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Languages

English German

Nationality

German



Experience

As Arbitrator

- More than 120 cases as arbitrator, including cases with amounts in dispute valued in the several billions and several cases involving States or State entities
- Co-Arbitrator: 75 arbitrations (ICC, ICSID, SCC, DIS, PCA, VIAC, CEAC, ad hoc), 7 of which involved Statecontrolled entities or a sovereign State and 3 of which constituted investor-State Treaty Arbitrations
- Presiding Arbitrator: 44 arbitrations (ICC, ICSID, LCIA, DIS, GMAA, CEAC, Hamburg CC, ad hoc), 6 of which involved State-controlled entities and 4 of which constituted investor-State Treaty Arbitrations
- Sole Arbitrator: 7 arbitrations (ICC, DIS, VIAC, Hamburg CC), 1 of which involved a State-controlled entity

As Counsel

Party representation in numerous domestic and international arbitral proceedings (e.g., ICC, ICSID, DIS, ZHK, VIAC, AAA, ad hoc)

Others

- 3x Member of an ICSID Annulment Committee
- 1x Member of a LCIA Challenge Division



Instruments

Areas of practice

Arbitration

- Energy & Renewables
- Construction & Engineering
- Post-M&A & Corporate Law
- Investment Protection

Recognitions

Lexology (formerly WWL)

- Dr. Inka Hanefeld "earns endorsements for being simply great as an arbitrator thanks to her experience in international trade, post-M&A and investor-state disputes."
- Inka Hanefeld is a leading arbitration practitioner extolled by peers as 'brilliant' and 'impressive'. She is exceptionally active in the field and is acclaimed as 'precise, efficient and very capable of handling the largest cases'.
- Inka Hanefeld is a highly sought-after arbitrator and counsel known for 'consistently delivering top-class service in complex cases'.
- Inka Hanefeld of Hanefeld Rechtsanwälte is regarded as 'very impressive' by her peers. Recognized both as arbitrator and counsel, her expertise in project, trade and post-M&A related disputes is 'top drawer'.

Chambers and Partners

- Described by one interviewee as "outstanding," Inka Hanefeld is widely considered one of the leading arbitrators in the German and European market, presiding over energy, finance and state-investor disputes, with particular expertise in ICC and ICSID procedures.
- Inka Hanefeld [...] has both studied and practiced in New York. She is a well-regarded arbitrator whom interviewees champion as 'extremely organized and sharp-minded'.
- "Hailed as an extremely talented and effective advocate for her clients, sources praise Inka Hanefeld [...] for her



arbitration expertise."

- Inka Hanefeld is "experienced, hands-on and clearly someone to be recommended" in a list of top European arbitrators. Another interviewee praises Inka Hanefeld for her diligence, saying: "You won't ever find a single legal issue she has missed."
- Inka Hanefeld [...] in Hamburg is recognized as 'an outstanding choice for arbitration cases - a fantastic advocate with a very successful track record'.
- "Inka Hanefeld is a trusted authority in arbitration."
- "Inka Hanefeld is a very well-organised, efficient lawyer who does great work for us in complex disputes."
- "Inka Hanefeld is one for the very big cases. She is well prepared and well organised as a co-arbitrator and presiding arbitrator."
- "Inka Hanefeld is the most perfect arbitrator I have ever met."
- "Inka Hanefeld is very thorough. When I work with her I know that nothing will be missed."

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- Dr. Inka Hanefeld is "one of the best in the industry"; [an arbitrator] "that only few can match on the international stage"
- "Dr. Inka Hanefeld [has] great expertise in the field"; "[is] sensationally well prepared."; "[is] absolutely reliable as co-arbitrator."; "[is] a pioneer for her generation."; "[is] experienced and well connected."
- Inka Hanefeld is recognized as one of very few internationally renowned German arbitrators and among the top three arbitrators in the country. She is praised as being a luminary and "working incredibly meticulously on her cases".

Curriculum vitae

2011

Founder of HANEFELD

2006 - 2011 Friedrich Korch Hanefeld, Hamburg

2002 - 2005



Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Dispute Resolution Department, Frankfurt and Hamburg

2002

New York State Bar Exam

1999 - 2002

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Dispute Resolution Department, Vienna and New York

1998 - 1999

Master of Laws in International Legal Studies (LL.M.), New York University School of Law

1997 - 1998

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Dispute Resolution Department, Vienna

1995 - 1997

Legal traineeship (Referendariat) in Lower Saxony including work experience with the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development (UNIDO) in Vienna

1995

Doctor of Laws (Dr. iur.), University of Hamburg

1989 - 1993

Studies of law at the University of Hamburg

Academic appointments

- Fellow lecturer at the New York University School of Law September 2012/2016
- Lecturer at the University of Hamburg for domestic and international arbitration
 2011 until 2013

Memberships

- ICC Institute of World Business Law 2025
- Member of the Governing Body of the ICC International Court of Arbitration

Since 2022

- Member of the Steering Committee ICC Court Alumni Group
- Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration

From 2015 to 2021

 Member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)



From May 2015 to May 2020

 Nominated by the Federal Republic of Germany for the ICSID list of arbitrators
From 2013 to 2019