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EXPERTISE

Jorge Ibarrola is a **Swiss qualified Attorney-at-Law** specialising in the legal **representation**, consulting and **mediation** for **sports and business** clients. After more than four years of experience as Counsel for the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), he created his private practice in 2007 in Lausanne, which expanded in 2009 with the foundation of **Libra Law**. Jorge Ibarrola advises and represents in particular, clients from the world of sport, such as national and international sports federations, football clubs, athletes and players, coaches and agents. He proceeds as counsel in international arbitration proceedings, notably before the **CAS**, and in ordinary judiciary proceedings before Swiss courts, including the Swiss Federal Tribunal. He is also an **Accredited Mediator** (SBA, CEDR and IEMEDEP), sworn by the Cantonal Tribunal of Vaud.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1992	Law degree, University of Lausanne
1994	Master's of law (LL.M.), McGill University
1996	Admission to Swiss Bar
1998	Tax Administration (Vaud)
2000	UBS (Wealth & Tax Planner)
2002	KPMG (Tax Manager)
2003	Court of Arbitration for Sport (Counsel)
2007	Ibarrola Sports International Law (Founding Partner)
2009	Libra Law (Founding Partner)
2009	Master in International Sport Law, ISDE, Madrid, Spain
2019	CEDR Accredited Mediator, London
2022	IEMEDEP Accredited Mediator, Madrid
2022	FIFA Mediator
2023	SBA (Swiss Bar association) accredited Mediator, sworn by the Tribunal Vaud

MEMBERSHIPS

- Swiss & Vaud Bar associations (SBA & OAV)
- Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
- Club Español de Arbitraje (CEA)
- Swiss Sports Law Association (ASDS)
- Rex Sport
- CEDR
- IEMEDEP

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Sports law (contracts, ethics and disciplinary, doping, governance, employment law, mediation, etc.)
- Litigation (arbitration and ordinary courts, at national and international levels)
- Mediation in sports, contracts and business disputes
- Employment, commercial, contract and corporate law
- Individual tax law
- Intellectual property
- Board of Directors
- Arbitration (as arbitrator and counsel)

OTHER POSITIONS

- Member of the **FSA/SAV Mediation Commission** (Romandie)
- Member of the **Mediation Advisory Board of the Swiss Arbitration Centre**
- President of the International Table Tennis Federation (**ITTF**) Tribunal
- President of the Disciplinary Chamber and Sole Judge for disciplinary matters of **Swiss Basketball**
- **FIFA Mediator**
- President of the **Swiss Sports Law Association (ASDS)**
- President of the Sports law Commission of the **Vaud Bar Association**
- **Invited professor** in several universities in Switzerland and abroad (Europe and USA)
- **Invited lecturer** at several international sports law conferences

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *Recursos ante el Tribunal Federal Suizo contra los laudos del TAS*, in *El Arbitraje en el TAS*, Capítulo 18, Thomson Reuters Aranzadi, Navarra, España, 2021
- *Football Law*, Chapter 10 of the Handbook of the Football Association Management, 4th edition, UEFA Academy, 2021.
- *What Does The Singapore Convention Mean For The Future Of International Sports Mediation?* In *LawInSport*, 11 September 2020
- *Selected Recent Procedural Issues Arising In CAS Arbitral Proceedings*, in *New Developments in "International Commercial Arbitration 2018"*, Satämpfli Editions, UNINE, 2018.
- *La Extinción del Contrato de Deportista en Suiza*, in *La extinción del contrato del deportista en Europa y Latinoamérica*", Madrid, 2017
- *Comment of the award CAS 2015/A/4137 Olympique Lyonnais v. AS Roma*, Award of 16 November 2015, in *Football Legal* # 7 June 2017
- *Comment on award CAS 2015/A/4351, Vsl Pakruojis FK, Darius Jankauskas, Armas Mikaitis, Sigitas Olberkis, Valdas Pocevicius, Alfredas Skroblas, Donatas Strockis, Diogo Gouveia Miranda, C.H. Alexandru, Taras Michailiuk v. Lithuanian Football Federation*, Award of 13 July 2016, in A. Duval and A. Rigozzi (eds.), *Yearbook of International Sports Arbitration 2016*
- *Contador: burden of proof & presumption of culpability*, *worldsportslawreport* 04/12, London, 2014
- *The CAS Ad Hoc Division at the Olympic Games: What Might Happen in Sochi*, *Favorit Magazine* (published in Russian), 2013
- *La carga de la prueba y la presunción*, *El País*, Madrid, 2012
- *Participation after serving a doping ban: Dehiba case*, *worldsportslawreport* 08/11, London, 2011
- *La jurisprudence du TAS en matière de football – questions de procédure et de droit de fond*, in "The Proceedings before the Court of Arbitration for Sport", CAS & FSA/SAV Conference, *Weblaw*, Berne, 2007
- *Les prix imposés de revente : étude de droit comparé des Etats-Unis, du Canada, de la Suisse et de la Communauté européenne*, LL.M. thesis, McGill, Montreal 1995