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Attorney-at-Law, Dr. Iur.

Mathieu Granges specialises in litigation and arbitration. He has in particular acted in over forty commercial and investment arbitration proceedings, both ad hoc and institutional (including under the Swiss Rules, ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL and ICSID). These matters have involved a range of procedural and substantive laws. His experience spans sectors including sale and purchase agreements and Engineering, Procurement and Construction contracts. He has acted as counsel in disputes arising from steel transactions and technically complex construction projects, both in Switzerland and internationally. He has also represented private entities and States in setting-aside proceedings before the Swiss Federal Tribunal, including in intra-EU investment treaty cases.

He appears regularly before State courts in commercial matters and maintains a broad practice encompassing commercial contracts, employment law and real estate. In the field of insolvency, he advises and represents clients in asset-freezing measures, composition proceedings and bankruptcies.

He also has significant expertise in the recognition and enforcement of court judgments, arbitral awards and foreign insolvency orders.

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EXPERTISE

Arbitration
Employment, Social Security, Pension and Immigration
Insolvency, Asset Recovery and Restructuring
Litigation
Real Estate and Construction

LANGUAGES

English
French
German
Italian

CAREER

Since 2024	Partner, valfor, Geneva
2020–2024	Partner, PYTHON, Geneva
2015–2019	Associate, PYTHON, Geneva
2017	Secondee Associate, Clyde & Co LLP, London
2014–2015	Trainee, Python & Peter, Geneva
2008–2013	Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of International Private Law, for Professor Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler and Professor Thomas Kadner Graziano, Law Faculty of the Geneva University
2008–2010	Support for the Geneva Master in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS)
2008	Research Assistant, Project directed by Professor Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler and funded by SNSF; Topic: The Philosophical and Legal Theoretical Aspects of Arbitration, Law Faculty of the Geneva University
2007	Internship, Legal Services, Ahnefeld und Kollegen, Berlin

EDUCATION

2015	Bar admission, Geneva
2014	PhD in Law: The awarding of interests in international arbitration, Supervisor: Prof. Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler (magna cum laude), University of Geneva
2013	Certificate of Advanced Studies in Legal Profession Lawyer School (ECAV), University of Geneva
2012–2013	Visiting Scholar at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)
2008	Bilingual Master of Law in International and European Law (magna cum laude), Thesis: The reform of China's retirement system, Universities of Geneva and Basel
2007	Bachelor of Law (magna cum laude), Geneva University
2005–2006	ERASMUS student, Humboldt University of Berlin
1998–2003	Maturité, section Latin, English, complementary option History, (Distinction: Award in Mathematics), High School, Collège de l'Abbaye de Saint-Maurice

MEMBERSHIPS

Geneva Bar Association
Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
Swiss Bar Association (SAV/FSA)

PUBLICATIONS

2014	Les intérêts moratoires en arbitrage international, Thèse de doctorat, Schulthess / LGDJ, Collection genevoise, 2014, p. 343
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2025	ASA Local Group Geneva, Frais et intérêts dans l'arbitrage international, conférence donnée avec Nina Lauber-Thommesen, Chambre de Commerce, d'Industrie et des Services de Genève (CCIG), 12 juin 2025, Genève
2019	Interview sur différents point de droit contractuel, RTS (Radio Télévision Suisse), émission A Bon Entendeur (ABE) diffusée le 19 novembre 2019, Sujet: comment faire compliqué quand ça pourrait être simple! (https://www.rts.ch/play/tv/a-bon-entendeur/video/assurance-voyage--comment-faire-complique-quand-ca-pourrait-etre-simple-?urn=urn:rts:video:10878695)
2018	Les spécificités de l'arbitrage commercial international et la mise en œuvre du recours à l'arbitrage - Expériences européennes, 33e Conférence internationale des Barreaux de tradition juridique commune, Prélude CIFAf, 3 décembre 2018, Lausanne
2018	Jurisdiction over set-off defenses arising out of contracts that are subject to another arbitration clause (cf. 4A_482/2010) - Practical Application and Solutions, ASA below 40, Seminar, Swiss Case Law Series, 14 September, 2018, Bern
2011	The conflict of characterizations of the concept of interest in international arbitration, in PhD school, International Private Law: Third Cycle, Swiss western University Conference (CUSO), 24 March 2011, Neuchâtel