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Maximilian Ketnath

Maximilian focuses on advising clients in international and national arbitration proceedings. He has gained experience in international and national arbitration proceedings under the rules of ICC, DIS, ICSID and SCC, as well as in ad hoc arbitration proceedings. In addition, he specialises in the enforcement and defence of arbitral awards before state courts and in complex litigation proceedings. His main areas of expertise are disputes in the renewable energy, construction, infrastructure and intellectual property sectors. Maximilian also advises on investor-state arbitration proceedings under bilateral and multilateral investment agreements. Maximilian speaks German and English.

Selected references

- Representing a leading manufacturer of wind turbines in an ICC arbitration initiated by the owner of a wind farm in the Baltic Sea regarding alleged damages caused to the wind farm with an estimated value of EUR 30 million (FIDIC, Swiss seat, German law applicable)
- Participation in an ICC arbitration of a German manufacturer of industrial bottling units against a Turkish customer arising from alleged defects of the equipment with an amount in dispute totalling EUR 123 million (seat of arbitration in Switzerland, Swiss law applicable)
- Participation in an ICC arbitration of a manufacturer of medical devices against a competitor from Brazil due to an alleged infringement of trade secrets with an amount in dispute of approx. EUR 71 million (seat of the arbitration in Brazil, German substantive law applicable), as well as participation in the recognition proceedings of the arbitral award before German courts
- Participation in an ICC arbitration of a German industrial company arising from the withdrawal of a shareholder from a joint venture and the resulting necessary conversion of the industrial plant with a value in dispute of

more than EUR 50 million (seat of the arbitration in the United Kingdom, English law applicable)

- Participation in an ICSID arbitration of a Central Asian state against a US investor arising from the extraction of raw materials with a value in dispute of more than EUR 40 million.

Curriculum vitae

- Legal studies at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, 2015 to 2021
- Working as a student assistant and research assistant in a leading law firm in the field of international commercial arbitration and investment arbitration, 2018 to 2024
- Legal clerkship in Frankfurt am Main with stations in the legal department of the European External Action Service in Brussels and a leading arbitration and litigation boutique in Frankfurt am Main, as well as a station at a leading international law firm in the renewable energy and environmental social governance sectors in London, 2021 to 2023

Further qualifications and memberships

- Member of International Law Association (ILA) / German branch (DVIR)
- Member of "Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit e.V. (DIS)"
- Member of DIS40
- Member of Young European Federation for Investment and Arbitration (Young EFILA)

PRACTICE GROUPS

- **Plant engineering law**

SECTOR GROUPS

- **Alternative dispute resolution**
- **Power plant construction**
- **Offshore wind**

EXPERTISE

- Plant engineering law
- International arbitration/alternative dispute resolution

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

2025

- **Covi/➤ Ketnath**, International Investment Protection in the European Union – Can Investment Planning Close the Gap?, RInPrax 2025, S. 178

2023

- **Ketnath**, Energy law in European Union in: European Energy Handbook, 12. Auflage 2023