



## PERSONAL

**Born** 1952, Geneva

**Nationalities** Swiss, Irish

**Languages** French, English, passive German and Italian

## PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

1988 Admitted as conseil juridique in Paris

1981 Admitted to the New York Bar

1977 Admitted to the Bar of Geneva (and Swiss Supreme Court)

## EDUCATION

1975 Licence en droit degree, Geneva University Law School

1972 Maturité classique, College Calvin, Geneva

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 to date *Tschanz Arbitration, Geneva* full-time practice as an independent arbitrator | 1989 – 2022 *Tavernier Tschanz, Geneva* - Partner - full-time practice of international arbitration as counsel and arbitrator | 1986 – 1988 *White & Case, Paris* - Counsel - full-time practice of international arbitration as counsel and arbitrator | 1983 – 1985 *White & Case, New York* - Associate - full-time practice of international arbitration as counsel and arbitrator | 1980 – 1983 *Lalive & Budin, Geneva* - Associate - full-time practice of international arbitration as assisting counsel and secretary of arbitral tribunals | 1978 – 1980 *Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, New York* - Foreign associate - U.S. litigation and general international practice, including arbitration | 1975 – 1977 *Lalive & Budin, Geneva* - Trainee - general practice, including arbitration.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Pierre-Yves Tschanz has been counsel of record in approximately 90 international arbitrations seated in Switzerland. In approximately half of them he was the lead counsel. The latter included several arbitrations with amounts in dispute exceeding a billion dollars.

In parallel to his activity as counsel, Mr Tschanz has been acting as an arbitrator in international arbitrations seated in New York, London, Paris, Stockholm, Vienna, The Hague, Warsaw, Bucharest, Geneva, Zurich and Lugano. Among these cases, he has been the presiding arbitrator in over 50 cases, sole arbitrator in over 25 cases, and co-arbitrator in over 40 cases. These cases included investment treaty arbitrations, six of which were ICSID cases, and one was administered by the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

Mr Tschanz also authored writings on international arbitration law, on which the Swiss Federal Supreme Court relied in numerous cases.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Swiss Arbitration Association; Geneva Bar Association; International Bar Association; Arbitration Ireland; Société suisse des juristes.

Designated by Switzerland to the ICSID panel of arbitrators (until February 2021).

## PUBLICATIONS

COMMENTAIRE ROMAND DE LA LOI FÉDÉRALE SUR LE DROIT INTERNATIONAL PRIVÉ ET LA CONVENTION DE LUGANO (*Helbing & Lichtenhahn, 2011*), *author of the commentary on international arbitration regarding Art 7, 177, 178, 179, 180, 180a, 180b, 181, 190(2) lit. a and b and 190(3) of the Swiss Private International Law Act. – The second edition is to be published in 2023.*

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION IN SWITZERLAND, *co-author with Prof. Andreas Bucher (Helbing & Lichtenhahn, 1989)*

## ARTICLES

### On Commercial Arbitration in General

The Commercial Arbitrator's Jurisdiction over the Contract in *Liber Amicorum Emmanuel Gaillard* (to be published 2023)

### On Arbitration in Switzerland

Yearly Review of Arbitration in Switzerland, *REVUE DE L'ARBITRAGE*, every year since 1981

Quelle mission pour les législateurs de l'arbitrage commercial international ? *BULLETIN ASA* 2021, pp. 42-60

Faillite et capacité d'être partie à un arbitrage international en Suisse, *LES CAHIERS DE L'ARBITRAGE*, 2013.439

De l'opportunité de modifier l'art. 7 LDIP, *ASA BULL.*, 2010.478

Arbitrage et Procédures Parallèles, in *Arbitrage Interne et International – COMPARATIVA* N° 79, 35 (2010)

The Award – How to structure it, how detailed? Reasoning and dispositive part, adding insult to injury? in *The Resolution of Dispute – from the Hearing to the Award*, *ASA SPECIAL SERIES* N° 29, 25 (2007)

Arbitrator's conflicts of interests: Switzerland, *ASA SPECIAL SERIES* N° 18, 65 (2001)

Le choix de l'arbitrage, *BAURECHT*, 56 (1992/3)

La convention d'arbitrage, *INT'L BUS. L. J.*, 749 (1989)

### On Arbitration in the United States

International Arbitration in the United States: the Need for a New Act, *3 ARB. INT'L*, 309 (1988)

Le droit américain et la convention de New York, *INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION - PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1ST LAVAL CONFERENCE*, 249 (1986)

### On Arbitration in France

Le contrôle judiciaire de la validité et du domaine de la clause compromissoire: émergence d'une nouvelle règle matérielle? case note, *REV. ARB.*, 691 (1989)

### On State Contracts

Compensation for Non-expropriatory Breaches of International Investment Law, The Contribution of the Argentine Awards, co-author with Jorge Viñuales, *26 J. OF INT'L ARBITRATION*, 729 (2009)

Contrats d'État et mesures unilatérales de l'État devant l'arbitre international, *74 REV. CRIT. DROIT INT'L PRIVÉ*, 47 (1985)

The Contributions of the Aminoil Award to the Law of State Contracts, *18 INT'L LAW*, 245 (1984)

## QUOTATIONS FROM DIRECTORIES

“Pierre-Yves Tschanz of Tavernier Tschanz combines an ‘extremely impressive ability to master a huge amount of factual and legal material’ with ‘exemplary judgement and diplomacy’.” *Who’s Who Legal (Arbitration), 2021*

“One source describes him as ‘extremely fair, balanced and very analytical in his reasoning.’” *Chambers Global, Switzerland, 2021*

«He is wonderful to appear before.» «He is good at getting to solutions and good at taking an innovative approach.» (*Chambers Europe, Europe-wide, 2021*)

«Interviewees enthuse that he is ‘good at getting to solutions and good at taking an innovative approach.’ He is also described as a ‘meticulous lawyer who provides good-quality work.’ « (*Chambers Europe, Switzerland, 2021*)

« Geneva-based Pierre-Yves Tschanz of Tavernier Tschanz is one of the top names in arbitration in Switzerland [...] ‘You consistently see him on the biggest cases,’ confirms a source. » (*Chambers 2015*)

« The ‘terrific’ Pierre-Yves Tschanz has served as arbitrator in over 100 cases and is regarded as ‘one of the best in the country’. » (*Who’s Who Legal (Switzerland/Arbitration) 2014*)

“Senior and highly respected Swiss figure Pierre-Yves Tschanz of Tavernier Tschanz in Geneva is increasingly recognised across Europe [...], with interviewees also pointing out his ‘very thorough and strategically clever’ appearances as counsel on numerous recent cases. » (*Chambers (Global) 2014*)

« Pierre-Yves Tschanz of Tavernier Tschanz is a hugely experienced arbitrator and counsel who is frequently instructed in both civil and common law cases. » (*Chambers (Europe) 2013*)

« Pierre-Yves Tschanz is a ‘meticulous and technically impressive practitioner’ who regularly acts in high-value arbitration. » (*Chambers (Global) 2008*)

« Pierre-Yves Tschanz is held in ‘extremely high regard’. » (*Legal 500 EMEA (Arbitration) 2009*)

« ‘Absolutely outstanding’ was how one client summed up Pierre-Yves Tschanz. Peers applaud his ability to bridge the divide between common and civil law. » (*Chambers (Global) 2006*)

« Tavernier Tschanz boasts a highly regarded arbitration practice, which enjoys a particular reputation for acting as counsel. The firm’s prowess in this area is largely due to the presence of the massively experienced Pierre-Yves Tschanz, who has led the firm in an impressive number of large and complex cases. » (*Legal 500 EMEA (Dispute Resolution) 2005*)