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Charles Poncet practices law in Geneva and specializes in international arbitration, commercial and contractual litigation, white collar matters and media law.

Admitted to the Geneva Bar in 1972, after two years of internship (avocat stagiaire), Charles Poncet was trained as a trial lawyer, participating in several leading criminal cases as early as 1974. He practiced at Staehelin, Hafter & Partners and in 1975 he joined his family law firm in Geneva (Poncet, Turrettini, Amaudruz & Neyroud) founded by his father and led by his brother. In 1981 he joined Lalive & Budin in Geneva, until he started his own law firm in 1986, which eventually became ZPG in Geneva until the merger with CMS von Erlach Henrici in 2014. He retired from CMS von Erlach Poncet SA as of December 31, 2016 and practices on his own.

Charles Poncet has been active in international arbitration for thirty years, initially as secretary of several international arbitral tribunals and subsequently as arbitrator,

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## **Education**

1982 – Ph.D. in law University of Geneva

1975 – Master of Comparative Law, Georgetown University Law School in Washington D.C. (USA)

1971 – Geneva Bar

1969 – Geneva University Law School, *licence en droit*

## **Publications**

Dr. Poncet has a web site [www.swissarbitrationdecisions.com](http://www.swissarbitrationdecisions.com) containing his translations and short comments of all decisions of the Swiss Supreme Court (Federal Tribunal) concerning international arbitration since 2008. Since 2017 the website has been operated in collaboration with Dr. Despina Mavromati and a team of lawyers.

Other publications include:

Fraud in International Arbitration, *The Paris Journal of International Arbitration*, 2016/4 p. 789

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Le Tribunal fédéral suisse annule (enfin?) une sentence arbitrale internationale pour contrariété à l'ordre public, Les Cahiers de l'Arbitrage, 2011/4, L.G.D.J. Lextenso éditions, p. 1093

Charles Poncet is also actively involved in debates in the Swiss press on political and social issues. His column in L'Hebdo, a Swiss weekly in French until 2016, was widely read and praised for the clarity and sometimes the audacity of its Contents.