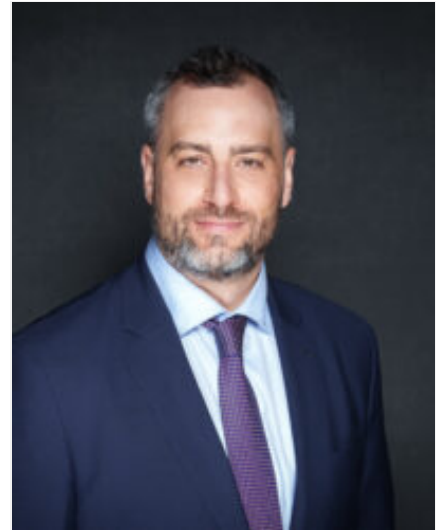


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## Vita

Marco Vedovatti is admitted to practice in Switzerland and Spain. He is particularly well positioned to advise in cross-border matters involving Spanish or Italian-speaking clients or jurisdictions.

His practice focuses on dispute resolution, in particular international sports and commercial arbitration, and related court proceedings. He represents clients before, among others, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and the dispute resolution bodies of national and international sports federations in complex and high-stakes sports disputes, as well as before major arbitral institutions in commercial matters. He also represents clients in setting-aside proceedings of arbitral awards before the Swiss Supreme Court.

He regularly publishes and lectures on international arbitration and sports arbitration.

## Professional background

- Partner at Bratschi Ltd in Zurich (since 2023)
- Senior Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd in Zurich (2019-2022)
- Principal Associate at Cuatrecasas in Madrid (2012-2017)
- Research and Teaching Assistant at the University of Geneva (Prof. Margareta Baddeley, Chair of Family, Inheritance and Sports Law) (2010-2011)
- Trainee Lawyer at Ming Halpérin Burger Inaudi in Geneva (2008-2010)
- Trainee Lawyer at Brunoni Molino Mottis Adami in Lugano (2007-2008)
- Trainee Lawyer at the Court of 1st Instance in Lugano (2006-2007)

## Training

- Master Course in Business and Human Rights, University of Bergen (2022)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Spanish Law, University of Alcalá de Henares, Madrid (2014)
- LL.M. in International Sports Law, ISDE, Madrid (2012, first of the promotion)
- Law degree (lic. iur), University of Fribourg (2005)

## Reference cases

- Counsel to a national anti-doping agency in a complex and high-stakes dispute before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)
- Counsel to professional athletes in anti-doping proceedings before the Anti-Doping Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS ADD)
- Counsel to an athlete before the ad hoc Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for the Beijing Olympic Games 2022, regarding a provisional suspension in an anti-doping matter. The suspension was successfully lifted
- Counsel to a professional athlete in the setting-aside and revision proceedings of an award of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in a complex anti-doping matter. The Swiss Supreme Court upheld the motion for revision in a landmark decision. Legal assistance included representation in the remanded arbitration before the CAS
- Representation of professional athletes in setting-aside proceedings against awards of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in anti-doping disputes
- Counsel to agents and football clubs before FIFA adjudication bodies in disputes arising out of agency and employment contracts
- Representation of a coach in disciplinary proceedings before the FEI Tribunal
- Counsel to a Spanish engineering company in an ICC arbitration in a dispute arising out of the delivery of a rolling mill against a state-owned Algerian company (seat in Paris and contract governed by Algerian law). Legal advice included assistance in related proceedings before French and Spanish state courts
- Counsel to a media company before the Swiss Arbitration Centre in a dispute arising out of the contract on TV rights for a major sporting event (seat in Zurich and contract governed by Swiss law)
- Counsel to a Spanish engineering company in an ICC arbitration in a dispute arising out of the delivery of a rolling mill in Morocco (seat in Geneva and contract governed by Swiss law). Legal advice included assistance in related proceedings before Swiss and Moroccan state courts
- Counsel to a Spanish engineering company in an arbitration before the OHADA Common Court of Justice and Arbitration in a dispute arising out of the revamping of a power plant (seat in Dakar and contract governed by Senegalese law)
- Counsel to a Spanish construction company in an ICC arbitration in a dispute arising out of the construction of a major infrastructure project in Bulgaria (seat

in Paris and contract governed by Bulgarian law, Red and Yellow FIDIC). Legal advice included representation before a Dispute Adjudication Board (DAB)

- Counsel to a South-american intermediary in an ICC arbitration in a dispute arising out of a contract in the defense sector (seat in Madrid and contract governed by Spanish law)
- Pre-litigation advice in relation to a major infrastructure project in Central Asia (contract governed by the law of a CIS country)
- Pre-litigation advise in relation to the construction of a nuclear plant in South-America (contract governed by Swiss law).
- Pre-litigation advice in relation to a partnership agreement regarding a major contruction project in South America (contract governed by Swiss law)
- Counsel in cross-border private anti-trust enforcement proceedings in Spain, UK and Italy

## **Other activities**

- Member of the Sports Resolutions International Panel (since 2024)
- Lecturer in Swiss Law and International Sports Arbitration at the Global Master in International Sports Law, ISDE, Madrid (since 2022)
- Lecturer in Swiss Law and International Sports Arbitration, University Externado of Colombia, Bogotá (since 2022)
- Lecturer in Swiss Law and International Sports Arbitration at the Master in International Sports Law, ISDE, Madrid (since 2014)
- Lecturer in Swiss Association Law, European University - School Real Madrid, Madrid (2016-2018)
- Lecturer in Comparative Law - Introduction to Swiss Law, ISDE, Madrid (2016-2018)
- Lecturer in International Arbitration at the Master for the Admission to the Spanish Bar, CUNEF, Madrid (2017-2019)
- Coach with CUNEF for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vienna Moot), Madrid (2014-2017)
- Former member of the Swiss Swimming National Team (1998-2000)

## **Awards**

- recommended for «Arbitration» by Legal500 (2022)

## **Memberships**

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- Swiss Sports Law Association (ASDS)
- Spanish Arbitration Club (Club español de arbitraje) (CEA)
- Madrid Bar Association (ICAM, non-practising)

## Expertise

Infrastructure Law, Conflicts of Laws, Litigation, Arbitration, Sports Law, Contract Law

## Practice Groups

Litigation and Debt Collection, Arbitration

## Industry groups

International Practice, Sports

## Publications

### **arbitration blog: Decisions of the Swiss Federal Court in international sports arbitration published in December 2023 and January 2024**

Vedovatti Marco and Merkt Emile, in: bratschi arbitration blog, February 2024

### **arbitration blog: Decisions of the Swiss Federal Court in international sports arbitration published in November 2023**

Vedovatti Marco and Aliotta Elisa, in: bratschi arbitration blog, January 2024

### **arbitration blog: What you should know about the attorney-client privilege in international arbitration – Some practical tips**

Vedovatti Marco and Sohm Aline, in: bratschi arbitration blog, November 2023

### **arbitration blog: Decisions of the Swiss Federal Court in international sports arbitration**

Vedovatti Marco, in: bratschi arbitration blog, October 2023

### **arbitration blog: Decisions of the Swiss Federal Court in international sports arbitration**

Vedovatti Marco and Lafée-Pichardo Mariana, in: bratschi arbitration blog, August 2023

### **Das FIFA-Fussballvermittlerreglement 2023 in Kürze**

Vedovatti Marco, in: bratschiLETTER Sport August 2023

### **Vertragsbruch: Sporting Clube de Portugal v Rafael Leão**

Vedovatti Marco, in: SpoPrax 4/2023, S. 256

### **arbitration blog: Decisions of the Swiss Federal Court published in June 2023 in international sports arbitration**

Vedovatti Marco and Gargiulo Damiano, in: bratschi arbitration blog, July 2023

### **El Derecho suizo en la organización deportiva internacional**

Vedovatti Marco, in: Presentation University of Bogotá, 17 - 18 May 2023

## **¿Cómo afecta el Derecho suizo al arbitraje internacional deportivo ante el TAS?**

Vedovatti Marco, in: Presentation Charla ACODEPOR, Bogotá, 16 May 2023

## **Article 8 of the Swiss Civil Code (burden of proof) is not an issue of public policy**

Vedovatti Marco in: ISDE Sports Law Alumni Newsletter, Issue 2/2014

## **Swiss Federal Decisions 4A\_362/2013 and 4A\_448/2013 – admission by the Arbitral Tribunal of unlawfully obtained evidence did not violate procedural public policy**

Vedovatti Marco in: ISDE Sports Law Alumni Newsletter, Issue 3/2014

## **The protection of minors in organized sport – What should we learn from the Baena Case?**

Vedovatti Marco in: World Sports Law Report, Volume 12, Issue 6, August 2014

## **The Baena Case – Pre-contractual agreement on behalf of a minor declared null and void by the Spanish Supreme Court because contrary to public policy**

Vedovatti Marco in: ISDE Sports Law Alumni Newsletter, Issue 1/2014

## **Panorama de jurisprudencia suiza**

Vedovatti Marco in: Spain Arbitration Review, Issue 36/2019

## **Panorama de jurisprudencia suiza**

Vedovatti Marco in: Spain Arbitration Review, Issue 40/2021

## **CAS termination orders subject to judicial review**

Vedovatti Marco in: Thomson Reuters Practical Law Arbitration, 5 January 2021

## **Review of the book « Sport et propriété intellectuelle / Sport and Intellectual Property » (with Prof. Margareta Baddeley) (ed. Jacques DE WERRA, Geneva 2010)**

Vedovatti Marco in: CausaSport, p. 360 et seq., Issue 4/2010

## **Public Policy in International Sports Arbitration – Does it, or should it, exist?**

Vedovatti Marco in: Iberian American Review of Sport's Business and Economics, Issue 1. 2019, pp. 69-107, Issue 1. 2019

## **The European Court of Human Rights endorses the parties' voluntary waiver of the right to annul an award in the seat of arbitration (apropos *Tabbane v. Switzerland*)**

Vedovatti Marco in: Spain Arbitration Review, Issue 26/2016

## **Swiss Federal Tribunal confirms validity of Article R57 of CAS Code**

## **Swiss Federal Tribunal endorses Article R57, paragraph 3, of the CAS Code**

Vedovatti Marco in: ISDE Sports Law Alumni Newsletter, Issue 1/2016

## **Amended CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration enters into force**

Vedovatti Marco in: Thomson Reuters Practical Law Arbitration – Practice Note

## **Aspectos relevantes de Derecho suizo para el arbitraje internacional en materia de deporte**

Vedovatti Marco in: Revista Aranzadi de Derecho de Deporte y Entretenimiento, Issue 52, July-September 2016

## **Transferring a Player from a Spanish club to a foreign club – liability to pay the Player 15% of the transfer fee**

Vedovatti Marco in: ISDE Sports Law Alumni Newsletter, Issue 3/2015

## **Interpretation of an arbitration clause under Swiss law – principles of in dubio contra stipulatorem and effectiveness of the arbitration clause (principe de l’effet utile/Utilitätsgedanke)**

Vedovatti Marco in: ISDE Sports Law Alumni Newsletter, Issue 2/2015

## **arbitration blog: Selected decisions of the Swiss Federal Court in international sports arbitration for the period 2022-first quarter of 2023**

Vedovatti Marco, in: bratschi real arbitration blog, June 2023

## **Arbitraje y derecho deportivo – recurso contra los laudos del TAS y ejemplos de jurisprudencia**

Vedovatti Marco in: Club Español de Arbitraje, CEA-40, Madrid

## **La excepción del orden público de la Convención de Nueva York de 1958 aplicada a los laudos del CAS**

Vedovatti Marco in: VII Encuentro de la Fundación de la Liga de Fútbol Profesional, Madrid

## **Who is paying? Why does it matter?**

Vedovatti Marco in: ASA-40 and CEA-40’s seminar on “The Many Faces in International Arbitration”, St. Nicolas la Chapelle

## **Are party-appointed arbitrators untrustworthy?**

Vedovatti Marco in: Arbit meets CEA-40 seminar, Florence

## **Security for costs in international arbitration – Common law approach**

Vedovatti Marco in: CEA’s German and Austrian Chapters, Vienna

## **Revisión del año 2016 de la jurisprudencia del Tribunal Federal suizo**

## **relativa a laudos TAS**

Vedovatti Marco, in: Encuentro de la Fundación de la Liga de fútbol Profesional, Madrid

## **Una perspectiva comparada del recurso de anulación en Suiza, México y Colombia**

Vedovatti Marco, in: Swiss Chapter of the Spanish Arbitration Club, webinar

## **Introduction to International Sports Arbitration**

Vedovatti Marco, in: Basel Winter Arbitration School, Basel

## **Sports Arbitration in Central Asia**

Vedovatti Marco, in: Uzbek Arbitration Week 2021, webinar

## **Introduction to International Sports Arbitration**

Vedovatti Marco, in: Basel Winter Arbitration School, Basel

## **Arbitraje y Tokyo 2020 - ¿Cómo se resuelven las disputas relacionadas con unos juegos olímpicos?**

Vedovatti Marco, in: Young Arbitrators' Committee of the ICC Mexico, webinar

## **Caster Semenya, Fairness or Discrimination**

Vedovatti Marco, in: ELSA Sports Law Conference, Zürich

## **Arbitration at the Court of Arbitration for Sport**

Vedovatti Marco in: Thomson Reuters Practical Law Arbitration – Practice Note, 1 November 2022

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Vedovatti Marco in: Thomson Reuters Practical Law Arbitration – Practice Note, 1 November 2022

## **News**

### **Appointed: Sport Resolutions International Panel**

We are pleased to announce that our partner Marco Vedovatti has been appointed to the Sport Resolutions International Panel.

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