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Biography

Fabian Bonke advises clients in disputes arising from complex infrastructure, energy and technology projects. He has particular expertise in project-related claim and conflict management, out-of-court negotiations as well as the representation in front of Dispute Adjudication Boards (DAB), state courts and arbitral tribunals.

Fabian has advised in a great number of project disputes, in particular related to offshore wind farms, energy-from waste plants, water treatment plants and oil & gas projects, tunnels and roads, as well as rail vehicle construction. His focus is on Europe and the Middle East. He has gained particular expertise in EPC, O&M contracts and FIDIC Conditions of Contracts. He advises on disputes in the technology sector, for example in software and IT outsourcing projects. He has in-depth knowledge in the processing of extensive amounts of data using software solutions (e.g. claim management and e-discovery tools).

From an early stage in his legal career, Fabian set a strong international focus. In parallel to his German legal studies, he also studied French law at the Saarland University and earned a French law degree. Additionally, he spent one year at the University of Geneva. During his legal traineeship, he clerked for judges at the Regional Court of Mainz and was employed at leading law firms in Frankfurt and New York. After having been admitted to the bar, Fabian



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Languages

German
English
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Practices

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects
International Arbitration
Litigation Services
Technology Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Joint Ventures
Energy Disputes
Financial Services
Middle East Regional Practice

earned an LL.M. with merit from the renowned London School of Economics. He completed his doctorate in comparative law with a dissertation on Contract Terms in Business-to-Business Contracts (published by Duncker & Humblot).

Fabian currently co-chairs the Frankfurt regional chapter of the arbitration group DIS40. Previously, he has been a long-serving member of the Editorial Board of the Kluwer Arbitration Blog. He regularly publishes articles in particular on questions arising from the resolution of project disputes.

Representative experience

Advising an energy supplier in a dispute with a general contractor for a major power plant in France (including ICC arbitration proceedings and expedited proceedings in France and the United Kingdom).

Advising a manufacturer of wind turbines on the defence and assertion of claims during the construction of an offshore wind farm in the German North Sea.

Advising a manufacturer of wind turbines in extensive DAB proceedings on defect and delay claims against the project company of an offshore wind farm in the German North Sea..

Advising a manufacturer of energy-from-waste power plants in an ICC arbitration in connection with a plant in Eastern Europe.

Advising an operating company of an energy-from-waste power plant in Germany in several arbitration proceedings under DIS-Rules.

Advising a rail vehicle manufacturer in a dispute with the client and with the subcontractors.

Advising a service provider in connection with an IT outsourcing project.

Latest thinking and events

■ News

- Reform of the Energy Security Act: New Options for Action to Secure Energy Supply in the Event of

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

Diversified Industrials

Mobility and Transportation

Technology and Telecoms

Areas of focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Construction and Engineering

Rail

IERP Dispute Resolution

Power: Thermal Power

Infrastructure and Equipment

Oil and Gas: Pipelines and Midstream Facilities

Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and Supply Chain

Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects

Power: Renewable Power

E-discovery and Information Management

Hydrogen

Mining and Resources

Water

Education and admissions

Education

Dr. iur., Saarland University, 2019

LL.M., London School of Economics, 2014

Crisis

- News
 - Norwegian court revokes wind power licences to protect the cultural practice of minorities
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises on financial close for Kuwait's megaproject Umm Al-Hayman
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises consortium led by WTE Wassertechnik on major wastewater treatment plant project Umm Al-Hayman in Kuwait
- Published Works
 - The FIDIC "Emerald Book" as new contractual standard in tunneling projects *Tunnelling Journal*
- Published Works
 - Arbitration in Tunneling Projects *Tunnelling Journal*

Second State Exam in Law,
Rhineland-Palatinate, 2012

First State Exam in Law, Saarland
University, 2010

Diplôme d'Etudes universitaires
générales, Université de Nancy,
2009

Memberships

DIS

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ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (ICC
YAF)

Young International Arbitration
Group (LCIA)

YConstruction - Young International
Construction Practitioners
