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Katherine Bell is a Partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's Dispute Resolution Group and heads the Construction Practice Group in Zurich. Her main areas of practice are domestic and international litigation and arbitration. She advises clients front-end to back-end on complex construction and infrastructure projects and specializes in the resolution of disputes arising out of complex construction, engineering and infrastructure projects across a variety of industries, as well as commercial tenancy and lease agreements. She acts as counsel and arbitrator in arbitral proceedings and represents parties in litigation proceedings before Swiss courts as well as before dispute boards and in other types of alternative dispute resolution procedures.

Katherine is a lecturer on Construction Law at the Swiss Educational Centre for Construction (Campus Sursee). She is a member of the editorial board of Construction Law International (CLInt), the magazine of the IBA International Construction Projects Committee. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of ArbitralWomen.

Since 2019, Katherine has been recognized by Who's Who Legal as a Future Leader in the categories of both Construction and Arbitration, highlighting her "skillful handling of complex construction disputes" and describing her as "an excellent advocate, who is extremely dedicated to her cases", as "brilliant counsel in the field of construction arbitration" and as "a top-notch construction lawyer". In 2021, Katherine was recognized by LMG Expert Guides as a Rising Star in International Commercial Arbitration. In 2022, Katherine was recognized by The Legal 500 as a Key Lawyer for Dispute Resolution in Switzerland.

Selected publications: *GAR Knowhow Construction Arbitration – Switzerland Chapter*, Global Arbitration Review, 2016-2022; *Country Update Switzerland*, Construction Law International, Vol. 16, Issue 3, September 2021; *Expert Evidence in Construction Disputes*, in: Global Arbitration Review, The Guide to Construction Arbitration, 4th edition, 2021 (eds.: Stavros Brekoulakis and David Brynmor Thomas).

Selected speaking engagements: Increasing Efficiency in Construction Arbitration: Proceedings, Tools and Techniques, Hogan Lovells & ArbitralWomen Event, Munich, June 2022; Digitalization in the Construction Industry / Building Information Modeling (BIM) and Construction Disputes, Schellenberg Wittmer, Zurich, June 2022; Moderator at the Swiss Arbitration Association Spring Conference on a panel discussing Delay Analysis in Construction Arbitration, Geneva, June 2022; Construction Arbitration: Innovation and Constants, Vienna Arbitration Days, February 2021; "How Lessons Learned from Construction Disputes Can Help Improve Contract Drafting (and Project Management)", YConstruction, Zurich, September 2019.