as a pre-eminent arbitrator, whose practice encompasses high-value oil and gas disputes"

LEXOLOGY: Energy – Oil&Gas, 2024