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Nadja Harraschain advises domestic and international companies on resolving complex cross-border disputes in the field of commercial arbitration and litigation. Next to representing her clients in in all stages of the proceedings including settlement negotiations, she regularly provides strategic advice before formal proceedings have been initiated, in interim relief proceedings and in discovery proceedings.

Nadja has a background in representing and advising clients from various sectors, with a particular focus on the energy sector. She handles cases and provides counsel to clients in the gas, oil and wind energy industries involving disputes over energy plants, supply agreements (both long-term and short-term), international sanctions, and environmental matters. Additionally, she offers advice on disputes related to mobility, M&A transactions, foreign investments, and corporate management responsibilities.

Prior to joining rothorn legal, Nadja was a member of Allen Overy Shearman Stearling LLP's International Arbitration Group for several years. Before that, she worked with several major international law firms in Frankfurt on the Main and New York in the fields of arbitration and litigation while completing her PhD in the field of investment arbitration. For her PhD, she was a visiting scholar at Columbia University, New York.

Nadja is co-chair of DIS40, the young professionals organisation of the German Arbitration Institute (*Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit*, *DIS*) with more than 2,000 members, and founder and CEO of one of the leading non-profit career platforms for women in law in Germany and Switzerland, breaking.through.

In 2024, Nadja advised the German parliament as an expert at the public hearing of the Legal Affairs Committee concerning the draft bill on the modernization of the German arbitration law. She regularly speaks and publishes on contemporary questions of international arbitration.

Nadja is fluent in German and English.

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Experience (Excerpt)

- Representing a biotech company in an ICC arbitration with an international healthcare company relating to a development agreement
- Representing a German technology company in a DIS arbitration with its supplier relating to an infrastructure project
- Representing a German insurer in a domestic litigation in a dispute arising out of a service and maintenance agreement for a renewable energy plant
- Representing a German energy trader in an international ICC arbitration seated in Geneva relating to short-term gas supply contracts
- Representing an Eastern European energy trader in a cross-border arbitration seated in Vienna against its supplier under the ICC Arbitration Rules
- Representing an Eastern European energy company in a cross-border ICC arbitration seated in Geneva against its supplier
- Representing an Eastern European energy company in a cross-border ICC arbitration against its supplier (Geneva seat)
- Representing an Austrian company in a DIS arbitration seated in Frankfurt concerning a post-M&A dispute
- Representing a German manufacturer in a domestic litigation against a former manager from the company group
- Advising a German energy company in a cross-border dispute on contractual claims against its supplier and related claims against third parties

Qualifications

- Rechtsanwältin, Germany
- Higher Regional Court Frankfurt on the Main, Germany (second juridical state exam; legal traineeships i.a. with Allen & Overy LLP and Clifford Chance LLP in Frankfurt)
- University of Basel, Switzerland (Ph.D.)
- Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, Germany (first juridical exam)

Publications (Excerpt)

- Legal opinion for the public hearing of the Legal Committee concerning the draft bill on the modernization of the German arbitration law, 2024
- *Russian Supreme Court denies enforcement of award based on the allegedly unfriendly nationalities of arbitrators*, The Arbitrator Vol 54 No. 3, Society of Maritime Arbitrators, October, 2024, pp. 17-18 (Co-Author with Igor Gorchakov and Tim Dlugosch)
- *Does the CISG Apply to Arbitration Agreements?*, ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin 2021, No. 1, pp. 36-38 (Co-Author with Anna Masser)
- *CISG und Schiedsvereinbarung, verträgt sich das?*, Commentary of Federal Supreme Court Decision I ZR 245/19 dated 26 November 2020, in SchiedsVZ 2021, 97 (Co-Author with Anna Masser)
- *Multiple Proceedings in Investor-State Dispute Settlement*, Dissertation, Basel, 2019
- *Reichweite einer Schiedsklausel bei nachträglicher Ergänzung des ursprünglichen Unternehmenskaufvertrags*, jurisPR-HGesR 9/2019 Anm. 3 (Co-Author with Marina Arntzen)