

**HOW THE FOOTBALL WORLD HAS EVOLVED:
THE FIFA FOOTBALL TRIBUNAL AS SEEN BY
A VETERAN MEMBER**

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ABSTRACT: The FIFA Football Tribunal plays an important role in the international football law evolution. Starting from the genesis of the tribunal, the Author analyses its structure and functions. Particular emphasis is put on the procedure, the rights and obligations of the parties as well as on the new means of communication such as the FIFA Legal Portal which allows an easy and direct access to the files.

Il FIFA Football Tribunal svolge un ruolo fondamentale per l'evoluzione del calcio internazionale. Partendo dalla genesi di tale tribunale, l'Autore esamina la sua struttura e le sue funzioni, soffermandosi in particolare sulla procedura, sui diritti, sugli obblighi delle parti e su i nuovi strumenti di comunicazione e di notifica degli atti come il cosiddetto FIFA Legal Portal che permette un accesso diretto e semplice alle Parti.

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SUMMARY: Foreword – 1. Introduction – 2. The Genesis of the FIFA Football Tribunal – 3. From the DRC to the Football Tribunal – 3.1 The Structure of the FT – 3.2 The Functions of the FT – 4. The Procedure – 4.1 Parties at the proceedings and means of communication – 4.2 Rights and Obligations – 4.3 Adjudications and Deliberations – 4.4 Costs – 4.5 Publication of Decisions – 5. Mediation – 6. Conclusions