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**Practice areas:** Arbitration  
Automotive & Heavy Industry  
Construction / Engineering  
Joint Ventures / Consortia  
M&A  
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Pharmaceuticals  
Power / Energy  
Shareholder Agreements

**Spoken languages:** German  
English  
French

**Bar admission:** Geneva Bar (1979)

**Professional experience:** Dr. Wolfgang Peter is recognized by clients and his peers as one of the most in-demand counsels and arbitrators in Europe and globally.

Dr Peter has acted as counsel and arbitrator in over 240 arbitrations under most major international arbitration rules as well as in ad hoc arbitrations. He is particularly active in cases involving complex issues of valuations, including post-M&A disputes, joint ventures and projects stemming from the heavy industry. He has particular 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 and of the ASA Board. Prior to his new venture, Dr. Peter founded and headed the arbitration group of Python & Peter, and acted as a CEO of two luxury watch-making companies, for 12 years.

**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 Pol. Science 1974)  
University of Lausanne, Business School (M.B.A., 1972)

**Positions held:**

Founding Partner of Python & Peter, Geneva (1981-2015)  
CEO of Breguet Watch Group and Jaquet Droz (1987-2000)  
Adviser to the Federal Minister of Justice and Police (1980-1982)  
Secretary of the Federal Expert Commission on Swiss Company Law (1979-1980)

**Memberships:**

Member of the Board of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)  
Member of the Board of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)  
International Bar Association  
Geneva Arbitration Association  
Geneva Association of Business Law

**Representative cases:**

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.

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.

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.

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.

**Publications:**

*Arbitration and Renegotiation of International Investment Agreements*, Kluwer Law International, 2nd Edition 1995

Numerous articles on international arbitration topics

Speaker at numerous legal conferences