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A staple of the Vis Moot Competitions and a longstanding event, the Annual MAA International Commercial Law & Arbitration Conference brings together internationally renowned and distinguished speakers to address hot topics in international arbitration and trade law, focusing in particular on various topics related to the Vis Moot problem.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT



Rates

Students / Premium MAA Members: EUR 15 (+ Eventbrite fees)
Standard MAA Members / Non Members: EUR 25 (+ Eventbrite fees)

The registration fee includes lunch and refreshments.

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9:00 AM **REGISTRATION**

9:30 AM **WELCOME ADDRESS**

Marina Stanisavljevic

Counsel, Schoenherr

Dr. Christian Johannes Wahnschaffe

Associate, HANEFELD; Vice President, MAA

9:45 AM **FEAR OF THE FUNDED: PROCEDURAL, SUBSTANTIVE AND ETHICAL
IMPLICATIONS OF THIRD-PARTY FUNDING IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION**

Grace Cheng

Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers

Dr. Alice Fremuth-Wolf

Counsel, Paragon

Sabine Supper

Associate, Schoenherr

Dr. Jörn Eschment

Director, Burford Capital

Prof. Catherine Rogers

Professor, Bocconi University

10:55 AM **COFFEE BREAK**

11:15 AM **SHOW ME THE MONEY: UNDERSTANDING AND CALCULATING DAMAGES IN
CONTRACTUAL DISPUTES**

Prof. Mark Kantor

Adjunct Professor, Georgetown Law;
Independent Arbitrator

Prof. Djakhongir Saidov

Professor, King's College London

Misra Yalçın

Associate, Tahan | Cem;
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12:25 PM **LUNCH**

1:45 PM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

THE IMPORTANCE OF FOCUS IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Lucy Reed

President, Singapore International Arbitration Centre Court (SIAC); Independent Arbitrator

2:15 PM **CONTRACTING FOR THE FUTURE: NAVIGATING CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES
UNDER THE CISG, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLES**

Prof. Dr. Klaus Peter Berger

Center for Transnational Law,
Universität zu Köln

Akshay Shreedhar

Senior Associate, Quinn Emanuel

Evanthia Kasiora

Associate, White & Case;
Co-President, MAA
(Moderator)

Hannah Eckhoff

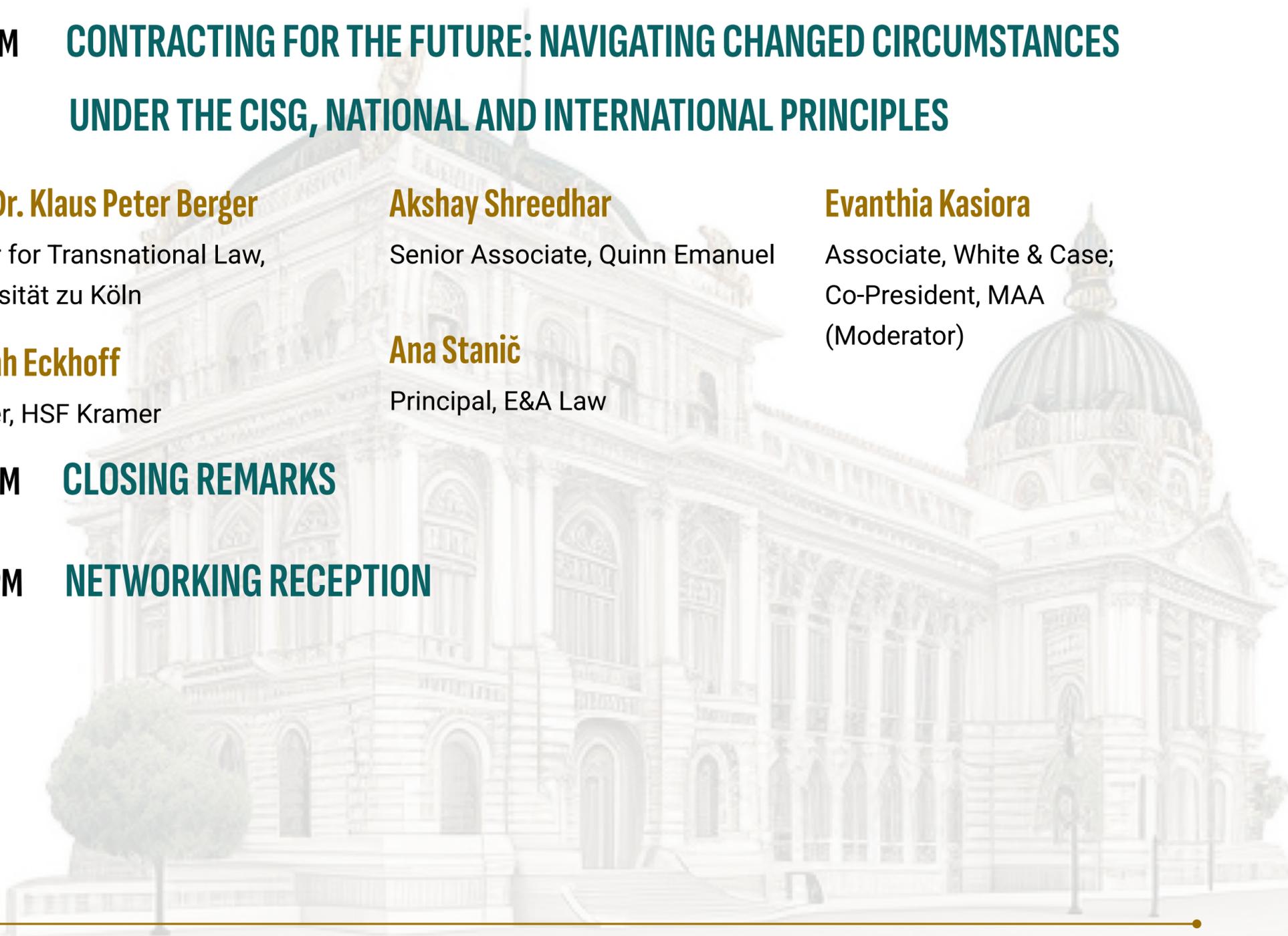
Partner, HSF Kramer

Ana Stanić

Principal, E&A Law

3:25 PM **CLOSING REMARKS**

3:40 PM **NETWORKING RECEPTION**



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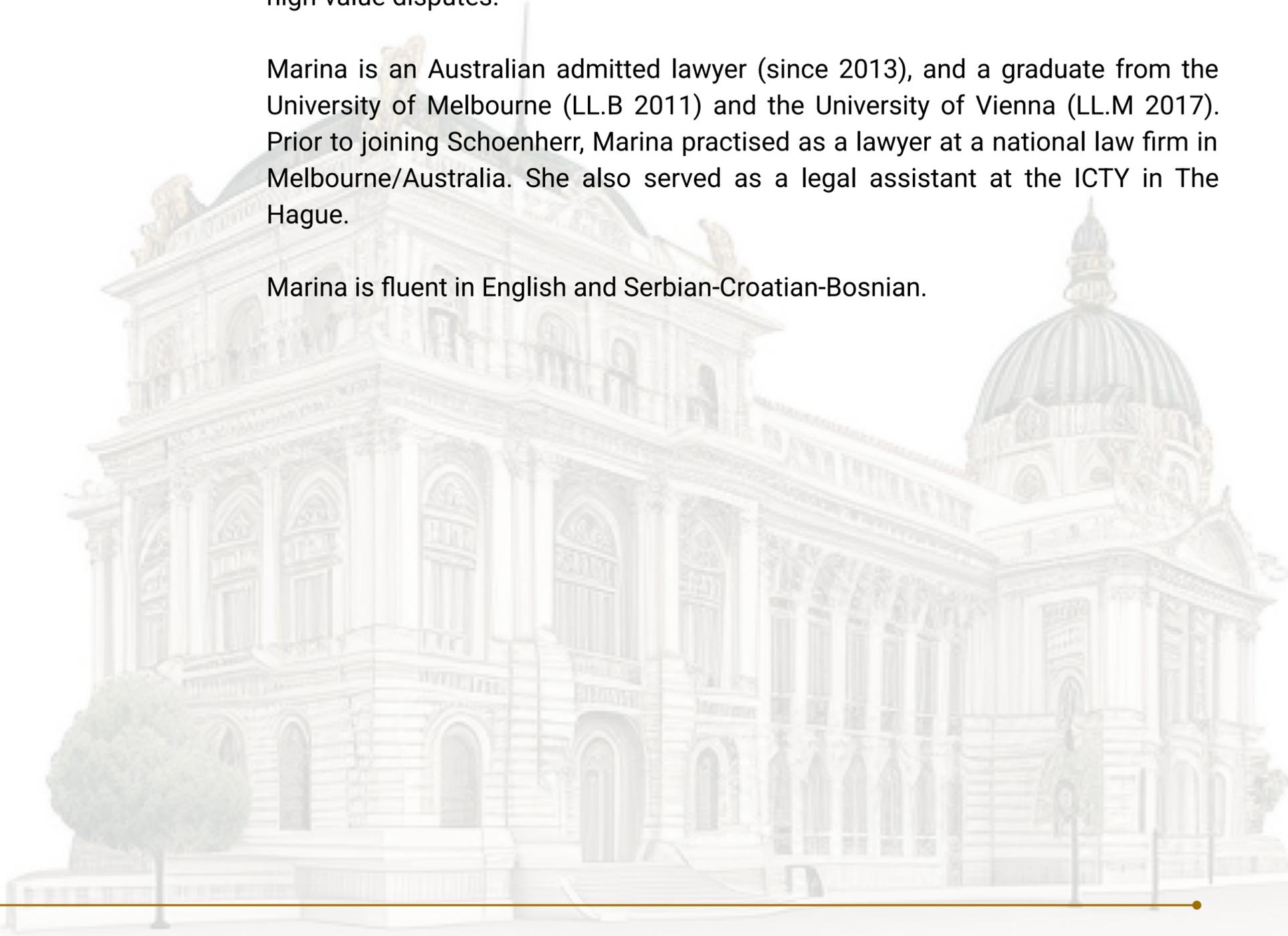
Marina Stanisavljevic

Counsel, Schoenherr

Marina Stanisavljevic is a Counsel at Schoenherr, having joined the firm as an associate in 2018. She is part of the Dispute Resolution Team, where her main area of practice is international commercial and investment arbitration. She represents clients across a range of sectors and jurisdictions in complex, high-value disputes.

Marina is an Australian admitted lawyer (since 2013), and a graduate from the University of Melbourne (LL.B 2011) and the University of Vienna (LL.M 2017). Prior to joining Schoenherr, Marina practised as a lawyer at a national law firm in Melbourne/Australia. She also served as a legal assistant at the ICTY in The Hague.

Marina is fluent in English and Serbian-Croatian-Bosnian.



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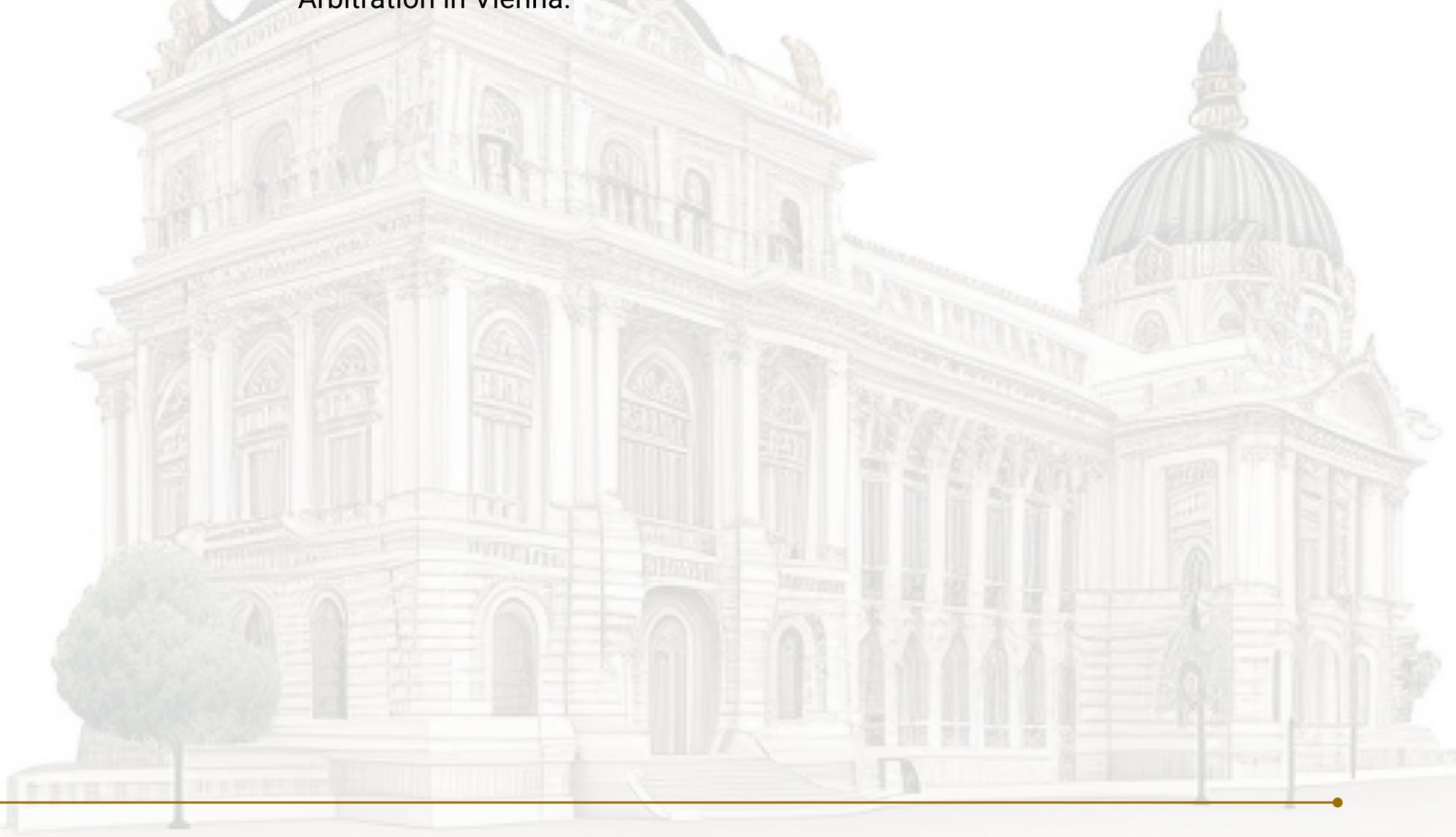
WELCOME ADDRESS

Dr. Christian Johannes Wahnschaffe

Associate, HANEFELD;
Vice President, MAA



Dr. Christian Johannes Wahnschaffe works with the dispute resolution boutique HANEFELD in Hamburg and serves as Vice President on the Executive Board of the Moot Alumni Association. Further to his practice, he lectures on International Dispute Resolution at the University of Münster, where he also obtained his doctorate in the field of institutional arbitration. He publishes and speaks regularly on investment and commercial arbitration, as well as international sales law and contract law. He is an alumnus of the University of Münster and The Hague Academy of International Law and clerked with the Permanent Court of Arbitration in Vienna.



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Grace Cheng

Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers

Grace Cheng is an English barrister, a qualified Hong Kong solicitor and has been admitted to the Bar of the British Virgin Islands. She is a registered foreign lawyer at the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) and has rights of audience before the DIFC Courts (Dubai) and the AIFC Court (Kazakhstan). In addition to speaking fluent English, Cantonese and Mandarin, Grace has a working knowledge of French and Spanish. She is recognised as a leading junior in Sport Law by Legal 500, ranked as an Arbitrator (International Arbitration) by Chambers and Partners, and is included in Lexology Index as a Future Leader in Arbitration.

Grace is a versatile advocate with experience in many different areas of the law (ranging from commercial and construction to family, employment, public, intellectual property, and sports law) with a particular focus on complex commercial matters involving an international element. In addition to her practice as counsel, Grace is a sought after neutral and has received over 70 appointments as arbitrator, adjudicator, expert, as well as being a member of various judicial panels, independent tribunals, disciplinary and regulatory commissions. She regularly deals with disputes in a diverse range of areas and involving a range of languages and governing laws, including the laws of England and Wales, Hong Kong, Singapore, Dubai, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. She has acted in matters administered under the rules of a multitude of different institutions including the AIAC, DIAC, HKIAC, ICC, LCIA, SIAC, SCCA as well as ad hoc arbitrations and those under UNCITRAL rules.

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Dr. Jörn Eschment

Director, Burford Capital

Jörn is a Director heading Burford Capital's investment activity and operations in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, focused on working with companies, funds, investors and law firms engaged in complex commercial litigation and arbitration in Europe and abroad. His work is being recognised by the leading directories including Chambers (Band 1), Lexology (Thought Leader & Client Choice Award 2025), and Leaders League (Litigation Funding Europe).

Burford Capital is the leading global finance and investment management firm focused on law. Its businesses include litigation finance and risk management, asset recovery and a wide range of legal finance and advisory activities. Burford is publicly traded on the London and New York Stock Exchange, and it works with law firms and clients around the world.

Prior to joining Burford, Jörn was a senior disputes lawyer at Herbert Smith Freehills in Hong Kong and Schellenberg Wittmer in Zurich. In this role, he handled complex multi-jurisdictional commercial matters for global businesses across numerous sectors including automotive, energy production, industrial manufacturing and construction. He had previously worked at The Boston Consulting Group, the German Parliament, and the Foreign Relations Office of former German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Jörn has held various academic positions, including as research assistant in German private law and international human rights law, taught Swiss private law at the University of Basel, and has published in the fields of arbitration, legal finance, as well as contract and public international law.

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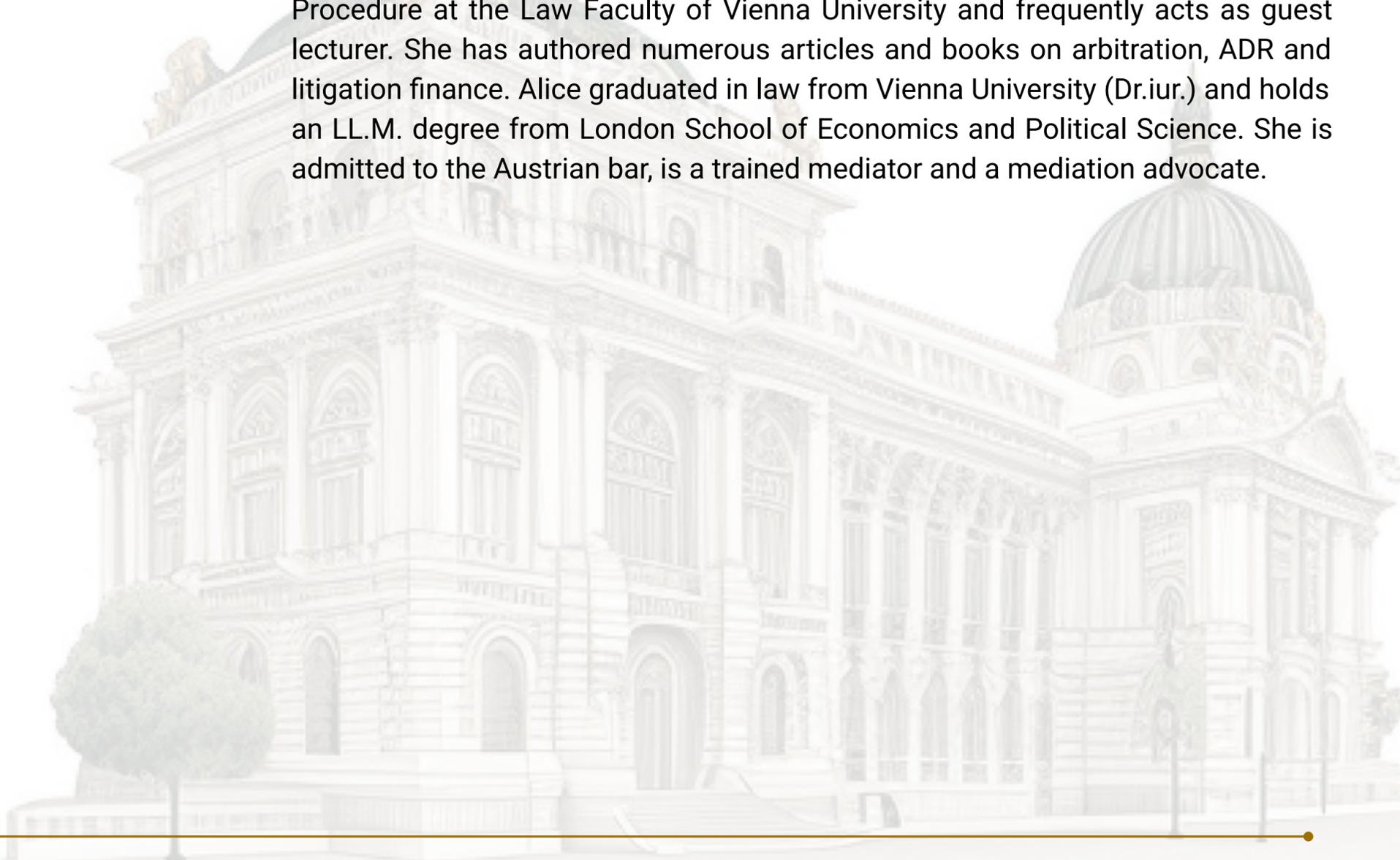
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Dr. Alice Fremuth-Wolf

Counsel, Paragon;
Senior Legal Consultant, Nivalion

Alice Fremuth-Wolf is counsel with PARAGON Advocacy specializing in international dispute resolution and litigation finance, acting as senior legal consultant to Swiss funder Nivalion for matters relating to Austria & the CEE region. She has been recognised in 2025 and 2026 by Lexology Index (formerly WWL) as Thought Leader in Third Party Funding and Arbitration. From 2012-2021, Alice served as (first Deputy, then) Secretary General of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC). She is a lecturer for arbitration at the Department of Civil Procedure at the Law Faculty of Vienna University and frequently acts as guest lecturer. She has authored numerous articles and books on arbitration, ADR and litigation finance. Alice graduated in law from Vienna University (Dr.iur.) and holds an LL.M. degree from London School of Economics and Political Science. She is admitted to the Austrian bar, is a trained mediator and a mediation advocate.



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Prof. Catherine Rogers

Professor, Bocconi University

Professor Rogers is a scholar of international arbitration and professional ethics at Bocconi University, with an appointment as a Research Professor at University of California Law, San Francisco. Her scholarship focuses on the convergence of the public and private in international adjudication, the intersection of markets and regulation in guiding professional conduct, and on the reconceptualization of the attorney as a global actor.

Prior to Bocconi, Professor Rogers taught at many universities around the world, including as Professor of Ethics, Regulation, and the Rule of Law at Queen Mary, University of London, at Pennsylvania State University, and at the Masters International Dispute Settlement (MIDs) Program in Geneva.

Professor Rogers was a Reporter for the American Law Institute's Restatement of the U.S. Law of International Commercial and Investor-State Arbitration. Among other appointments, she sits on the International Advisory Board of the Vienna International Arbitration Centre and the Oxford University Press Investment Claims Advisory Board. She co-chaired the ICCA-Queen Mary Task Force on Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration, and regularly engages in capacity-building activities to promote international dispute resolution and the rule of law in developing and emerging economies.

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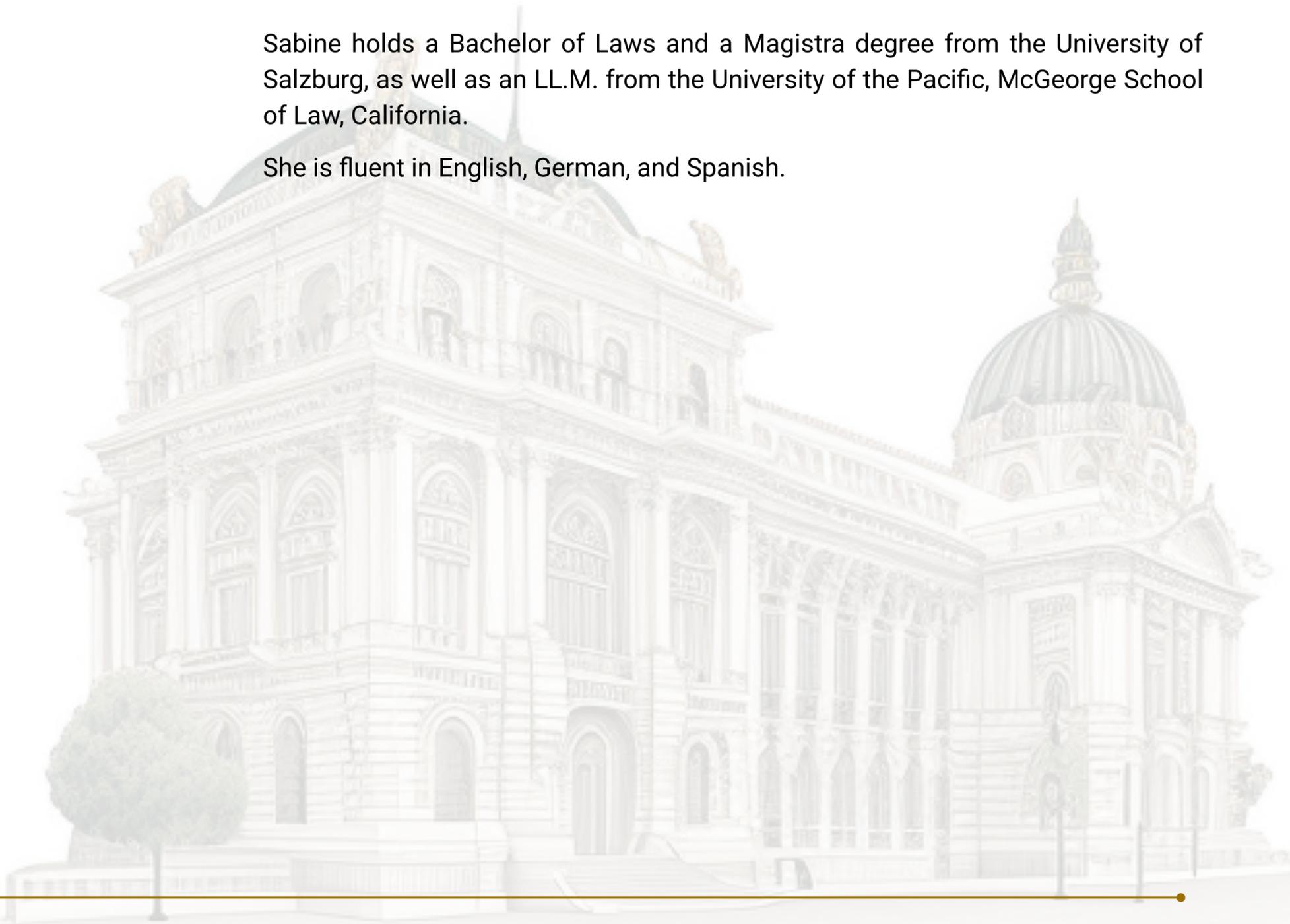
Sabine Supper

Associate, Schoenherr
(Moderator)

Sabine Supper has been an Associate with Schoenherr since 2023. She is a member of the firm's Dispute Resolution Team, focusing on international commercial and investment arbitration.

Sabine holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Magistra degree from the University of Salzburg, as well as an LL.M. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, California.

She is fluent in English, German, and Spanish.



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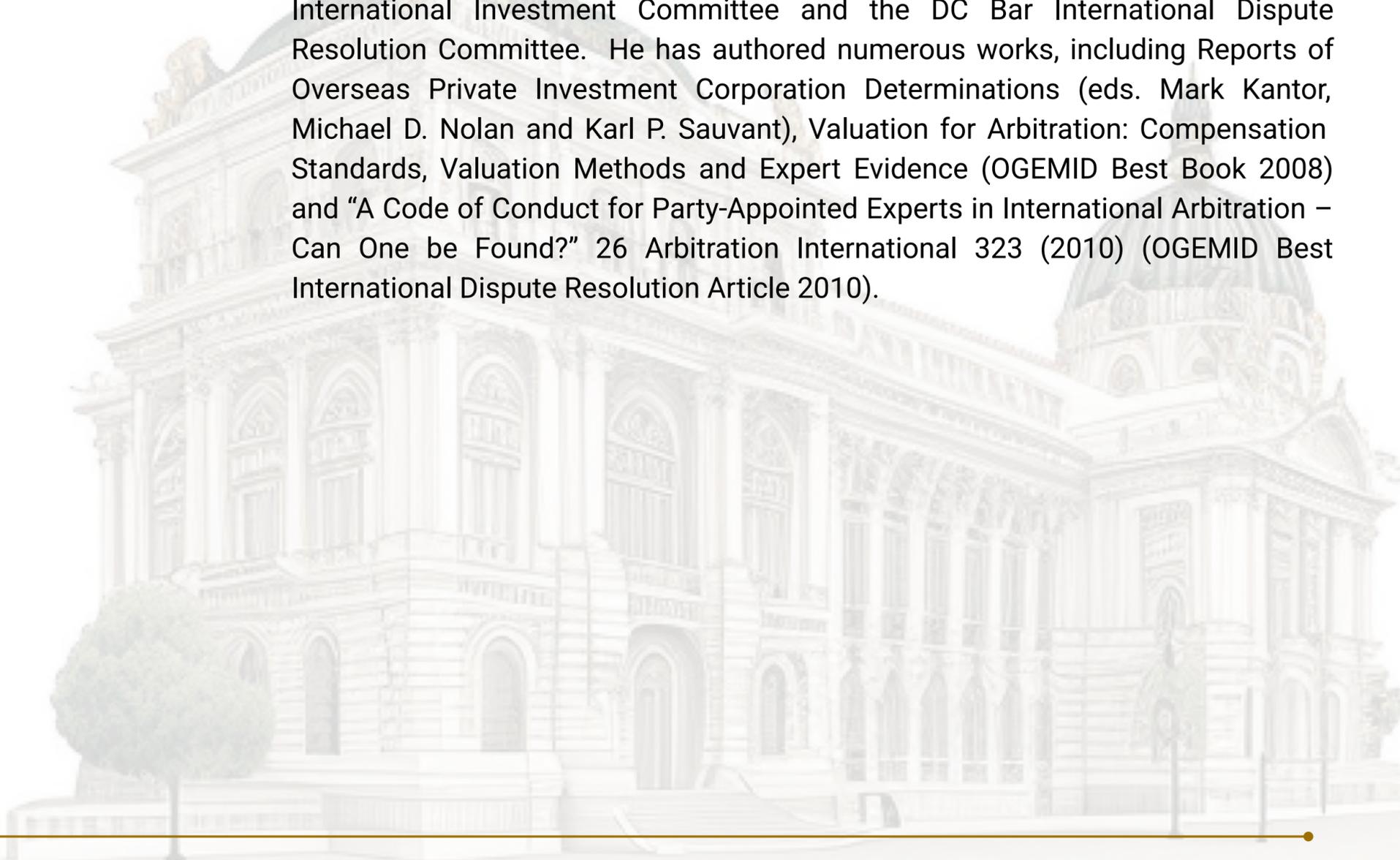


Prof. Mark Kantor

Independent Arbitrator

Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University

Mark Kantor is a retired partner of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy (now Milbank LLC), an international arbitrator in investment and commercial disputes, Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center and Editor-in-Chief of the online journal Transnational Dispute Management. He was a member of the World Bank Group Sanctions Board (term ended Fall 2021). He is a former member of the American Arbitration Association Board of Directors and the Council of the American Arbitration Association, and former Chair of the DC Bar International Investment Committee and the DC Bar International Dispute Resolution Committee. He has authored numerous works, including Reports of Overseas Private Investment Corporation Determinations (eds. Mark Kantor, Michael D. Nolan and Karl P. Sauvant), Valuation for Arbitration: Compensation Standards, Valuation Methods and Expert Evidence (OGEMID Best Book 2008) and "A Code of Conduct for Party-Appointed Experts in International Arbitration – Can One be Found?" 26 Arbitration International 323 (2010) (OGEMID Best International Dispute Resolution Article 2010).



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Carol Ludington

Damages Expert
President, Ludington Ltd.

Carol Ludington possesses unique perspectives and skills in dispute resolution from over forty years of experience involving financial and business analysis, including consideration of damages, related to hundreds of complex commercial and intellectual property disputes. She has served as a testifying expert, consultant, and neutral, providing damages assessments, and consulting regarding dispute resolution strategy, licensing and valuation.

She is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified in Financial Forensics, and a Certified Licensing Professional Emeritus. She has served in neutral roles and has been actively involved with several domestic and international dispute resolution organizations.

Prior to forming her firm, Ludington Ltd., more than thirty years ago, she was employed by two well-known international CPA firms. She has been a speaker and author on dispute resolution topics, including as a contributing editor to several Sedona Conference commentaries, as the author of a chapter on Initial Damages Assessments for the ABA book ADR Advocacy Strategies and Practices for Intellectual Property and Technology Cases, and papers for other US and international organizations. She also served as a representative on behalf of NGOs at UNCITRAL Working Groups II and III.

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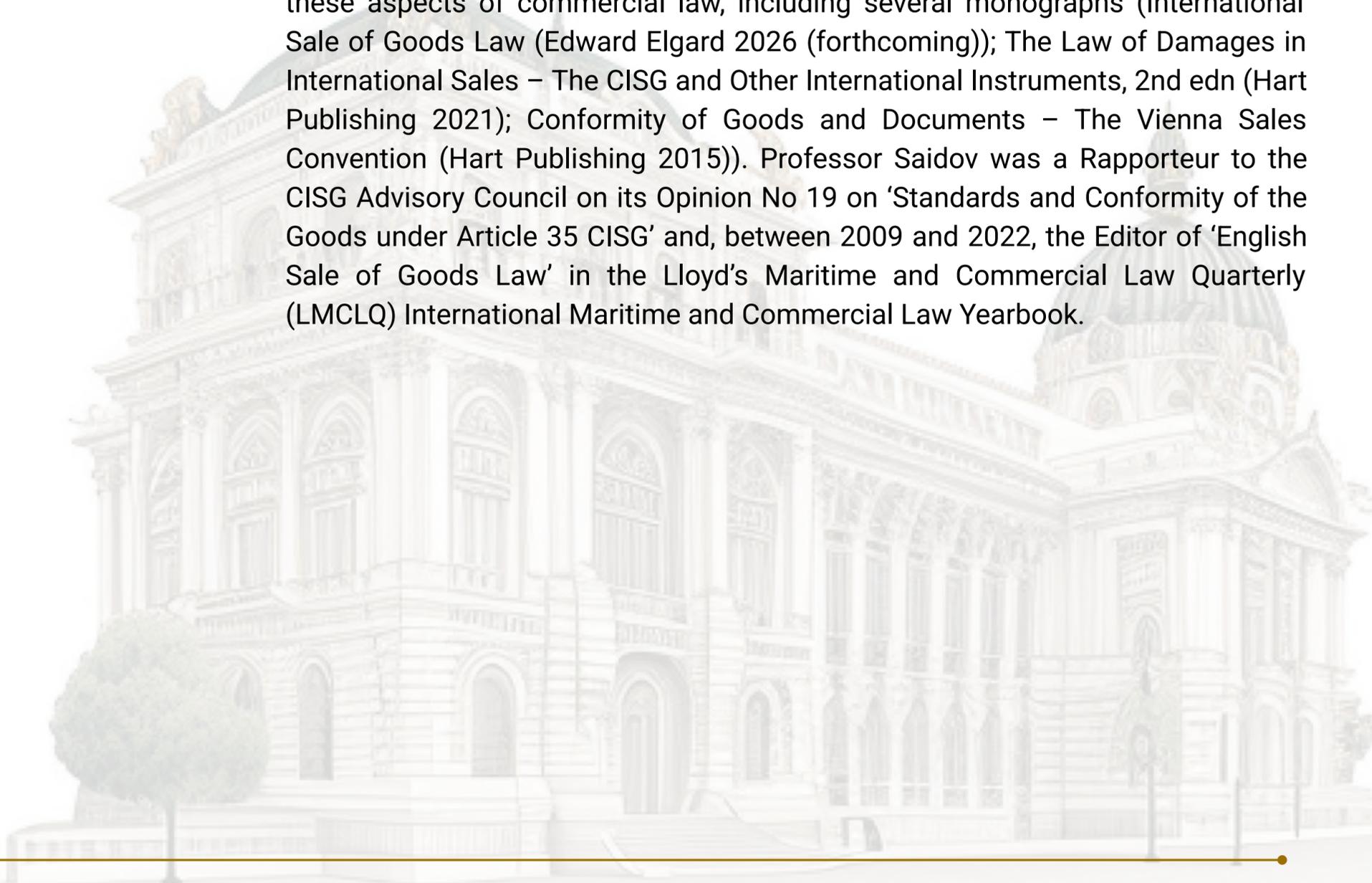
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Prof. Djakhongir Saidov

Professor, King's College London

Djakhongir Saidov is Professor of Commercial Law at The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London, and Consultant at Helmsman LLC, Advocates and Solicitors, Singapore. He is an Academic Fellow at Centre for Maritime Law, National University of Singapore where he was also a Visiting Professor for a number of years. His expertise lies in the law of the international sale of goods, international commercial law, remedies for breach of contract, law on expert determination and international energy law. He has published extensively on these aspects of commercial law, including several monographs (International Sale of Goods Law (Edward Elgard 2026 (forthcoming)); The Law of Damages in International Sales – The CISG and Other International Instruments, 2nd edn (Hart Publishing 2021); Conformity of Goods and Documents – The Vienna Sales Convention (Hart Publishing 2015)). Professor Saidov was a Rapporteur to the CISG Advisory Council on its Opinion No 19 on 'Standards and Conformity of the Goods under Article 35 CISG' and, between 2009 and 2022, the Editor of 'English Sale of Goods Law' in the Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly (LMCLQ) International Maritime and Commercial Law Yearbook.



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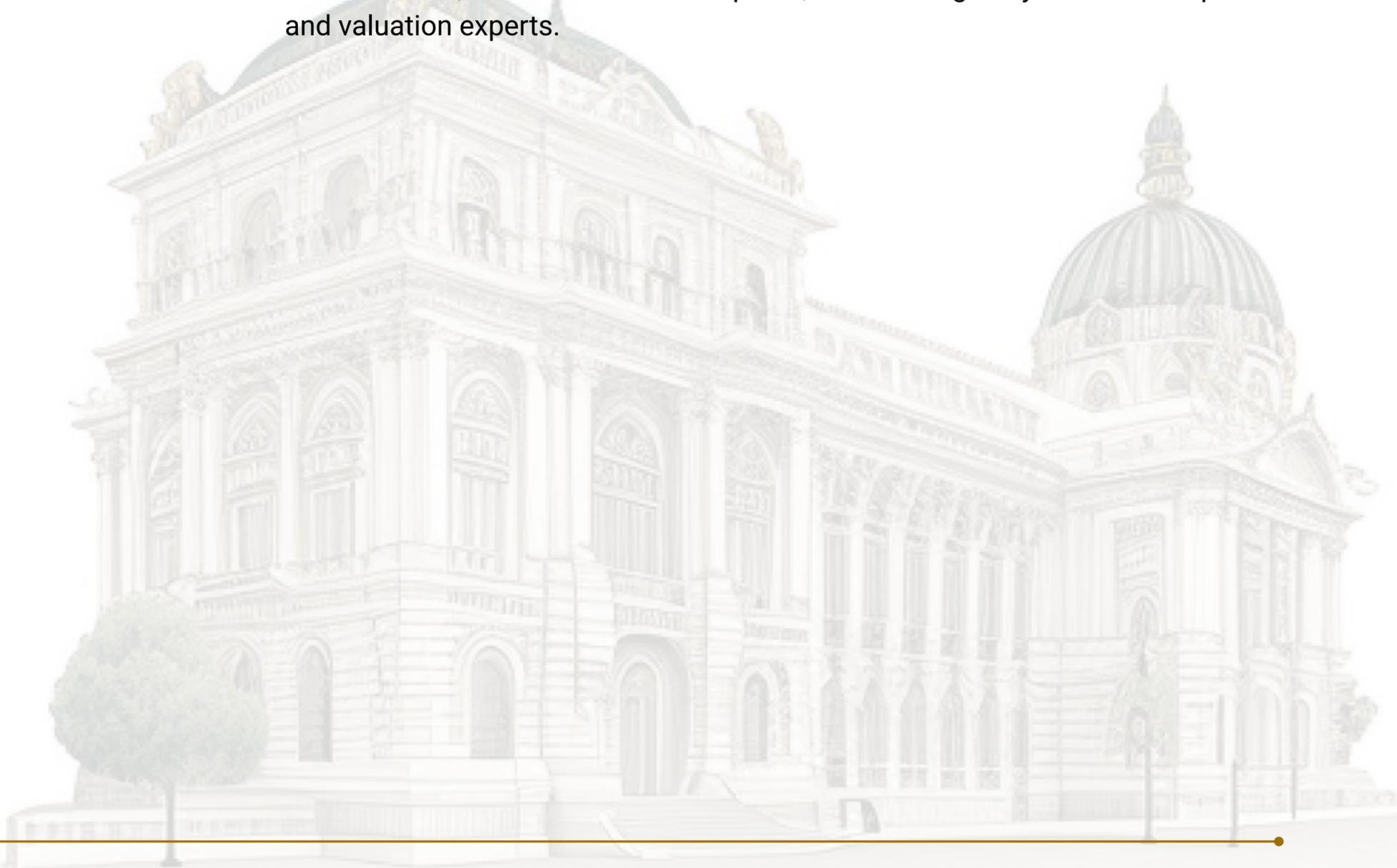
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Poorvi Satija

Senior Associate, White & Case

Poorvi is a senior associate at White & Case LLP, London specializing in international arbitration. She is triple qualified in India, the State of New York, and England & Wales, and is also a trained mediator and negotiator. She has over 12 years of experience spanning across premier law firms in India, France, and the UK, and has represented clients from diverse sectors and jurisdictions in complex, high-value disputes under all major arbitration rules, including LCIA, ICC, SIAC, and ICSID. Poorvi's practice encompasses a dynamic mix of commercial, investor-State, and construction disputes, and she regularly works with quantum and valuation experts.



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Misra Yalçın

Associate, Tahan | Cem Attorney Partnership;
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(Moderator)

Misra is an Associate at Tahan | Cem Attorney Partnership in Istanbul, where she advises major Turkish and international companies on construction projects and represents them in international arbitration proceedings.

Misra has represented clients from a range of sectors, including construction and shipping disputes before arbitral tribunals under ICC, DIAC, and ISTAC rules, as well as in ad hoc proceedings. Her previous experience includes serving as tribunal secretary, and visiting roles at the Istanbul Arbitration Centre and the SCC Arbitration Institute.

Misra is admitted to the Istanbul Bar and holds an LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration Law (ICAL) from Stockholm University.

Misra is also a Research Assistant for Kluwer Arbitration, a member of the Executive Committee of Young ISTAC, and has been an active member of the Moot Alumni Association (MAA) Core Team since 2021.

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Lucy Reed

President, Singapore International Arbitration Centre Court (SIAC)
Independent Arbitrator



Lucy Reed is President of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre Court. Ms Reed is an independent arbitrator now based in New York, specializing in investor-State and complex international commercial disputes and listed in Chambers & Partners Most In Demand Arbitrators – Global Wide.

She is the Honorary (Immediate Past) President of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) and formerly served as a President of the American Society of International Law, a Vice President of the ICC Court, Chair of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration, and a member of the LCIA Court and the HKIAC Board. Among her other arbitration roles, she served as the Co-Director of the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Swiss Bank Accounts (a Holocaust tribunal) and an arbitrator on the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission (an international humanitarian law tribunal).

From 2016 through 2019, Ms. Reed was the Director of the Centre for International Law and a Professor of Practice on the Law Faculty of the National University of Singapore. From 1998 until 2016, she practiced with Freshfields, where she led the global international arbitration group from the New York, Hong Kong and Singapore offices. Among her positions before Freshfields, Ms. Reed was General Counsel of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, in which capacity she led negotiations with North Korea, and a senior attorney with U.S. State Department and U.S. Agent to the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague.

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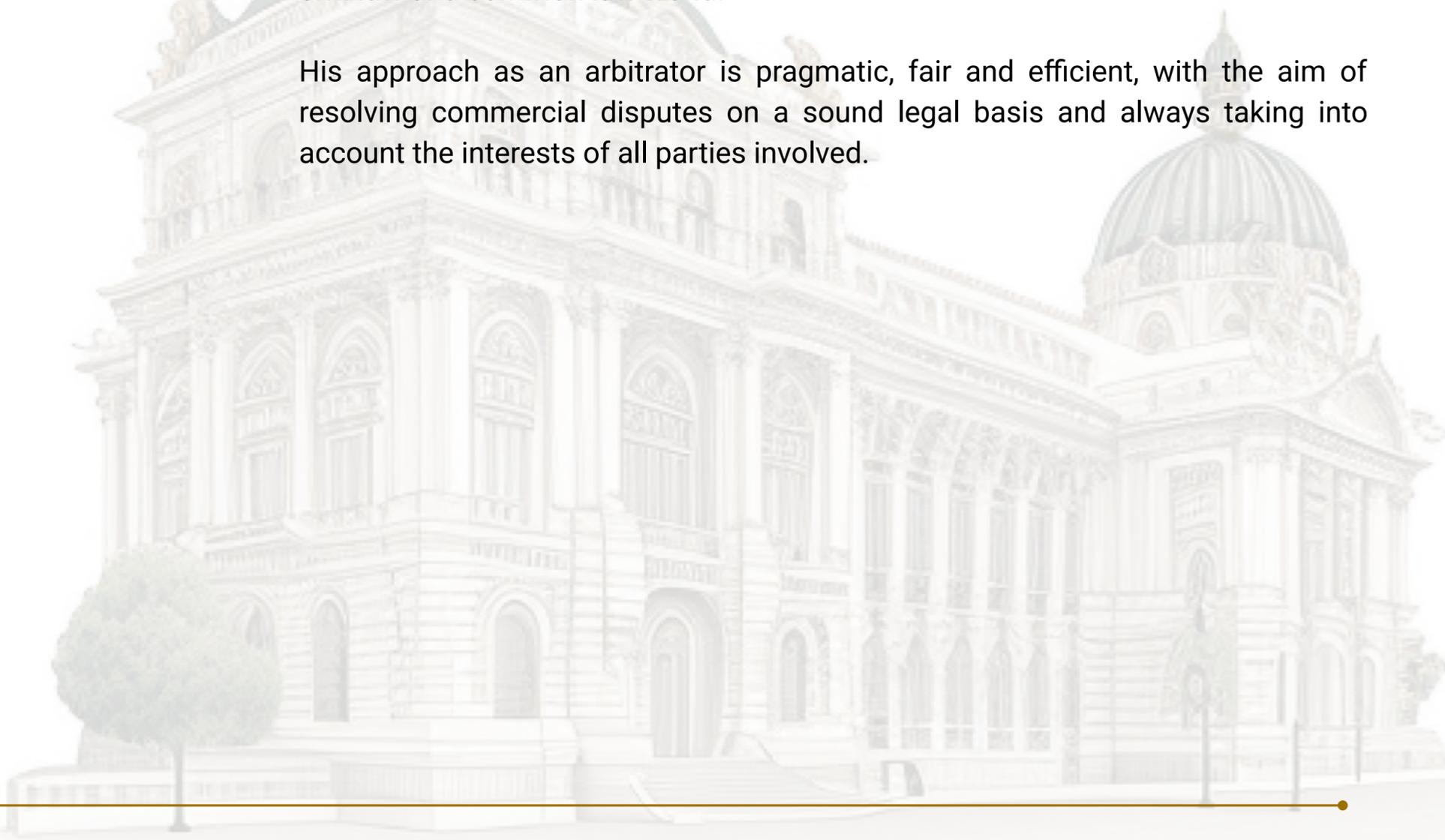
Professor Dr. Klaus Peter Berger

Independent Arbitrator

Professor Berger is an internationally renowned arbitrator with more than 30 years of experience in national and international commercial arbitration. He presides over and sits as co-arbitrator in arbitration proceedings covering a wide range of industries, from international trade contracts to long term energy and infrastructure projects, post-M&A and national and international financial markets disputes. His expertise is confirmed by various rankings.

Professor Berger has extensive experience with various arbitration rules (e.g. DIS, ICC, LCIA, Swiss Rules, VIAC, UNCITRAL) and with governing laws from both the civil law and common law world.

His approach as an arbitrator is pragmatic, fair and efficient, with the aim of resolving commercial disputes on a sound legal basis and always taking into account the interests of all parties involved.



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Hannah Eckhoff

Partner, HSF Kramer

Hannah Eckhoff is a partner in HSF Kramer's dispute resolution practice group in Frankfurt.

Hannah Eckhoff is an experienced litigation and arbitration lawyer with extensive expertise in handling complex national and international disputes. Hannah has acted for clients in numerous high profile state court proceedings and commercial arbitrations under the rules of various major arbitral institutions. Hannah's expertise also includes the strategic defense against product liability mass claims and collective actions.

Her work focuses particularly on the financial services, pharmaceutical, industrial and automotive sectors.

Hannah has in-house experience across different sectors. Before joining HSF Kramer, she served as Director Legal Dispute Resolution at global biotechnology company BioNTech, managing and coordinating their national and international disputes. Earlier, Hannah had also been seconded to Airbus in Toulouse for six months.

Hannah regularly speaks at industry events and is a founding member of the "Association for Civil Procedural Law".

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Akshay Shreedhar

Senior Associate, Quinn Emanuel



Akshay Shreedhar is a senior associate in Quinn Emanuel's London office. His practice focuses on international arbitration. His work involves advising and representing companies, states and state-owned entities in cross-border disputes touching upon multiple sectors.

Akshay has experience in arbitrations conducted under key institutional rules such as the ICSID, ICC, LCIA, ICDR and DIS. Prior to joining the firm, he trained at two boutique international arbitration law firms in Brussels and Geneva, where he assisted some of the world's most renowned arbitrators in major commercial and investor-state disputes.

Akshay also has litigation/arbitration experience in India, having worked as an associate in the chambers of a Senior Counsel, where he represented clients in construction disputes before domestic courts and tribunals. Akshay holds an LL.B (hons.) from National Law University, Delhi, and an LL.M from the MIDS programme in Geneva.

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Ana Stanič

Principal, E&A Law

Ana Stanič, founder of E&A Law, is an English Solicitor Advocate and Irish Solicitor with over 25 years' experience advising states, companies, and international institutions on energy, environmental, EU, and international law, with a focus on dispute resolution. She has sat as arbitrator in disputes concerning energy projects, sanctions and commercial disputes and regularly represents states and companies in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations. Ana also advises on inter-State disputes before the PCA and CJEU and has negotiated 10 BITs and FTAs as a member of the Slovenian government. She is ranked among the UK's top five Energy lawyers by Chambers & Partners this year and has been recognised by Legal 500 for Public International Law.

A PCA member since 2019, Ana teaches in China and Germany. She holds B. Commerce and LLB degrees from UNSW and an LLM Cambridge and speaks multiple languages. Ana joined the VIAC Board in 2026 and co-heads its Energy Task Force.

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Evanthia Kasiora

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Evanthia is an Associate in the International Arbitration Practice of White & Case based in Paris. Evanthia's practice includes international commercial and investment arbitration across a variety of industries, including energy, infrastructure and construction. Evanthia represents private companies, States and State-owned entities in international arbitration, as well as provides pre- and post-arbitration advice to clients. She also has experience as Tribunal Secretary.

Evanthia is qualified in Greece and is registered with the Paris Bar as an EU lawyer. She holds an LLM in International Business Law from the London School of Economics and an LLM in Civil Procedural Law from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Evanthia is actively involved in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot for a number of years as a coach and arbitrator. She is the Co-President of the Moot Alumni Association and has been serving on its Executive Board since 2023. Prior to this, she was leading the Moot Alumni Association's Mentor-Mentee Programme.
