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Michele Potestà specializes in international commercial and investment arbitration. He has acted as arbitrator (both sole and co-arbitrator), counsel or secretary/assistant of the arbitral tribunal in numerous international arbitration proceedings under various rules, including the ICC, ICSID, ICSID Additional Facility, UNCITRAL, Swiss Rules of International Arbitration, DIAC and Danish Institute of Arbitration rules.

His practice is mostly dedicated to international commercial and investment disputes, especially disputes in the energy and natural resources areas (oil, gas, mining and solar energy) arising under the ECT, NAFTA and BITs as well as under contracts. He has also advised sovereign states on their investment treaty program.

Michele is also a senior researcher at the Geneva Center for International Dispute Settlement (CIDS) where he co-ordinates a research project on the reform of investor-state dispute settlement.

Prior to joining Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, Michele was an academic lecturer at the Geneva Master in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS), where he taught both investment and commercial arbitration. He has authored numerous publications on issues of investment and commercial arbitration and is frequently invited to speak at arbitration conferences.

An Italian national, Michele is qualified to practice law in Italy and is registered with the Geneva bar (foreign lawyers section). He holds a Ph.D. in international law, as well as a bachelor and a master's degree from the University of Milan (Italy). He is listed in the panel of arbitrators at the Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC) and the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA).

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of Milan, 2011
- Visiting Scholar, University of California at Berkeley, School of Law (2009)
- Laurea Magistrale in Giurisprudenza, University of Milan, 2007
- Laurea in Scienze Giuridiche, University of Milan, 2005

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Milan, Italy, 2011
- Geneva (Foreign lawyers section), 2015

LANGUAGES

- Italian
- English
- French
- German
- Spanish (intermediate)