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Michele Potestà specializes in international commercial and investment arbitration. Over the past ten years, Michele has participated in over 25 international investment and commercial arbitrations as counsel, arbitrator and secretary of the tribunal, under all major arbitral rules, including the ICC, ICSID, ICSID Additional Facility, and UNCITRAL Rules, and in different jurisdictions. Michele's areas of expertise include energy and natural resources (oil, gas, mining and solar energy), pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, international sales, banking and finance, services, real estate and construction, among others. Michele has also advised sovereign states on their investment treaty programs.

Michele is regularly appointed as arbitrator. He has sat as sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator under various rules, including the rules of the ICC, the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), the Danish Institute of Arbitration, and the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration. He is listed in the panel of arbitrators at the Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC) and the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRC).

Michele is a senior researcher at the Geneva Center for International Dispute Settlement (CIDS) where he co-leads a research project on the reform of ISDS, in cooperation with UNCITRAL. Prior to joining Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, he was a lecturer at the Geneva Master in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS), where he taught 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 registered with the Geneva bar (foreign lawyers section). He holds a Ph.D., a bachelor and a master's degree from the University of Milan. Michele speaks English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish.

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)