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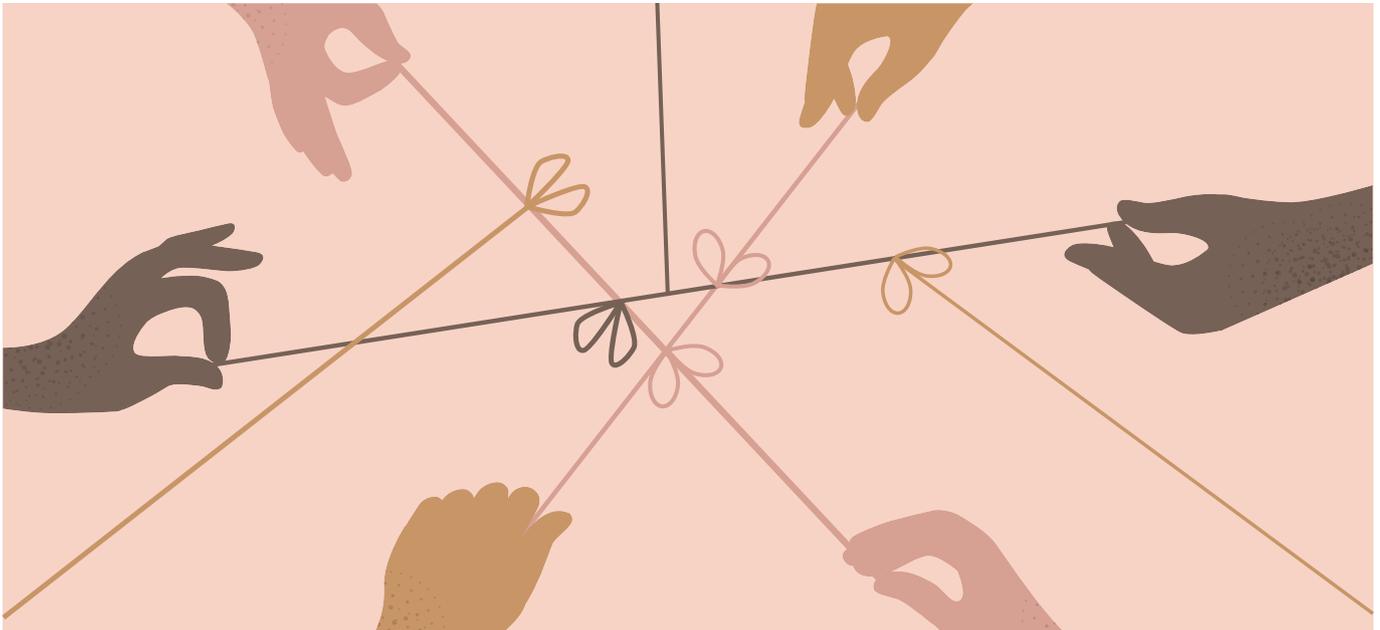
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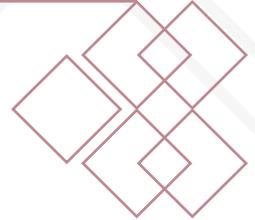
Urs Weber-Stecher is primarily active in the areas of international arbitration, mediation and antitrust law. He acts as an arbitrator and mediator or as a party representative before arbitral tribunals. He is a longstanding lecturer in international arbitration at the University of Zurich and co-founder of the Swiss Arbitration Academy, as well as president of the Swiss Commission of Arbitration (National Committee) of ICC Switzerland. He is a member of the board of the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) and of the Advisory Council for Mediation of the Swiss Arbitration Centre. He also regularly lectures on international arbitration and mediation.

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**Q&A WITH URS WEBER-STECHER****What do you consider to be your major career achievements?**

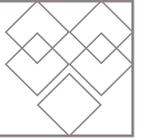
◆ From my perspective, my greatest professional success is that in international arbitration cases in which a Swiss arbitrator is sought, I regularly appear on the lists of possible candidates exchanged between the parties or submitted by lawyers to their clients. This shows that I have been able to perform my work in a convincing manner so far and that this is also perceived this way in the market. I consider this to be a valuable achievement and I am very pleased about it. Now I am striving to achieve the same level of recognition in the field of commercial mediation.

Could you provide an insight into how you approach your work? What drives and motivates you?

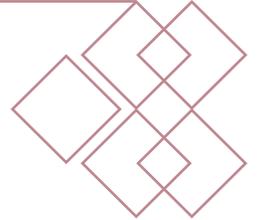
◆ When I get a new request for an arbitration or mediation mandate, the first thing I consider is: what is the need of the party or parties? Secondly, I consider how I can meet this need most efficiently and contribute to finding a fair solution for all parties involved. Depending on my role – as chairman of the arbitral tribunal, co-arbitrator or mediator – this means something slightly different, but always within the framework of the requirement of independence and impartiality. I find it a great challenge and a pleasure to find the right way in each situation. This is what makes the profession of an arbitrator or mediator so exciting and motivates me again and again.

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**In what ways do you endeavour to support the career development of your colleagues rising through the ranks?**

◆ The most important thing is that younger colleagues get a chance to assist in real arbitration cases, establish their own practice and take on responsibility as soon as possible. Through continuous feedback from the senior partner, they learn what it means to provide high quality dispute resolution services. That is the core of any success. In addition, they must learn in which professional organisations they should participate, where they can give lectures and speeches and publish opinion pieces. In this way, young colleagues continuously improve their professional skills, build up an international network and can constantly enhance their reputation in the field of dispute resolution. Inclusion in rankings is then a natural consequence and reward for these efforts. ■



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 REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- ◆ Acting as chairman of an arbitral tribunal in a dispute between a bankruptcy officer and a group of companies relating to a claim arising from incorrect enterprise valuation. The amount in dispute is €445m.
- ◆ Acting as chairman of an arbitral tribunal in a dispute between two European companies in the gas industry relating to gas pipeline transport capacities. The amount in dispute is €220m.
- ◆ Acted as co-arbitrator of an arbitral tribunal in a dispute between a luxury food company and its licensee relating to contractual damage claims based on a licence agreement. The amount in dispute was CHF130m.
- ◆ Acted as chairman of an arbitral tribunal in a dispute between two European companies in the gas industry relating to gas price adjustments based on a gas supply contract. The amount in dispute was €1.2bn.

