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LANGUAGES

German - mother tongue

English - business fluent

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Anna Förstel-Cherng serves as Deputy Secretary General of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) since October 2022. Before joining VIAC, she practiced as an attorney at Binder Grösswang and as a junior associate at Baker McKenzie Vienna, advising international clients in complex commercial, franchise, and post-M&A disputes before state courts and arbitral tribunals. She holds an LL.M. from the University of Pennsylvania, a Wharton Business and Law Certificate, as well as a Mag. iuris from the University of Vienna. She actively contributes to the arbitration community through frequent speaking engagements and academic publications. Anna serves on the Advisory Board of Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP) and co-chairs the Arbitration Summer Retreat.

EXPERIENCE

10/2022 - TODAY

Deputy Secretary General of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC)
(maternity leave 05/2024 - 08/2025)
Vienna, Austria

02/2017 - 01/2022

Binder Grösswang Rechtsanwälte GmbH
Vienna, Austria

- Attorney at Law (Dispute Resolution)
October 2019 – January 2022
- Associate (Dispute Resolution)
February 2017 – September 2019

09/2016 - 01/2017

High Court Vienna, Austria

- Law Clerk (Regional Court Vienna Inner City,
Vienna Public Prosecution Office)

10/2012 - 06/2015

Baker & McKenzie Rechtsanwälte LLP & Co KG,
Vienna, Austria

- Junior Associate (Dispute Resolution),
September 2013 – June 2015
- Legal Intern (M&A, Employment Law, Dispute
Resolution), October 2012 – August 2013

EDUCATION

07/2015 - 05/2016

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School,
Philadelphia, USA

- LL.M. (with distinction)
- Wharton Business and Law Certificate

10/2007 - 07/2013

University of Vienna, Law School,
Vienna, Austria

- Magistra iuris

09/2011 - 06/2012

University of Kent School of Law,
Canterbury, England

- Erasmus Exchange