

Karl Pörnbacher

Partner
Munich

Biography

Together with his team of experienced arbitration lawyers, Karl Pörnbacher has represented clients in more than 70 domestic and international arbitration proceedings as counsel and represents clients frequently in mediations.

Karl has been appointed in more than 40 proceedings as an arbitrator, both as chairman/sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator. He assists clients in the efficient resolution of their national and international disputes. Karl's practice focuses on mediation and arbitration. He has extensive experience in the energy industry (gas, oil, renewables), construction and projects, M&A, and the automotive and life science industries. Karl and his team have conducted arbitration proceedings under various rules, like ICC, VIAC, Swiss Rules, Danish Chamber of Commerce, Polish Chamber of Commerce, DIS or ad hoc proceedings.

Karl is fluent in Polish, English and French. Having worked for several years in Poland and being frequently involved in cross-border disputes involving Poland and other Central and Eastern European countries, he is a member of the DIS Advisory Board and the Board of EUCON (European Institute for Conflict Management Association) and Chairman of the Arbitration Court of the German-Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw. Karl teaches arbitration at the University of Bayreuth.



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Languages

English
Polish
French
German

Practices

Energy Disputes
International Arbitration
Litigation Services
Technology Litigation

Industries

Automotive

Who's Who Legal places Karl "amongst the world's leading arbitrators", being "praised for his 'pragmatic' approach" and regularly ranked by German directory *JUVE* as a "frequently recommended lawyer".

Representative experience

Representing several international oil and gas production companies in multi-million arbitration proceedings regarding long-term gas supply agreements (ICC, ad-hoc).

Representing an Austrian company in an ICC-arbitration in connection with a real estate joint venture in Moscow.

Advising and representing a DAX 30 company in connection with D&O coverage issues and negotiations with the insurers, especially with regard to civil fines suffered by the client due to potential violations of compliance obligations by its former board members.

Representing an Asian high-tech company against a major German manufacturer of electronic equipment in a post M&A proceeding regarding purchase price adjustment and misrepresentation claims in connection with the sale of the mobile device business (ICC arbitration).

Awards and rankings

- Dispute Resolution: Arbitration Counsel (Germany), *Chambers Global*, 2006-2013
- Dispute Resolution: Arbitration (including international arbitration), *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019

Latest thinking and events

- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells lawyers recognized as 2021 Arbitration Thought Leaders and Future Leaders

Consumer

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Life Sciences and Health Care

TMT

Areas of focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Public International Law

Education and admissions

Education

LMU Munich (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)

Université d'Angers

Université de Toulouse

University of Passau

Accolades

Praised for his "pragmatic" approach.

Who's Who Legal, 2014

Recognized as "being among the world's leading arbitrators".

Who's Who Legal, , 2015/2016

Recommended lawyer for Dispute

- Webinar
 - COVID-19-Challenges for supply chains in international business relationships: An Indo-German perspective
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - FIDIC COVID-19 Guidance Memorandum
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells secures historic win for Georgia before international arbitration tribunal
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Hogan Lovells Protocol for the use of technology in virtual international arbitration hearings
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Automotive and Mobility - Hot Topic Q&A Interviews

Resolution and "excellent lawyer, always precise". Specifically praised by competitors for his competence in energy disputes.

JUVE handbook, 2015/2016
