

# VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:** Equity Partner

5. **Education:**

- a) **Studies of Law and Economics at Westfälische Wilhelms Universität, Münster, Germany**
- b) **1. State Exam in Law in the year 2000**
- c) **PhD (Intangible assets in group financial reporting according to US GAAP and IFRS) in the year 2003**
- d) **2. State Exam in Law in the year 2007 (after PhD and working at law firm and university in Chile)**
- e) **Qualified as Solicitor in England & Wales in the year 2010**
- f) **Qualified as Advogado in Brazil in the year 2015.**

6. **Practiced experience in arbitration**

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?
  - a) ICSID (as member of Jorge Bofill's team in Santiago Chile, 2004),
  - b) Swiss Rules (as member of CMS Hasche Sigle's / Thorsten Lörchers' litigation/arbitration team),
  - c) ICC (as partner at Veirano's)
    - aa) international: dispute between a German multinational (client) and a Spanish company, related to a major infrastructure project in Brazil,
    - bb) national: dispute between a Brazilian construction company (client) and a Brazilian state entity related to another major infrastructure project,
  - d) DIS (as partner at Veirano's): dispute related to the remuneration of a Brazilian sales representative (client),
  - e) NAI (as partner at Veirano's): delivered expert opinion on Brazilian Law, related to a commercial law dispute.
- How often have you acted as Chairman?  
n/a
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?  
n/a
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?

n/a

- How often have you acted as Counsel?

I acted as counsel or member of counsel's team five times [please refer to lit. a) to d) above].

- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?

Only once did I act in a different function, as an expert on Brazilian Law [see lit. e), above].

**7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):**

- a) Article: Arbitration in Brazil, together with Ronaldo Veirano, in *liber amicorum* for Gerhard Wegen, C.H. Beck 2015,
- b) E-Book: *International Arbitration in Brazil – An Introductory Practitioner's Guide*, together with several colleagues of Veirano's, Kluwer Arbitration 2017,
- c) Frequent speaker engagements, e.g. in Vienna:
  - i. Panelist on Arbitration (giving overview over Brazilian arbitration reform act of 2015) at IBA Annual Conference, Vienna 2014,
  - ii. Speaker at Vienna Arbitration Days' World Caffee, 2019

**8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:**

- a) ICC (Veirano as institutional member)
- b) DIS, Cologne, Germany
- c) ELArb *European-Latinamerican Arbitration Association* (member of appointing committee), Hamburg, Germany
- d) CAE - Câmara de Mediação e Arbitragem das Eurocâmaras, São Paulo, Brazil

**9. Languages**

Mother tongues:

- a) German
- b) English

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language):

- c) Spanish
- d) Portuguese

**10. In which legal systems have you trained?**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil Law  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Law |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austrian Law          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungarian Law         | <input type="checkbox"/> Swiss Law     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Czech Law             | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish Law            | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian Law |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> German Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovakian Law         | <input type="checkbox"/> European Law  |

Other: English law, Brazilian law

**11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?**

Brazil (by now)

**12. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Unfair competition               | <input type="checkbox"/> Damages                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Insolvency               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Intern. Law     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking & Finance                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Domain name disputes             | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellect. property (IP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Intern. Law      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital markets                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment                       | <input type="checkbox"/> ISDS/ Foreign invest.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CISG                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint ventures           | <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil fraud disputes                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial disp. / transactions | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Life sciences            | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Public contracts  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity market                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Healthcare & Pharmac. | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime arbitration     | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Company/Corporate/M&A           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Gastro./Tour.              | <input type="checkbox"/> Media                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunication       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Inform. technology (IT)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract law                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure        | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural resources        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                |   |   |  |

**13. Date of birth:** 4<sup>th</sup> of April 1975

I have completed this questionnaire to the above to the best of my knowledge and believe they are accurate.

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6<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date