

Lunch DIScussions
13 October 2022, 1-2 pm

Technical Expert to the Arbitral Tribunal?

Do arbitrators really understand all the highly complex factual questions they are faced with? Are arbitrators really in a position to appreciate what parties and their highly-paid experts tell them, and to distinguish between actual argument and mere smoke screen? Or are they rather often overwhelmed by all the technical detail? And if they are: should/may/must tribunals retain the services of a technical expert who assists them in understanding the technical complexities, who guides them on how to read factual submissions, and who helps them prepare for the hearing? Or is this another cost drain and entirely inadmissible?

Sophie Barends, Senior Legal Counsel at Deutsche Telekom AG and **Kai Schumacher**, Managing Director, Alix Partners will discuss these and other issues in a debate. For the purpose of a lively exchange, the discussants will take positions that do not necessarily reflect their own views. The audience is explicitly invited to join in the discussion and ask questions.

Programme

Welcome address

Dr. Jennifer Bryant

Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit, Bonn/Berlin

Discussion

Sophie Barends

Deutsche Telekom, Bonn

Kai Schumacher

Alix Partners, Duesseldorf

Moderation

Mathias Wittinghofer

Herbert Smith Freehills, Frankfurt

Registration

The event will be held in the form of a video conference. There will be an alternative option to participate by audio only.

Please register by 11 October 2022 via the link below. Registered participants will receive the access details by e-mail prior to the begin of the event.

Please address any questions to events@disarb.org.

The event will be free of charge.

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