

Hans van Houtte



Hans van Houtte, a Belgian national born in 1947, studied law at Leuven University and at Harvard. He additionally obtained a Diploma cum laude at the Hague Academy of International Law. At Leuven University he held the Chair of International Public Law from 1978 to 1989 and from 1989 to 2009, the Chair of Private International Law, International Business Law, and Arbitration. At Leuven, he was also Director of the Institute of International Trade Law and Vice-Dean. In 2009, he withdrew as a full-time professor but continues to teach arbitration at the Leuven Law School. From 1971 to 2009 he was a member of the Belgian Bar, mostly involved in transnational litigation and arbitration.

Since writing his doctoral thesis on the law applicable in transnational arbitration, Hans van Houtte has written extensively about arbitration and was an arbitrator in over 200 commercial disputes as well as in some investment disputes. He is Vice-President of CEPANI, the Belgian arbitration institution, and is a listed arbitrator of many arbitration institutions. Before being appointed President of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal, Hans van Houtte has been active in several collective settlement processes (Bosnian Commission for Real Property Claims, Swiss Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Bank Accounts, United Nations Compensation Commission, Eritrea- Ethiopia Claims Commission).