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Davor Babić is a professor of private international law and international arbitration at the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law. He published on various topics relating to private international law, international arbitration and ADR. He served in over 90 arbitrations as chair, sole arbitrator or co-arbitrator under various institutional and ad hoc rules (ICC, VIAC, LCIA, UNCITRAL Rules, Milan Chamber of Arbitration, Croatian Chamber of Commerce, Serbian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Belgrade Arbitration Centre, Ljubljana Arbitration Centre, Montenegro Chamber of Commerce, UNUM) and in various places of arbitration. He has tought international arbitration as a visiting professor at the Central European University (Budapest/Vienna), the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law and China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing. He formerly served as a member of the ICC Court of Arbitration and is currently a member of the VIAC International Advisory Board.



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