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## WE ASSERT YOUR RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

Arbitration clause, selection of arbitrators, arbitration assistance: Arbitration proceedings are already a real alternative to ordinary jurisdiction. We will be pleased to support you in the agreement of arbitration clauses or arbitration contracts and will accompany you during and after the arbitration proceedings.

National and international arbitration is becoming more popular than state jurisdiction. Especially in contracts with companies from non-EU countries, the agreement of an arbitration clause is a “must” - judgments of Austrian courts are usually not enforceable in third countries, whereas the enforceability of arbitral awards is ensured in 146 countries. Moreover, the arbitrators are experts specially selected for the respective proceedings, the course of the proceedings is determined by the parties and the applicable law as well as the language of the proceedings can be freely chosen.

Schindhelm has been advising national and international companies of all economic sectors for many years, starting with the agreement of arbitration clauses up to the enforcement of their claims in arbitration proceedings. We inform you about the opportunities and risks of a possible legal dispute and work out promising strategies with you. Whether it is a pre-litigation settlement attempt, out-of-court dispute resolution, proceedings before a (project-related) Dispute Resolution Board or arbitration, with us you can trust that we will find the right way.

Our arbitration experts look back on many years of experience in handling complex arbitration proceedings and also act as arbitrators. The arbitration venue of Vienna is generally a sought-after place for the settlement of disputes due to the arbitration-friendly jurisdiction of the Austrian courts and its modern and liberal arbitration law. The central location in the heart of Europe, the excellent infrastructure and the moderate costs compared to other major European cities make Vienna an extremely interesting neutral ground for arbitration proceedings for contracting parties from all over the world.

The Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber and its arbitration and conciliation rules (“Vienna Rules”) are also particularly appreciated by international contracting parties. Our arbitration experts are also familiar with all other renowned arbitration rules, such as those of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the German International Arbitral Centre (DIS) and the United Nations (UNCITRAL), the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), the Singapore International Arbitral Centre (SIAC) and the Swiss Chambers’ Arbitration Institution (Swiss Rules).

Due to our international orientation, we are able to represent our clients worldwide.



## SELECTED CONSULTATION GOALS

Benefit from the many years of experience of our arbitration law experts. Our expertise includes:

### **advice before the arbitration proceedings**

- advice in the selection of the arbitration venue and the law applicable to the contract;
- selection of the appropriate arbitration institution and the applicable arbitration rules;
- writing of arbitration agreements adapted to the respective contractual circumstances;
- support in settlement discussions, also by specially trained mediators;

### **support in arbitration proceedings**

- preparation for the implementation of the procedure, e.g. by selecting private experts and obtaining private expert opinions;
- selection of arbitrators;

- representation during the entire arbitration proceedings;
- determination of the course of the proceedings;
- training of knowledge bearers and experts in preparation for the arbitration proceedings;

### **support even after an arbitration procedure**

- enforcement of the arbitration award before the national courts;
- management of severance proceedings;



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