

# Dr. Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler, LL.M.

Date of Birth: 26 August 1981, Linz  
Languages: Native language German; fluent English;  
advanced Spanish; basic French

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## Academic Qualifications & Bar Admission

- Until Aug. 2016 **Vienna Bar Association, Austria**
- Bar admission as Austrian attorney-at-law (May 2013 – Aug. 2016)
  - Austrian bar exam (June 2012)
- May 2010 **Cornell University, USA & Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina**
- *Certificate*: International arbitration and other methods of dispute resolution
- Aug. 2006 – June 2007 **Harvard Law School, Cambridge, USA**
- LL.M.-studies
  - *Focus*: negotiation techniques, commercial and corporate law
  - *Research Assistant*: Berkman Center for Internet & Society (patent law)
  - *LL.M.-Thesis*: consumer protection law
- Oct. 2003 – Sep. 2008 **University of Vienna, Faculty of Law, Austria**
- Doctoral studies
  - *Doctoral thesis*: competition and antitrust law
- Oct. 1999 – Aug. 2003 **University of Vienna, Faculty of Law, Austria**
- Master studies
  - *Specializations*: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Computer Law
- March – July 2002 **Université de Genève, Faculté de Droit, Geneva, Switzerland**
- Erasmus exchange student; Certificat de Droit Transnational
- 1991 – 1999 **High School (AHS der Kreuzschwestern), Linz, Austria**
- Graduation with honors
  - *Exchange*: Field High School, Washington D.C., USA (Sep. – Oct. 1995 and 1997); Lycée St. Magloire, Dol de Bretagne, France (Sep. 1998)
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## Professional Experience

- Since Jan. 2018 **Deputy Secretary General of the Vienna International Arbitral Center (VIAC), Austria**
- Oct. 2017 – Dec. 2017 **Deputy Secretary General Designate of the Vienna International Arbitral Center (VIAC), Austria**
- May 2011 – Sep. 2017 **Graf & Pitkowitz Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Vienna, Austria**  
Associate / Attorney-at-law / Legal Counsel in the areas of litigation and arbitration
- Focus on International Arbitration:***
- Activity as arbitrator, administrative secretary, party representative
  - Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot: acted as arbitrator; supported the team of the University of Vienna; organized a pre moot and social events

- Publications: Supreme Court Strict on Form but Arbitration-Friendly on Refusal Grounds under New York Convention, ILO Arbitration & ADR Newsletter (2016); The Tension between Document Production and Legal Privilege in International Commercial Arbitration – an Austrian Perspective, in Klausegger/Klein/Pitkowitz ua: Austrian Arbitration Yearbook 2015
- Lectures: Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP); New York State Bar Association; VIAC/Korean Arbitrators Association; Club Español del Arbitraje (CEA)
- Memberships: Club Español del Arbitraje (CEA – President of the German-Austrian Chapter 2016); Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP); International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA); International Bar Association (IBA)

Nov. 2009 – April 2011	<b>Von Bila, de la Pava &amp; Bertoletti, Attorneys-at-law, Bogotá, Colombia</b> Associate advising international clients in connection with civil and commercial matters
Sep. 2008 – Sep. 2009	<b>Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Vienna, Austria</b> Associate in litigation, arbitration and corporate practice groups
Oct. 2007 – June 2008	<b>Commercial District, Criminal Regional and Civil Regional Courts, Vienna, Austria</b> Law Clerk
July 2004 – June 2006	<b>Department for Business and Commercial Law, University of Vienna, Austria</b> Research Assistant for Prof. Heinz Krejci; work on doctoral thesis, provided research and assistance for publications and legal opinions in the areas of civil, commercial and corporate law
Oct. – Dec. 2003	<b>Austrian Trade Commission, New York, USA</b> Intern; provided research and assistance regarding international economic issues
Sep. – Oct. 2002	<b>Wilkinson, Barker, Knauer LLP, Attorneys-at-law, Washington D.C., USA</b> Intern in a law firm specializing in corporate/telecommunications law; seconded to the U.S. District Court for D.C. and to the Superior Court of D.C.
Summers 2000, 2002, 2003	<b>Dr. Michael Metzler, Attorney-at-law, Linz, Austria</b> Intern / Associate in a law firm specializing in commercial litigation and transactions

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### **Teaching Experience**

May 2016	<b>Danube University Krems, International Dispute Resolution LL.M., Austria</b> Lecturer on the subject „Practical Exercises in International Litigation”
August 2014	<b>ELSA Law School on Dispute Resolution, Vienna, Austria</b> Lecturer on the subject „Litigation”
Oct. 2007 – Jan. 2008	<b>F. Porsche University of Applied Science, Wiener Neustadt, Austria</b> Teaching Assistant in Program on Business Informatics, law course
March 2004 – Jan. 2005	<b>School for Disability Care Workers, Barmherzige Brüder, Linz, Austria</b> Instructor at a school for deaf students, teaching law