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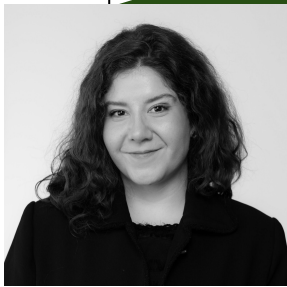
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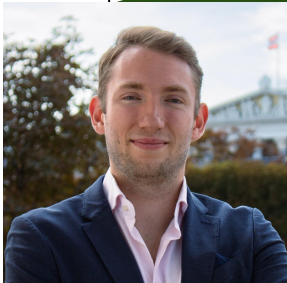
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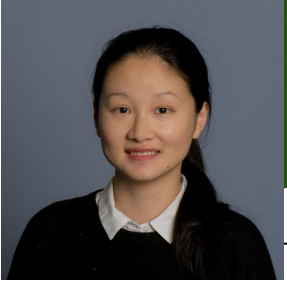
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Mr. Karri Heliö is a Legal Counsel at the Finland Arbitration Institute (FAI), on secondment from Bird & Bird’s Helsinki office. At the FAI, Karri is responsible for carrying out the daily functions in the administration of arbitrations, ensuring smooth and efficient processes. His journey into dispute resolution began with his participation in the 26th Vis Moot as part of Team Lapland in 2018–2019. This experience ignited his passion for the field and laid a solid foundation for his career. Following the Vis Moot, Karri gained valuable experience as a trainee at two major law firms in Helsinki. After graduating from the University of Lapland in 2022, he joined Bird & Bird Attorneys Ltd as an Associate in the International Dispute Resolution team. In this role, he has advised clients on a wide range of domestic and international commercial disputes, including both litigation and arbitration. Karri’s career has also included two secondments at Danske Finance Ltd, where he gained significant insights into the financial sector. During these secondments, he managed critical projects, including a merger, and provided essential legal advisory services. Reflecting on his journey, Karri highlights the Vis Moot as the most impactful learning experience of his university years. Beyond the academic growth, it offered him an excellent opportunity to connect with both young and seasoned professionals in the field of international commercial arbitration.

Ms. Luísa Quintão is an Associate Lawyer at Justen, Pereira, Oliveira & Talamini (Sao Paulo), where she focuses on arbitration, infrastructure contracts and administrative law. She is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb). She also occasionally lectures at different institutions about State-related arbitration in Brazil.

Luísa holds a Bachelor’s degree in Law and a Master’s degree in Law and International Economic Relations from the Pontifical Catholic University of Sao Paulo (PUC-SP), and an LL.M from Duke University. Luísa has participated in the Vis Moot in different capacities over more than ten years – as a student, as a coach and as an arbitrator.

Mr. David von der Thannen is an LL.M. Candidate at Harvard Law School and an acting Vice President of the Harvard International Arbitration Law Students Association, where he specialises in commercial arbitration and cross-border litigation. Before joining Harvard, he served as the head coach of the University of Vienna's Vis Moot team. Under David's guidance, his alma mater won the 30th Vis Moot and came runner-up in the 31st Vis Moot earlier this year. In both these years, David's teams were the highest scoring team in the Vis Moot's General Rounds. Beyond his involvement in the Vis Moot, David is also a Teaching Assistant (on leave) and a PhD Researcher at the University of Vienna's Department of Civil Procedure, where he teaches European and International Civil Procedure. His PhD thesis centers on the *res judicata* effects of competition law decisions before state courts and arbitral tribunals.

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Ms. Karina Sibilska, originally from Poland, obtained an LL.B. from The Hague University and an LL.M. from the University of Vienna. Following her studies, she gained valuable experience interning at the United Nations with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. Most recently, Karina worked at Volterra Fietta, primarily focusing on international investment arbitration, and will be joining Lalive as an intern in Geneva in the new year. Currently, she is in the process of dual qualifying in New York and England & Wales.