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Clifford J. Hendel is the founding partner of HENDEL IDR, a Madrid firm acting as neutral in international dispute resolution services (principally arbitrator and mediator).

Born and educated in the United States, he is a dual US-France national, admitted to practice in New York (1985), England and Wales (1995), Paris (1996) and Madrid (2000), and thus is simultaneously an attorney, solicitor, *avocat à la cour* and *abogado*. He speaks and works in English, Spanish and French.

He started his legal career as judicial law clerk in the United States Court for the District of Connecticut, after obtaining a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law (*Cum Laude*) and a B.A. from Wesleyan University (*Magna Cum Laude*). He has a masters in Global Sports Law from *Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economía* (ISDE).

He was for a decade a corporate associate and later Of Counsel in the New York and Paris offices of a leading global law firm. For the next two decades, he was partner of a leading Spanish boutique firm, based in Madrid, practicing principally in the area of international transactions and international dispute resolution (as counsel, arbitrator and mediator). He has particular experience in international financial matters, international M&A and international joint ventures.

In the area of international commercial arbitration, he acts regularly as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and Chair in arbitral proceedings, both ad-hoc and administered by institutions such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) and the *Corte de Arbitraje de la Cámara de Comercio e Industria de Madrid* (CAM). He is particularly active in cross-border post-M&A related disputes, energy related disputes and construction disputes.

In the area of sports arbitration, he is a member of the FIBA Basketball Arbitral Tribunal (BAT), the Sport Resolutions panel and the Qatar Sports Arbitration Tribunal. He is Deputy Chairman of the Dispute Resolution Chamber (DRC) of the FIFA Football Tribunal, the leading internal judicial organ for labor contract disputes in the sporting world. He is a former long-time member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

He is on the Panels of Arbitrators maintained by the *Centro de Arbitragem Comercial da Câmara de Comércio e Indústria Portuguesa*, the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), the Singapore



Arbitration International Center (SIAC), the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), the Hong Kong Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), the *Centro de Arbitraje de la Cámara de Comercio de Lima*, the *Centro de Arbitraje de la Cámara de Comercio Americana del Perú (AmCham)*, the *Centro Iberoamericano de Arbitraje (CIAR)*, the Court of Arbitration for Arts (CAfa), and the British Virgin Islands International Arbitration Center (BVI IAC), among others.

He is a member of the Global Panel of Neutrals of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR) and member of the Executive Council of CPR's European Advisory Board.

Mr. Hendel is an Accredited Mediator of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR). He is a member of the *Comisión Consultativa del Centro de Mediación Empresarial de Madrid (CMEM)* of the Madrid Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is also a mediator of the *FIDE* Mediation Centre (CMF), the *Centro Español de Mediación (CEM)* of the official Spanish Chamber of Commerce, the *Centro de Solución de Conflictos* of AGERS (the *Asociación Española de Gerencia de Riesgos y Seguros*), the *Centro de Mediación y Solución de Conflictos (CEMED)*, and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

He was a long-time Chair of the Spain Chapter of NYSBA's International Practice Section, and a long-time member of the Governing Board of the *Club Español de Arbitraje* of the *Asociación Latinoamericana de Arbitraje (ALARB)*, the New York International Arbitration Center (NYIAC) and the Advisory Board of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA). He is also a founding moderator of ITAFOR, the ITA Latin American Arbitration Forum, an online discussion group focusing on Latin American arbitration and ADR.

Mr. Hendel has been adjunct professor at the Carlos 3^o University of Madrid, responsible for training the university's team for the oral rounds of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition in Vienna. He has also been an adjunct professor of law at Madrid's *Instituto de Empresa*, teaching International Contracts in its international LLM, and has lectured on international arbitration in the context of international M&A and project finance transactions at Madrid's Universidad de Alcalá de Henares and on sports arbitration at Madrid's Universidad Rey Juan Carlos.

He is a member of the Governing Board of the Fundación Pro Bono España.

He is rated as "Recommended Individual" in Arbitration in Chambers & Partners and European Legal, and has received special, top-tier distinction as "Most in Demand Arbitrator" (Band 1) in all Chambers & Partners Global Guide editions since 2009. As "Thought Leader" in Who's Who Legal, he has been described over the years as a top-tier, "outstanding", "extremely hard-working" and "highly respected and recognized practitioner". In the field of mediation, he is considered in Who's Who Legal as a "true multidisciplinary" that demonstrates a top-tier adaptability across a variety of commercial and investment mediations.