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Dr. Pitkowitz has extensive experience across a broad range of industries, including energy, automotive, telecommunications, arts and cultural assets, (post-)M&A, real estate, and construction.

Dr. Pitkowitz served as president of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) and regularly sits as arbitrator under the rules of leading arbitration institutions. He is Court Member of CIMAC, Casablanca and Co-Chair of the ILA Committee on Conflict-of-Laws Issues in International Arbitration.

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A sought-after speaker and lecturer, Dr. Pitkowitz has authored more than 70 publications, including the leading monograph *Setting Aside Arbitral Awards* and the *Handbook on Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration* (2nd ed., 2025). He is Co-Editor of the Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration and initiator of the Arbitration World Café, a highlight of the Vienna Arbitration Days.