



**Professional
Background**

2014 -

Borris Hennecke Kneisel PartmbB | Cologne, Germany

Founding Partner

2009-2014

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP | Cologne, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

Associate

Education

2009

Second State Exam (qualification to hold the office of a judge in the German state courts), North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

2007

Doctorate degree in law (Dr. iur.), University of Frankfurt/Main, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory: "Arbitration in International Administrative Unions"

2004

First State Exam, Hessen, Germany

1999-2004

Law studies, University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany (Scholarship Holder of the German National Academic Foundation)

Areas of Specialization

Post M&A, corporate, construction / turn-key projects, energy and cross-border sales transactions, D&O-liability

Experience**Arbitral Appointments (- 2021): 21**

thereof as Chairman: 9

thereof as Sole Arbitrator: 2

thereof as Co-Arbitrator: 10

ICC, DIS, DIS-SRCoLD, ad hoc

ADR

Acting as Mediator

Counsel

Arbitration: More than 25 international and domestic arbitration proceedings (ICC, DIS, NAI, UNCITRAL, ad hoc)

Litigation: Numerous general commercial and arbitration-related state court proceedings

Academic Activities**2015 - 2021**

Lecturer on International Dispute Resolution at the Europa-Institute of Saarland University, Germany

**Memberships and
Credentials**

German Institution of Arbitration (DIS); Past Regional Coordinator of DIS40 (2010-2012)

LCIA Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG)

ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF)

International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)

Sebastian Kneisel comes highly recommended as "an affable colleague" who excels thanks to his "vast experience in complex disputes". (Who's Who Legal: Germany 2022 - Arbitration)

"excellent, creative, hands-on" (JUVE German Commercial Law Firms 2021/2022)

"excellent, very flexible" (JUVE German Commercial Law Firms 2020/2021)

Sebastian Kneisel is one of the "leading arbitrators of the next generation".
(The Legal 500 Germany 2020)

Sebastian Kneisel is a "very dedicated and smart" arbitration practitioner who stands out among peers for his "precise and foresighted" approach to disputes.
(Who's Who Legal: Germany 2020 - Arbitration)

“very experienced all-rounder in arbitration” (JUVE German Commercial Law Firms 2019/2020)

“Sebastian Kneisel is well regarded for his arbitration practice where he advises clients on complex dispute resolution matters and is praised by sources for his deep understanding of arbitration proceedings.” (Who’s Who Legal: Germany 2019 – Arbitration)

Sebastian Kneisel combines “very efficient strategic thinking with the appropriate economic understanding”. (The Legal 500 Germany 2018)

The LMG Rising Stars Guide has nominated Sebastian for four consecutive years (2015-2018) as “Rising Star” in commercial arbitration.

Working Languages

German, English

**Publications and
Speaking Engagements
(selection)**

Verteidigungsstrategien gegen die Anordnung der Document-Production in: internationalen Schiedsverfahren (*Defense strategies against document production in international arbitrations*), in: SchiedsVZ 2013, p. 1320-1330 (with Claudia Lecking)

Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit in Internationalen Verwaltungsunionen (1874 - 1914): Die Verrechtlichung der zwischenstaatlichen Streitbeilegung (*Arbitration in International Administrative Unions*), Baden-Baden, 2009

“Best Practices and Process Efficiency in Arbitration” – ADR Days Barcelona (2018)

“The Interaction between State Courts and Arbitral Tribunals” – Panelist, CEA-40 and DIS40, Barcelona (2018)

“Finanzierung von Schiedsverfahren – Dos and Don’ts im Umgang mit Prozessfinanzierern” – DIS40 Nord, Hamburg, Germany (2018)

“Introductory Lecture on International Commercial Arbitration”, Frankfurt Drafting School (2014-2019)

“Enforcement proceedings - Strategic choices” – Panelist, AIJA in Stockholm, Sweden (2017)

“International Arbitration” – Panelist, European Lawyers Berlin Annual 2016 Conference (2016)
