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Alexandra Simotta is a mediator and lawyer trained in New York and Austria. She started her career in two top tier Austrian law firms, CMS and Cerha Hempel, as a litigator and arbitration counsel. Currently, she holds the position of Head of Legal Austria and Senior Vice President at PAYONE, Austrian Branch, a European payment services provider and daughter company of Worldline Group. She advises the company in a variety of legal areas, especially in FinTech, data protection, antitrust law, civil and civil procedural law, banking regulatory law, commercial law, contract law, and corporate law. In her changing roles she has led PAYONE, SIX Group, Worldline, and SIX Payment Services through several (international) mergers and acquisitions and has enabled the introduction and placement of new technologies on the payments market.

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After 10 years practicing in a major international law firm, Sylvie became one of the founding partners of the Paris office of Signature Litigation and heads its product liability, toxic tort, and class action practice.

She is specialised in all cutting-edge complex disputes linked to products, namely product liability, product safety, toxic tort, mass litigation/class action, regulatory compliance, and environment for a variety of globally recognised manufacturers from industries such as automotive, electronic products, cosmetics, new technologies, steel, energy, food, toys, etc. Sylvie is further known in the French market as a leading toxic tort/mass litigation lawyer. She has been involved in most pro-company case law rendered in asbestos-related cases.

Sylvie is both an Avocat à la Cour in France and a Solicitor in England and Wales. She is described by *Who's Who Legal* as a "dynamic and determined litigator" who is "a firm favourite among clients" as "she always goes the extra mile to support her clients, and is proactive in seeking commercial solutions to disputes" and is "analytical, intelligent and responsive." Sylvie is ranked as Thought Leader by *Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defence 2022*, which notes she is "a star in the international world" and "well-connected expert." She is one of the three Leading Individuals for France listed by *The Legal 500* in Product Liability. She has also been awarded the "Best in Product Liability" award at the 2019 LMG Euromoney Europe Women in Business Law Awards and the "Lexology Client Choice" award in 2021.





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Mark is a partner at Adams and Reese LLP in New Orleans where he has practiced for 33 years in the area of business litigation, including class actions, antitrust, securities, D&O and E&O liability, contract disputes, and education law. He represents and advises multi-national companies, financial institutions, insurance companies, and privately-held businesses. Since 2007, Mark has been recognized for his work in both commercial litigation and antitrust by Best Lawyers in America and Louisiana Super Lawyers. He is also recognized by Chambers in the area of General Commercial Litigation. Mark has served his firm in various roles including on its Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, as Litigation Practice Group Leader, Recruiting Chair, Business Litigation Team Leader, Emerging Practice Areas Liaison, and is an originating member of its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. For his contributions in pro bono, his firm has recognized Mark as a CA&RE Lawyer of the Year.

Mark has been married to his wife, Anne, for 27 years, and they have two sons, Mark Jr. (25) and Chris (23).

Mark has been a member of the IADC since 2002, and is the IADC's current President. From 2018 to 2020, Mark served on the IADC Board after a six-year tenure on the IADC Foundation Board, holding the positions of Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. Mark and Anne are IADC Foundation Life Fellows. In 2016, Mark and Anne served as Convention Chairs. Mark has also acted as Open Forum Chair, the Annual Meeting CLE Steering Committee Chair, and served on the Trial Academy, the Nominating Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Centennial Committee.

Mark dedicates time to helping various charitable and educational organizations having served as President of the Jesuit High School Parents Board, President of the Jesuit High School Athletic Board, Chair of the Christian Brothers School Capital Campaign, and President of the Stuart Hall Parents Club. He is a graduate of the Metropolitan Action Committee's Leadership Forum and the New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute. He has been elected to the *Power Generation* by *New Orleans CityBusiness* and received *CityBusiness' Leadership in Law* award.





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Bruce Barze has a national litigation practice and over the last 30 years has acquired substantial experience in business, insurance, and environmental litigation, as well as the defense of high-stakes personal injury and wrongful death cases. He has tried lawsuits to verdict in five states and litigated matters in 20 states, territories, and Canada. Several clients call on him regularly for insurance coverage matters, ranging from coverage opinions to all types of coverage litigation. Bruce serves as state or regional trial counsel for a number of companies, including a global leader of power/automation technologies, syndicates in the London insurance market, European manufacturers, and market leaders that design and sell agricultural vehicles and implements, construction equipment, and industrial machinery.

He graduated *summa cum laude* from The University of Alabama School of Law in 1992, where he served on The Alabama Law Review, was inducted into the Order of the Coif, and was a M. Leigh Harrison Scholar and a Hugo Black Scholar. He graduated in 1987 from Vanderbilt University with a B.A. degree in Political Science. Bruce has been recognized by clients and peers in numerous publications, including *Chambers USA* (General Commercial Litigation) and *The Best Lawyers in America* (Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Environmental Litigation, Product Liability Litigation-Defendants). He was designated as *The Best Lawyers* 2019 "Lawyer of the Year" for Insurance Law and the 2020 "Lawyer of the Year" for Product Liability Litigation-Defendants in Birmingham. Bruce is married and the proud father of two children.





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Dominique Brown-Berset practises mainly in the field of international dispute resolution (in particular international arbitration, mediation, and litigation), contracts and international business transactions, as well as in matters involving international private and public law issues. She holds law degrees from Lausanne University Law School, Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, and Harvard Law School. She was called to the Bar in 1982. She has acted as counsel, cocunsel, and arbitrator (also as sole arbitrator and president of arbitral tribunals) in more than 250 international cases around the world, including in cases involving states and international organisations at both private and governmental levels. She has a particular interest and experience in early settlement tools related to arbitration.

She is on the panel of arbitrators of several arbitral institutions, in particular HKIAC, JCAA, SIAC, AIAC (previously KLRCA), and CAS. She is a member of the Management Board and the Supervisory Council of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (appointed by the Federal Government), member of the editorial board of several arbitration reviews and publications, such as, e.g., The Journal of International Arbitration, and GAR.

Dominique was a member of the LCIA Court of Arbitration until May 2020, former co-chair of the arbitration committee of the International Bar Association, past President of ArbitralWomen, former international vice-president of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London), and of the Executive Committee of the "Société Suisse des Juristes."





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Jiří Černý focuses mainly on litigation and arbitration. He regularly represents market leaders.

He has been with the firm since the establishment of the firm and became a Partner in 2001. Currently, he is the Leader of the Litigation and Insolvency practice at PETERKA & PARTNERS.

In his litigation and arbitration practice, he has represented clients operating in a wide range of sectors, such as banking, construction, machinery, automotive, professional services, and luxury and retail. He has been repeatedly listed as a recommended lawyer in the litigation area by *Chambers Europe*. He was also acknowledged by the World Bank for his long-term co-operation on the Doing Business project.

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For more than twelve years, Bob Craig has guided his clients in the identification, selection, and retention of consulting and testifying experts for complex litigation. To this task he brings nearly 50 years of legal experience, primarily as an in-house counsel. His legal background also includes time spent on active military duty and in private practice, having served as an Air Force JAG officer and US Air Force Academy professor, a law firm partner, and for nearly 30 years in-house for four major corporations, primarily in the position of chief litigation officer. Mr. Craig's experience managing complex litigation placed him in the middle of some of the most important cases affecting his industries. Bob received a B.A. in Journalism from Texas Christian University and his J.D. at the University of Virginia.





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Marc Dautlich is a partner at Bristows LLP, a full-service UK law firm focusing on the technology and life sciences sectors. He is a technology specialist with more than 25 years of experience gained in private practice, as well as in-house at Equifax and on secondments at Microsoft, consistently ranked in the legal directories as a Leading Individual in Data Protection, Privacy and Cybersecurity, and a *Who's Who Legal* Global Leader.

Marc advises clients on cyber security incidents, and regulatory investigations and disputes involving data privacy, misuse of private information and breaches of confidentiality, and has experience of devising voluntary redress schemes for individuals affected by such misuse or breaches. More broadly, Marc advises on the full range of data privacy and digital matters, helping clients to evaluate and manage data privacy and cyber risk in international compliance programs, in technology projects involving the development of machine learning/artificial intelligence, Internet of Things, cloud applications, in life sciences and medical device projects covering healthcare apps, remote diagnostics, clinical trials and investigations, and genomic research, and in the financial services sector across the lifecycle of product development and FinTech applications.

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Dr. Bernhard Meyer is an internationally renowned arbitrator and litigation specialist as well as a founding partner of MME Legal AG. He is Past-Vice-President of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), Past-President of the ICC Arbitration Commission Switzerland, former Head of the Arbitration Section of the Zurich Bar Association, and former Leader of the ASA Zurich Local Group. In the international arena, Bernhard was a Jurisdictional Council Member of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA), former Vice-Chair of the IPBA's Dispute Resolution Committee, and a past Chair of the International Sales Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA). Dr. Meyer is the author and co-author of numerous books and publications, particularly in the field of arbitration and procedural law. He acted as Presiding Arbitrator, Co-Arbitrator, and Counsel in more than 240 international arbitrations, primarily under the following rules: International Chamber of Commerce (ICC); Swiss Rules of International Arbitration (Swiss Arbitration Centre); London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA); SIAC Arbitration Rules (Singapore); ICDR/AAA Rules; Vienna Rules (Vienna International Arbitration Centre); WIPO Arbitration Rules; ICSID Rules; UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, and in ad hoc cases. In January 2019, the Swiss Confederation designated Dr. Meyer to serve as a permanent Swiss Member of the Panel of Conciliators for ICSID arbitrations until 2027.





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She is continuously ranked for Corporate and M&A by *Chambers Global* and *Chambers Europe*. Maria is recognized as leading individual by Legal500 for "Commercial, corporate and M&A" and "Competition." She is listed in latest editions of *Who's Who Legal*: M&A and Governance; and regularly recognized in Ukrainian legal rankings.

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Inter alia, Axel Reeg is an immediate past member of the Board of Trustees of CIArb (2013-2020) and a past vice chair of the DRA Committee of the IPBA. Axel is a member of ICC, ICCA, IBA, DIS, CEA, and ASA. Presently, he is a co-leader of the practice group on "settlement" within the DIS rules clinic. He regularly speaks and publishes on international dispute resolution topics including articles and contributions on arbitral tribunals engaging in settlement facilitation and on smart contracts and block chain arbitration.





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Drawing on her proven disputes expertise, she negotiates strategic sector-specific commercial contracts for high profile inbound and outbound investments involving Turkish parties. Infrastructure is a particular focus for her, from PPPs to turnkey power plant projects. In addition, she advises clients on a broad range of commercial matters, including private and commercial law, procurement, and sales activities, leveraging her commercial disputes experience. Recent key disputes include contractor disputes, the enforcement of arbitral awards, unfair competition challenges in the retail sector, distributorship disagreements between European and Turkish parties, pandemic-related supply chain issues, waste management regulatory compliance, and real estate disputes.

She is the International Committee Chair of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), a board member of DenizBank AG, and Vice President of the Association of Austrian and Turkish Entrepreneurs and Industrialists (ATIS), as well as a member of the Steering Committee of the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations.

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