

Challenges in M&A-disputes: W&I insurance and expert determination

Monday, 8 September 2025, 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Austrian Embassy, Stauffenbergstraße 1, 10785 Berlin

Networking Lunch

Opening remarks

Michael Scherz, Trade Commissioner at Advantage Austria, Berlin
Nikolaus Pitkowitz, VIAC President, Pitkowitz & Partners, Vienna
Alice Fremuth-Wolf, Arb | Aut, Nivalion AG, Vienna

Panel 1: W&I insurances in M&A disputes

Moderator:

Karl Pörnbacher, Hogan Lovells, VIAC Board Member, Munich

Speakers:

Peter Ratz, Howden M&A, Frankfurt am Main
Dorothee Schramm, Independent International Arbitrator, Geneva
Jakub Krzemień, Rymarz Zdort Maruta, Warsaw
Judith Sawang, Ashurst, Frankfurt am Main

Panel 2: Expert determination in M&A disputes

Moderator:

Irene Welser, CERHA HEMPEL, VIAC Board Member, Vienna

Speakers:

Heiko Ziehms, Ziehms & Schwartz, London
Thomas Winter, Winter | Thürk, Federal Court of Justice, Karlsruhe
Nikolaus Vavrovsky, Vavrovsky Heine Marth, Vienna
Antje Baumann, Baumann Disputes, Hamburg
Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, GESSEL, Warsaw

Closing remarks

Anna Förstel-Cherng, VIAC Deputy Secretary General, Vienna

