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Expertise

Stephan Netzle is a well-known specialist in sports law, telecommunication and arbitration. He has a long-standing experience in representing and advising international sports organisations, event organizers, athletes, marketing agencies and other rights holders in commercial and disciplinary matters. He is a listed arbitrator with the ICC focusing on disputes related to IT, IP, telecommunication and the sports industry, and an arbitrator with the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal (BAT). From 2017 to 2020, he served as president of the Swiss Communications Commission (ComCom), which is the Swiss regulatory authority for telecommunication. Stephan Netzle was a competitive rower, participated in two Olympic Finals (Moscow 1980 and Los Angeles 1984) and became World Champion as a member of the Swiss coxless four.

Latest publications (selection)

Telekommunikation, together with Jan Pohle and Stefan Polster, in Handbuch für Internationales Wirtschaftsrecht, Hrsg. Herbert Kronke, Werner Melis, Hans Kuhn, 2nd ed., Köln 2017.

Arbitrating Disputes in a Modern Sports World, The new WADA Code 2015 and the View of the Federation (Publications of the 5th Conference CAS & SAV Lausanne 2014), Berne 2016

Der Sponsoringvertrag, in: Kommentar zum ZGB/OR, Hrsg. Markus Müller-Chen, Claire Huguenin, Daniel Girsberger, 3rd ed. Zürich 2016

Kommentar zur Schweizerischen ZPO, Art. 374 - 377, Hrsg. Thomas Sutter-Sohm, Franz Hasenböhler, Christoph Leuenberger, Zürich 2016.

Sports Arbitration: What Are Its Limits as a Model for Other Fields of Arbitration? in: Sports Arbitration: A Coach for Other Players?, ed. by Elliott Geisinger and Elena Trabaldo de Mestral, ASA Special Series No. 41, 2015.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport, together with Michael Beloff QC and Ulrich Haas, in: Sport: Law and Practice, ed. by Adam Lewis QC and Jonathan Taylor, 3rd, 2014

Editor Switzerland of the bi-monthly Sport und Recht (SpuRt).

Practice Areas

- Sports
- Telecommunication
- Intellectual Property
- Contracts
- Litigation and arbitration

Education

1991	LL.M.	University of Virginia
1987	Admission to the bar	
1987	Dr. iur.	University of Zurich
1984	Lic. iur.	University of Zurich

Other positions

Since 2012	Lecturer Course of Advanced Studies University of Zurich (business law/sports law)
Since 2009	Lecturer University of Zurich on International Arbitration
Since 2004	Lecturer Swiss Diploma for Sport Doctors
2017 - 2020	President of the ComCom (Swiss Regulatory Body for Telecommunication)
1991 - 2010	Member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and ad hoc judge at the Olympic Games in Sydney (2000) and Beijing (2008)
2002 - 2016	Lecturer Master Course CIES (University of Neuchâtel)
2007 - 2015	Vice President Swiss Olympic
1982 - 1990	President of the Swiss Athletes Comitee