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Moritz Schmitt represents German and international clients in complex cross-border disputes. He specialises in commercial arbitration and corporate litigation.

Moritz advises clients from the industrial manufacturing sector, such as automotive, aerospace, healthcare or engineering companies, as well as from the financial services sector, such as banks or payment service providers. He has handled arbitrations under a variety of rules (including ICC, LCIA, DIS, VIAC, ICSID) with a focus on distribution, commercial liability, joint venture, post-M&A as well as IP-related disputes.

Prior to founding rothorn legal, Moritz was a Principal Associate in the International Arbitration Group and the Financial Institutions Disputes Group at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Frankfurt. At Freshfields, Moritz has been on extended secondments to the firm's offices in Vienna and Paris. Moritz was also seconded to the litigation/arbitration team at Airbus in Toulouse for six months.

Moritz is a co-chair of DIS40 - the young professionals organisation of the German Arbitration Institute (*Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit, DIS*) with more than 2,000 members. He previously acted as a *regional representative* of the *Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG)*, the young professionals organisation of the *London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)*.

Moritz co-teaches a course on international commercial arbitration as a visiting professor in the master's program of the *Université Catholique de Lille*. He frequently speaks and publishes on contemporary questions of international arbitration.

Moritz has been consistently recognised in *Who's Who Legal* as a Future Leader in Arbitration since 2019.

Moritz speaks German and English.



## Experience

- Representing a European aerospace company in arbitrations with its suppliers.
- Representing a German listed automotive group in a commercial arbitration with general distributors
- Representing a German listed engineering company in a post-M&A arbitration
- Representing an Austrian listed company in several arbitrations with its Asian joint venture partners
- Representing a European financial institution in appraisal proceedings related to a squeeze out

## Qualification

- Rechtsanwalt (Germany)
- University of Freiburg (Germany)
- New York University School of Law (US), Fulbright Scholar
- University of Uppsala (Sweden)
- Legal Training (*Referendariat*), Hanseatic Upper Regional Court in Hamburg (Germany) with seats in Freshfields' offices in Hamburg and Hong Kong

## Publications

- Commentary on Art. 1 and 6 CISG in Brunner, Christoph / Gottlieb, Benjamin, Kommentar zum Übereinkommen der Vereinten Nationen über Verträge über den internationalen Warenkauf (available in German and English)
- Commentary on EU Regulation 912/2014 establishing a framework for managing financial responsibility linked to investor-to-state dispute settlement tribunals established by international agreements to which the European Union is party in Krenzler/Herrmann/Niestedt, EU-Außenwirtschafts- und Zollrecht (in German)
- Commentary on EU Regulation 1219/2012 establishing transitional arrangements for bilateral investment agreements between member states and third countries in Krenzler/Herrmann/Niestedt, EU-Außenwirtschafts- und Zollrecht (in German)
- Introduction to International Commercial Arbitration / Einführung in das Schiedsverfahrensrecht, JURA 2010, 520 (in German)

