

Kirstin Dodge

Counsel

Kirstin Dodge serves as Special Counsel for International Arbitration and Litigation at Homburger. Her practice focuses on representation of clients in international arbitrations, including with respect to intellectual property and investment treaty disputes as well as the energy, telecommunications and pharmaceutical industries.

Ms. Dodge is also the mediation specialist within Homburger's litigation and arbitration team, has a Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in mediation from the University of St. Gallen Law School and is an accredited mediator with the Swiss Chamber for commercial Mediation.

Prior to relocating to Switzerland, Ms. Dodge earned her legal degree (JD) at Harvard Law School then gained extensive experience as a commercial litigator in the US, where she was a partner at a leading Pacific Northwest firm. In that role, Ms. Dodge represented clients before state and federal trial and appellate courts, administrative tribunals, and in mediations and arbitrations involving a wide variety of commercial disputes, including in particular energy and telecommunications matters.

Ms. Dodge served as Co-Chair of the International Arbitration Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of International Law from 2015 to 2018. In 2017, her committee was awarded the ABA International Law Section's "outstanding committee award". She continues to serve as a Senior Advisor to the committee.

Ms. Dodge regularly speaks at international conferences and conducts trainings on topics related to arbitration and mediation.

Recent assignments include:

- Representation of Alpiq AG in ICSID arbitration against Romania relating to termination of a power purchase agreement
- Representation of a Middle East state entity against a billionaire in a high-stakes dispute relating to a joint venture agreement
- Representation of a publicly-traded pharmaceutical group in complex arbitration against a US distributor relating to FDA Good Manufacturing Practices
- Representation of Alpiq AG in arbitration against Polish PGE relating to long term electricity supply and transit agreements in various jurisdictions, including representation in VIAC arbitration re a supply agreement
- Representation of a Central European gas importer in various disputes arising under long term gas supply agreements and gas storage agreements
- Mediator in a patent and know-how licensing dispute between a Swiss company and a European-owned Asian company, which resulted in agreement during the mediation to amendments to the existing contract and an enlarged scope of cooperation
- Mediator in a dispute regarding pharmaceutical equipment design and manufacturing between two Swiss companies and a US company which settled shortly after the mediation, prior to commencement of litigation



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Career

- 2015 Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Mediation IRP-HSG (University of St. Gallen, Institute for Legal Studies and Legal Practice)
- 2011 Mediator (IRP-HSG) (completion coursework and mediation simulations on Mediation in Business, Employment, and the Public Sector at the University of St. Gallen, Institute for Legal Studies and Legal Practice)
- 2006 Special Counsel for International Arbitration and Litigation at Homburger
- 2001 Partner at Perkins Coie LLP, Bellevue, Washington
- 1998 Staff Attorney, Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts in Switzerland, Zurich
- 1996 Associate at Perkins Coie LLP, Bellevue, Washington
- 1994 Associate at a Seattle law firm
- 1992 Federal Clerk to the Hon. Thomas Zilly, US District Court, Western District of Washington at Seattle
- 1992 Admission to Washington State Bar
- 1992 Harvard Law School (J.D.)
- 1989 University of Fribourg (Rotary Foundation Graduate Fellowship)
- 1988 Yale University (B.A.)

Languages

English, German

Bar registration

Washington State (USA); US Federal District Court, Western and Eastern Districts of Washington; 9th Circuit Court of Appeals

Teams

Arbitration

Compliance

Crisis Management

Investigations and Enforcement

White Collar Crime