

Sophie Bühler

— Associate

Professional practice

Sophie Bühler is a Swiss qualified attorney-at-law specializing in international and domestic arbitration and related court proceedings.

She regularly acts as counsel and has served as administrative secretary in arbitration proceedings under various institutional rules (ICC, Swiss Rules, DIS, and CAS) as well as in ad hoc arbitrations. She has particular experience in commercial disputes arising from construction and distribution agreements, as well as employment contracts in the sports industry. Her sports practice also encompasses associative disputes and anti-doping proceedings.

Since July 2024, she has served as an arbitrator for the Swiss Sports Tribunal, adjudicating disputes concerning breaches of the Statutes on Ethics and the Doping Statute in Swiss Sport.

Prior to joining Peter & Kim, she practiced in the dispute resolution group of a leading Swiss law firm in Zurich and served as an ad hoc clerk for the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Prior to her admission to the bar, she served as an academic assistant at the University of Zurich, completed a judicial clerkship, and trained at major law firms in Zurich and London.

Career

- Associate, Peter & Kim, Zurich (2024-current)
- Associate, Bär & Karrer, Zurich (2021-2024)
- Academic Assistant to Prof. Dr. Ulrich Haas, Department of Civil Procedure and Private Law, Zurich (2017-2021)
- Judicial Law Clerk, Supreme Court of the Canton of Aargau (2016)
- Legal Intern, WilmerHale, London (2015-2016)
- Junior Associate, CMS von Erlach Poncet, Zurich (2014-2015)

Education

- LL.M. in Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution, University of Hong Kong (2014)
- MLaw, University of Zurich (2014)
- BLaw, University of Bern (2012)

Representative cases

- Counsel for a Swiss company in a Swiss Rules arbitration concerning a loan repayment claim and in a parallel arbitration regarding a post-M&A dispute.
- Counsel for a Dutch transportation company in an ICC arbitration against a Saudi counterparty concerning a construction commission fee dispute.
- Counsel for two global pharmaceutical companies in an ICC arbitration against a Saudi company concerning claims arising from a distribution agreement.



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ADMISSIONS & COURTS

Zurich, Switzerland (2020)

LANGUAGES

German, English, French

NATIONALITIES

Swiss

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Arbitration/Litigation
Distribution/Agency
Commercial Contracts
Sports Law

INDUSTRY SECTORS

Construction & Engineering
Pharmaceutical & Biotech
Sports

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- Administrative Secretary to the Tribunal in an ICC arbitration concerning a dispute arising from three agreements relating to the construction of facilities in Iran.
- Administrative Secretary to the Tribunal in an ICC arbitration concerning a dispute arising from a settlement agreement.
- Ad hoc Law Clerk in a CAS arbitration concerning an appeal against a FIFA Players' Status Committee decision relating to compensation claims by football coaches.

Professional associations

- Regional Ambassador for Switzerland for HK45
- Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) below 40
- ArbitralWomen
- Swiss Very Young Arbitration Practitioners (Swiss VYAP)
- Swiss Bar Association (SAV) / Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Fem'Up

Publications

- “*Radsport*”, in: Anne Mirjam Schneuwly/Yael Nadja Strub/Mirjam Koller Trunz (Hrsg.), Sportverbandskommentar, <https://sportverbandskommentar.ch/radsport>, 1. Aufl.
- “*Der “verkappte” Arrest*” together with David Trachsel (Bühler/Trachsel, in: Sunaric/Catelli (Hrsg.), Vorsorgliche Massnahmen – Fallstricke in der Praxis, 2023, p. 83 *et seqq.*
- “*Ausgewählte Stolpersteine bei der Schiedsbeschwerde*” together with Nadja Jaisli Kull (Bühler/Jaisli Kull, in: Sunaric/Catelli (Hrsg.), Rechtsmittelverfahren – Tücken und Stolpersteine in der Praxis, 2022, p. 79 *et seqq.*
- “*Substanziierung im Zivilprozess*” together with Prof. Ulrich Haas (Haas/Bühler, in: ZZPInt 22, 2017).

Speaking Engagements

- Moderator: “Swiss VYAP Interview Series – Pharma Arbitration”, 10 January 2024, Swiss VYAP-Event, online
- Moderator: “My first arbitrator appointment – nothing to worry about (?)”, 22 May 2024, DIS40-Event, Zurich
- Lecturer: “Sports Arbitration in Switzerland”, ELSA Summer Law School, Geneva

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