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BACKGROUND

Catrice's background includes:

- Prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills Germany LLP in 2016, Catrice worked for more than six years in the international arbitration team of a former member of the ICC Court of Arbitration.
- Admitted to the bar in Germany in 2010
- Traineeship with higher regional court of Düsseldorf
- Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (Queen Mary/UCL (London)/International Dispute Resolution)
- Johannes-Gutenberg University of Mayence
- Mîtrise en DROIT (Université de Paris XII/dual-degree program of the université franco-allemande)

MEMBERSHIPS/POSITIONS

- ICC Commission on Commercial Law and Practice - Appointed Member
- AIJA - International Association of Young Lawyers - Member of the Executive Committee
- DIS Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit (German Institution of Arbitration) - Regional Chair of the DIS 40
- Young CEAC - Chinese European Arbitration Centre - Co Chair
- ASA Below 40 - Groupe ASA des Jeunes Praticiens de l'Arbitrage
- CEPANI40 - Belgian Centre for Arbitration and Mediation Young Professionals
- CFA40 - Comité Français de l'Arbitrage
- ICC YAF - ICC Young Arbitrators Forum
- IBA - International Bar Association
- YAAP - Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (arb aut)
- YIAG - Young International Arbitration Group (LCIA)
- YSIAC - Young Singapore International Arbitration Centre

KEY SERVICES

Dispute Resolution
Commercial Arbitration

KEY SECTORS

Technology, Media and Telecommunications
Energy

EXPERIENCE

Catrice has broad experience as counsel in national and international arbitration proceedings under the auspices of various arbitration institutions (ICC, SIAC, DIS etc.) and ad hoc, at multiple seats and under different governing laws. She is particularly renowned and experienced in implementing cost-efficient strategies and handling voluminous and technically complex cross-border litigation and arbitration cases. Her particular fields of industry are energy, construction/infrastructure, agency, intellectual property (including FRAND compliant licences), post-M&A and international sale and distribution. She also sits as an arbitrator.

Her track record also includes advising and representing national and foreign clients before the German courts in all types of commercial disputes, including in arbitration-related matters and in enforcement of foreign judgments. She has also acted as co-counsel in arbitration-related matters before foreign courts and has extensive experience as administrative secretary to the tribunal. Further, Catrice has advised clients in share and asset deals, compliance matters, and has advised on and drafted a broad range of commercial agreements.

Catrice is recognised for her arbitration and dispute resolution work in leading directories. She has been recommended as a Rising Star (Commercial Arbitration) in Expert Guides (2018) and is ranked in Who's Who Legal's Future Leaders in Arbitration (2018).

She is a member of the ICC Commission on Commercial Law and Practice. Further, Catrice is a regional chair of the DIS40, a co-chair of the Young CEAC and a member of the Executive Committee of the AIJA. Catrice Gayer regularly speaks on international arbitration at conferences and publishes on international arbitration, litigation and corporate matters.

Catrice's experience includes:

- acting as counsel for a multinational general contractor in an ICC arbitration in Germany concerning damage claims under an EPC contract for a coal fired power plant
- advising a major energy multinational in a DIS arbitration concerning damage and compensation claims regarding the construction of a nuclear power plant*
- acting as counsel in an ICC arbitration in Germany concerning a (FRAND) dispute arising out of a license agreement against a multinational global technology company and in several parallel arbitration and litigation proceedings abroad (including disclosure proceedings in the US)*
- acting as counsel in a SIAC arbitration in Singapore concerning claims arising out of an agency agreement*

- acting as counsel in an EUR 40 million ICC arbitration regarding the rescission of a power supply contract in Germany (EFET)*
- acting as counsel for a multinational cooperation in an EUR 120 million ICC arbitration in Switzerland regarding claims arising out of share sale and purchase agreements*

**prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills*

ACCOLADES

- Expert Guides 2017: Rising Star in Commercial Arbitration
- Who's Who Legal Arbitration 2018: Future Leaders - Non-partners

KEY PUBLICATIONS

[Enforcement of foreign judgments in Germany](#), ICLG, jointly with Sören Flecks, March 2018

- "[The DIS Rules of Arbitration of 2018](#)", Kluwer Arbitration Blog, February 2018
- Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration 2018, [Small Claim and Expedited Proceedings](#), January 2018
- Kluwer Arbitration Blog, Arbitration and Money Laundering: [What are the obligations placed on counsel and arbitrators and what risks do they face?](#), jointly with Patricia Nacimiento and Tilmann Hertel, November 2017
- [German chapter in Global Legal Insights \(GLI\) to International Arbitration 2017](#), jointly

with Thomas Weimann, May 2017

- Brexit and the enforcement of judgments, Nachrichten für den Außenhandel, November 2016
- Arbitration and Insolvency: Life after Elektrim/Vivendi in: The Practice of Arbitration: Liber amicorum for Hans van Houtte, Hart publications, 2012, pages 133 - 144, Dr. Kühn, Wolfgang (contributed to writing)

KEY PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "Confidentiality vs Transparency in International Arbitration: Selected Issues", YIAG, 1 September 2017, Zurich
- Speaker/Organising Committee, "After the Final Award - A new Battle on the Horizon?" 9th AIJA Annual Arbitration Conference Stockholm (jointly with the SCC), 15 -17 June 2017, Stockholm
- Moderator, "Arbitrating IP Disputes", DIS40 Frankfurt Event, 14 March 2017, Frankfurt
- Speaker, "Repositioning Arbitration - Small Claims and Accelerated Proceedings", Vienna Arbitration Days, February 2017, Vienna
- Speaker, "How to fashion license and distribution contracts - Arbitration clauses and awards vs. mandatory provisions: Are they really mandatory?", AIJA Half-Year Conference, 23 - 26 November 2016, Verona