

Anna Masser



BAR ADMISSIONS

Zürich

2013

Admitted to practice in Switzerland until 2016

Worked out of Switzerland between 2009 and 2016; represent parties before Swiss courts, party representative and arbitrator in various arbitrations

Hamburg

2008

Admitted to practice in Germany

Represent parties before German courts; party representative and arbitrator in commercial arbitrations

WORK

manner|masser

10/2025 – present

International Arbitration (Frankfurt and Hamburg)

Founding partner of manner|masser, a dispute resolution boutique with offices in Frankfurt and Hamburg; focus on energy disputes and high value, high stakes cross border commercial arbitrations; post M&A disputes; mediator and arbitrator

Allen & Overy LLP / A&O Shearman

01/2020 – 09/2025

Head of International Arbitration, Germany (Frankfurt)

Head A&O's commercial arbitration practice in Germany, team lead and wide ranging responsibility; focus on energy disputes and high value, high stakes cross border commercial arbitrations, under e.g. pharma, licensing and distribution agreements; post M&A disputes; selected arbitrator appointments

Jones Day

07/2016 – 12/2019

International Arbitration (Frankfurt)

Of-Counsel, partner since 2019; focus on gas pricing disputes under various laws and rules; high value, high stake cross border commercial arbitrations

Lalive SA

01/2014 – 06/2016

International Arbitration (Zurich)

High value cross border disputes under Swiss, German, Kuwaiti, Austrian and Dutch law and CISG under various arbitration rules, including ad hoc

Walder Wyss Ltd

09/2000 – 12/2013

International Arbitration (Zurich)

Cross border disputes under Swiss, German, French, Turkish and Korean law and CISG under various arbitration rules, including ad hoc; coach for the University of Zurich from 2010 to 2012 for Willem C. Vis Moot

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP

01/2008 – 08/2009

Corporate M&A (Hamburg)

Particular focus on private M&A; mid-cap deals throughout Europe

EDUCATION

OLG Schleswig

08/2005 – 09/2007

Referendariat (Hamburg)

Walder Wyss Ltd (arbitration), CMS Hasche Sigle (arbitration), Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (arbitration), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Berlin (international private, trade and commercial law)

CMS Hasche Sigle

01/2005 – 03/2006

International Arbitration, Reinsurance, Maritime law (Hamburg)

Research assistant, getting first insights on working in a law firm

University of Heidelberg

05/2000 – 09/2004

Law (Heidelberg)

Assistant to Prof. Dr. Thomas Pfeiffer, Institute for Foreign and International Private and Commercial Law; participation in 9th Willem C. Vis Moot; 2nd place memorandum for claimant; honourable mention for the team (9th place); individual honourable mention for best oralist (4th place); focus on private international law and international civil procedure law

University of Karlsruhe, TH

09/1998 – 03/2000

Civil Engineering (Karlsruhe)

Three semesters of civil engineering before choosing law

Gymnasium Kreuzgasse

08/1996 – 05/1998 and 1988 – 1994

Abitur (Cologne)

Mathematics, English, Physics and Educational Theory

Sierra Bernia Secondary School

1995 – 1996

A-Levels (Sierra Bernia)

Short visit

Lycée Français d'Alicante

1995 – 1996

Baccalauréat (Alicante)

Short visit

Garfield County District High School

1994 – 1995

Senior with graduation (Jordan, MT)

Exchange year with Youth For Understanding; graduation with High Honors (3rd in class)

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

Who's Who Legal, Legal 500 Germany, Juve, Chambers

Band 3 Chambers Europe / Global Elite Thought Leader WWL

"brilliant legal mind" and "strong presence in the arbitration scene"

PROFESSIONAL BODIES

ICC Commission on International Arbitration and ADR (Member), ASA Board Member, DIS Council Member, VIAC; Generation CEO (<https://www.generation-ceo.com/>)

LANGUAGES

German (native), **English** (fluent), **French** (good speaking, fair writing)

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