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Personal statement

With over 25 years in international arbitration, Dr. Bjoern Etgen excels in **high-stakes cross-border commercial arbitration disputes**, leveraging his deep understanding of cultural nuances and legal frameworks in Asia and Europe. Dr. Etgen's arbitration expertise spans from international trade and M&A transactions to tech, finance and infrastructure sectors.

Skills

- 25+ years of experience in China and Asia-related arbitration
- Particular experienced with CIETAC, HKIAC, SHIAC, SIAC, SCC and DIS arbitrations
- Conducts arbitrations in German, English and Chinese (Mandarin)
- Extensive arbitration experience involving Chinese SOEs, JVs in the areas of tech, engineering, manufacturing and infrastructure

Work history

- **NEXUS ARBITRATOR CHAMBERS**
Independent arbitrator
- **MANAGING PARTNER CHINA** of an international business law firm (Beijing, Hong Kong, Munich 1997 – 2016)

Education

PH.D. (LAW)
University of Münster

STUDIES OF LAW AND CHINESE
Universities of Tübingen, Münster and Taipei



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- **SENIOR ASIA COUNSEL**, Deputy-head of Dispute Resolution Group, international law firm, Germany (2016-2025)
- **INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ARBITRATOR** with over 25 years of experience in international commercial arbitration, with a particular focus on Greater China and Asia-related disputes.
- He is recognized as **one of the few European arbitrators able to conduct proceedings in Chinese (Mandarin)** and has acted as presiding arbitrator, co-arbitrator and counsel in complex cross-border matters involving multinational and Chinese parties.
- He is known for **combining legal, linguistic and cultural fluency** when handling **high-value complex disputes** across Europe and Asia.
- Dr. Etgen has acted in more than 40 arbitration proceedings relating to Europe, China and other Asian jurisdictions at CIETAC, HKIAC, SHIAC, SIAC, ICC, SCC and DIS.

Admission - German Bar
(Rechtsanwalt) 1995

**REGISTERED FOREIGN
LAWYER (BEIJING)**

Chinese Ministry of Justice
(1996 - 2005)

**REGISTERED FOREIGN
LAWYER**

Hong Kong Law Society
(2005 - 2013)

Awards, memberships, highlight cases and publications

He currently (2025) serves **as presiding arbitrator and co-arbitrator** in several high-value commercial arbitration cases with a total amount under dispute **exceeding USD 250 million**.

Consistently listed "**Best Lawyer Germany**"- **Dispute Resolution** (2021- 2025)

Fellow - HKG Institute of Arbitration (HKArb) - Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators

Member IPBA, **Dispute Resolution Committee**

2024 - Co-**Author "CIETAC Arbitration Rules 2024** – An article-by-article commentary (English)

Member, DIS (German Arbitration Institute) and DIS China Committee