

PRESS RELEASE

Dr Ramona Schardt appointed as new DIS Secretary General

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Dr Ramona Schardt, LL.M. (Virginia) will take office as new Secretary General of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS) starting 1 January 2023.

The DIS is the leading German institution for arbitration and alternative dispute resolution and manages around 150 arbitrations as well as alternative dispute resolution proceedings between German and foreign parties, usually businesses, each year.

Dr Schardt is a dispute resolution specialist with 20 years experience in arbitration, litigation, and alternative dispute resolution. As Division Litigation Counsel, Dr Schardt currently manages international arbitrations, litigations, and alternative dispute resolution proceedings of Siemens Energy Global GmbH & Co. KG in Munich. Previously she was a Senior Legal Counsel in the central litigation department of Siemens AG. Before joining Siemens, Dr Schardt worked for several years as counsel in the dispute resolution practice group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP in Frankfurt a.M.



As a member of the drafting committee, Dr Schardt contributed significantly to the revision of the 2018 DIS Arbitration Rules. In addition, she has been an active member of the DIS User Council, contributing the perspectives of the corporate users of arbitration.

Dr Schardt studied law at the Friedrich-Schiller-University in Jena, where she also obtained her PhD. As a Fulbright scholar, she also studied at Georgetown University and the University of Virginia, where she received her Master of Laws, as well as the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Dr Schardt says: „I am looking forward to the new task and to leading the DIS into the future together with the staff and members as well as the Board and Advisory Council. The DIS is and will remain the central alternative dispute resolution institution in Germany. The potential of arbitration as an efficient and user-friendly supplement to state court litigation has not yet been exhausted. There is plenty of room for the DIS to grow even further.”

Professor Stefan Kröll, Chairman of the DIS, says: „We are thrilled to have found an extraordinarily broadly qualified and highly motivated new Secretary General in Dr Ramona Schardt. She has an excellent network in the arbitration scene and is familiar with both, the user and business perspective as well as the counsel perspective. The DIS is the only arbitration institution that will be led by a former in-house counsel. This underlines the DIS' focus on the users of arbitration and user-friendliness.“

German Arbitration Institute (DIS)

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