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ACADEMIC DEGREES/QUALIFICATIONS

2015	Ph.D., Faculty of Laws, University of Geneva
2014	Attorney-at-Law admitted to the Bar of Geneva
2012	Certificate of Advanced Studies in Legal Professions
2009	Master of Laws (Economic and Business Law), Faculty of Laws, University of Geneva
2008	Bachelor of Laws, Faculty of Laws, University of Geneva

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND POSITIONS

Jan. 2021 – Partner with PATOCCHI & MARZOLINI, Geneva

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dr. Daniel Durante is a partner at Patocchi & Marzolini in Geneva, Switzerland, where he practices as counsel and arbitrator. He can argue a case and conduct proceedings in English, French and Italian, and has a good command of German.

Daniel specialises in the resolution of disputes involving civil engineering projects (including off-shore drilling, pipe laying and port infrastructure), construction of machinery for plants and advanced technical equipment.

Daniel has represented clients in a wide range of industries such as oil & gas, hydroelectric power, defence, optoelectronics, aviation, flavour & fragrance, pulp & paper, tobacco, pharma, luxury and finance.

He also represented international federations, high-ranking officials and athletes in sports disputes before internal adjudication bodies and before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in both appeal and ordinary proceedings.

Daniel has been serving as arbitrator in proceedings governed by the ICC Rules and the Swiss Rules in Switzerland and abroad.

In addition to his Ph.D. thesis on aspects of the Swiss law of contract, Daniel has published articles and papers on arbitration. He is also active on the lecture circuit as a speaker on arbitration matters.

He was co-chair of ASA below 40 (2021-2024).

Jul. 2017 – Dec. 2020	Associate/Senior Associate with PATOCCHI & MARZOLINI, Geneva
Feb. 2014 – Jun. 2017	Associate/Senior Associate with a leading Swiss national law firm (International Arbitration Group), Geneva
Jul. 2012 – Jan. 2014	Junior Associate with a leading Swiss national law firm (International Arbitration Group), Geneva
Feb. 2009 – Jun. 2012	Paralegal with a leading Swiss national law firm (International Arbitration Group), Geneva

LANGUAGES

English, French, Italian, German

RECOMMENDATIONS

"Daniel is a leading Swiss attorney with a strong academic and practical background in international arbitration", "His combination of scholarly insight and practical experience makes him a respected voice in the arbitration community", "He is a first-class arbitration lawyer" (Lexology Index, former Who's Who Legal: Global Elite Arbitration Thought Leader – Under 45 – Partners 2026).

"Daniel is an expert in his field and a pleasure to deal with" "He is a top-notch lawyer" "He is both an excellent advocate and arbitrator" (Lexology Index, former Who's Who Legal: Global Elite Arbitration Thought Leader – Under 45 – Partners 2025).

Daniel Durante *"is highly competent and devoted with strong organisational skills" "He is meticulous and hardworking" "He is in a class of his own"* (Who's Who Legal: Arbitration Future Leaders – Partners 2024).

"Daniel is very systematic and thoughtful in his approach to arbitration proceedings" "He impresses with his dedication to his clients and thoroughness" "He has the valuable ability of anticipating the moves of the counterparty" (Who's Who Legal: Arbitration Future Leaders – Partners 2023).

Daniel Durante is *"an extremely knowledgeable and attentive lawyer" "He developed the strategy to be adopted during the arbitration with extreme attention to all details" "Daniel has the ability to process large amounts of information that he continuously uses to verify that everything is directed towards the goal" "He managed to establish a relationship of trust with us that made the work simple and even pleasant"* (Who's Who Legal: Arbitration Future Leaders – Partners 2022).

Daniel Durante *"represents the values Patocchi & Marzolini is built upon. He is extremely intelligent and knowledgeable and has an eye for detail. He is also very easy to work with"* (Legal 500 2021).

Daniel Durante is "*a bright and talented lawyer, probably the most brilliant lawyer in Geneva, if not in Switzerland" "A pleasure to work with" "He is very dedicated"* (Who's Who Legal: Arbitration 2021 - Future Leaders - Non-Partners).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

— (*co-editor*: P. MARZOLINI), A Quest for Justice – Legal Writings in Honour of Paolo Michele Patocchi, Berne 2026, 1-330.

— Le renouvellement des contrats de durée, Solutions légales et contractuelles [*The Renewal of Continuing Contracts, Legal and Contractual Solutions*], Ph.D Thesis, Schulthess, Geneva/Zurich/Basel 2016.

Papers

— (*co-author*: P.M. PATOCCHI), SWITZERLAND, *in:* BOSMAN (Ed.), International Handbook on Commercial Arbitration, Alphen aan den Rijn 2023, Switzerland – 1-124.

— (*co-author*: P. MARZOLINI), SWITZERLAND, *in:* ROJAS ELGUETA/HOSKING/LAHLOU (Eds.), Does a Right to a Physical Hearing Exist in International Arbitration?, The ICCA Reports Series, 2021, 1-13.

— (*co-author*: P. MARZOLINI), Legittimità del Tribunale Arbitrale dello Sport: *game, set, match*? La recente giurisprudenza del Tribunale federale svizzero e della Corte Europea dei Diritti dell'Uomo, Rivista dell'arbitrato 4/2018, 655-677.

— (*co-authors*: X. FAVRE-BULLE/H. FREY), Arbitration 2017 - Switzerland, *in:* Getting the Deal Through, London 2017, 339-345.

— (*co-authors*: M. OURAL/M. BARMES), Switzerland, *in:* R. HUNTER (Ed.), The Asset Tracing and Recovery Review 2016, 4th ed., The Law Reviews, London 2016, 430-442.

— (*co-authors*: M. OURAL/M. BARMES), Switzerland, *in:* R. HUNTER (Ed.), The Asset Tracing and Recovery Review 2015, 3rd ed., The Law Reviews, London 2015, 396-432.

— (*co-author*: X. FAVRE-BULLE), CAS Arbitration Proceedings: Is Sports Arbitration so Different?, *in:* Journal of International Trade and Arbitration Law (JITAL) 2015/2, 123-164.

— (*co-authors*: M. OURAL/M. BARMES), Switzerland, *in:* R. HUNTER (Ed.), The Asset Tracing and Recovery Review 2014, 2nd edition, The Law Reviews, London 2014, 269-304.

Law Reports

— (*assistant editors*: D. DURANTE *et al.*) (*general editors:* P.M. PATOCCHI/M. SCHERER), The Swiss International Arbitration Law Reports (2010) Vol. 4 Nos. 1 - 2, Juris Publishing, New York 2013.

— (*assistant editors*: D. DURANTE *et al.*) (*general editors:* P.M. PATOCCHI/M. SCHERER), The Swiss International Arbitration Law Reports (2007-2009) Vols.1 - 3, Consolidated, Juris Publishing, New York 2012.

— (*assistant editors*: D. DURANTE *et al.*) (*general editors:* P.M. PATOCCHI/M. SCHERER), The Swiss International Sports Arbitration Reports (2009) Vol. 1, Juris Publishing, New York 2012.

— (*assistant editors*: D. DURANTE *et al.*) (*general editors:* P.M. PATOCCHI/M. SCHERER), The Swiss International Arbitration Law Reports (2009) Vol. 3 Nos. 1 & 2, Juris Publishing, New York 2011.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2026

— *Managing Investment Risks in Eurasia through Arbitration: The Swiss Perspective*, Conference organized by GRATA International and Swiss Arbitration, Yerevan (Armenia), 30 April 2026.

— *Turning the Tide: Advanced Tactics for Your Next Arbitration*, Keynote Speech, Conference organized by the DIS40, Geneva (Switzerland), 16 April 2026.

2025

— *Take a stand*, Pre-HIAD Panel Discussion organised by the Finnish Arbitration Association (FAA), Helsinki (Finland), 16 May 2025.

— *Admissibility of Evidence in International Arbitration*, Conference organised by the Young Arbitration Club Finland (YACF), Helsinki (Finland), 27 February 2025.

2024

— *Swiss VYAP Interview Series – Navigating an Arbitration Hearing – During the Hearing*, Webinar hosted by Swiss VYAP, 20 November 2024.

— *Novità legislative e giurisprudenziali in materia di arbitrato internazionale, tra Helvetia e Bel Paese*, Conference organised by GASI (ASA) in collaboration with AIA and ArbIt, Lugano (Switzerland), 17 October 2024.

— *International Construction Dispute Resolution: Latest Practices and New Trends*, BAC/BIAC – ASA 2024 Geneva Summit on Commercial Dispute Resolution in China, Geneva (Switzerland), 20 June 2024.

— *No Secret Sorcery: How Arbitral Institutions (Should) Appoint Arbitrators*, Bucharest Arbitration Days, Bucharest (Romania), 6 June 2024.

— *IT and Legaltech in International Arbitration*, Baltic Arbitration Days, Riga (Latvia), 3 June 2024.

— *Swiss Arbitration Law Practice: 2023 Case Law Review*, Webinar hosted by the Turkish Arbitration Academy, 8 April 2024.

2023

— *The Constitution of the Arbitral Tribunal - Getting It Right*, Webinar TOBBUYUM below 40 Arbitral Talks, 19 October 2023.

— *Arbitration*, ELSA Summer Law School, Ankara (Turkey), 24 July 2023.

— *Case Study on Construction Arbitration*, ELSA Summer Law School, Ankara (Turkey), 24 July 2023.

2022

— *Multi-tiered Dispute Resolution Clauses – Drafting Specificities*, GIAC Arbitration Days 2022, Tbilisi (Georgia), 12 October 2022.

— *Oral Advocacy*, ICC YAAF / GIAC Workshop on Advocacy, Tbilisi (Georgia), 13 October 2022.

2020

— *Case Study – Master on Contract, Claim and Delay Management in Construction Works*, (2nd Edition), Politecnico of Milan (Italy), 28 January 2020.

2019

— *International Commercial Arbitration & Sports Arbitration*, ELSA Summer Law School, Ankara (Turkey), 29 July 2019.

— *Case Study – Master on Contract, Claim and Delay Management in Construction Works*, Politecnico of Milan (Italy), 30 January 2019.

2018

— *Dos and Don'ts when Agreeing to Arbitrate: Swiss and Turkish Perspectives*, ASA below 40 and Young ISTAC, Geneva (Switzerland), 26 October 2018.

— *International Commercial Arbitration & Sports Arbitration*, ELSA Summer Law School, Ankara (Turkey), 6 August 2018.

2017

— *Dissenting Opinions and Secretaries in Arbitral Tribunals,* Arbitration and CISG Conference organised by the Universidad Panamericana de Guadalajara, Guadalajara (Mexico), 10 February 2017.

2016

— *Swiss Case Law Series: Multi-tiered Arbitration Clauses (4A_628/2015) - Prior Case Law of the Supreme Court: The Enforceability of Multi-Tier Clauses*, Arbitration Conference organised by ASA Below 40, Berne (Switzerland), 16 September 2016.

MEMBERSHIPS

2015	International Bar Association (IBA)
2014	Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
2014	ICC YAF
2012	Swiss Bar Association (SAV/FSA)
2012	Geneva Bar Association (OdA)