

# HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS ADDS DR PATRICIA NACIMIENTO TO ITS INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION OFFERING IN FRANKFURT

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She has spent the last 20 years developing a reputation as a leading International Arbitration practitioner specialising in both commercial and investment treaty arbitrations, acting as counsel and arbitrator.

As a party representative, she has conducted over 120 arbitration proceedings under the rules of numerous arbitration institutions.

The German government appointed her as of 2008 to the panel of arbitrators at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). She is also regularly appointed as an arbitrator and has led numerous international ICC, DIS and ad hoc arbitration proceedings as a chairperson, sole arbitrator or party appointed arbitrator.

Patricia is a native German speaker and fluent in English, Spanish, Italian and French. She is co-editor of leading manuals on arbitration and lecturer at the Universities of Heidelberg and Frankfurt.

Her experience will further complement our leading International Arbitration practice, which

has just been ranked third busiest in the world by Global Arbitration Review (GAR) with the highest number of individual partner rankings. This is a high-profile endorsement of the strength and growth of the firm's global practice and the talent of its teams around the world.

Showcased by the publication as “a class act”, the firm's International Arbitration practice has a network of over 30 partners across the firm’s offices, spanning 24 offices in the US, UK, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia. The practice represents clients worldwide, ranging from Fortune 500, multinationals to financial institutions, governments and state-owned entities.

Justin D'Agostino, Global Head of Herbert Smith Freehills Disputes Practice, said:

"Patricia brings with her a breadth of experience, which will further strengthen our leading International Arbitration practice and the continued expansion of our Disputes Offering in EMEA. I am very excited to welcome her on board.

Ralf Thaeter, Managing Partner of Herbert Smith Freehills Germany commented:

"We are very pleased to welcome Patricia to our practice in Germany. Since establishing in 2013, our partnership has now grown to 11 and Patricia is great addition to our German disputes team, alongside partners Thomas Weimann and Mathias Wittinghofer. Her arrival is a testament to our commitment to growth in Germany."

Patricia added: "I am thrilled to join Herbert Smith Freehills. It is a disputes power house with dedicated experts all over the globe. I look forward to being part of the further dynamic in Germany. "

Ignacio Paz, Head of the Latin America group: " *The relocation of Juan Jose Zentner from Melbourne to the New York office is vital to us continuing to develop our Latin America practice as it allows us to strengthen and increase our existing capabilities in the region, essentially in coordination with Madrid and London, to provide services of the highest quality to our clients with investments in Latin America.*"

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