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Elke Umbeck is a German lawyer (*Rechtsanwältin*) and partner of the German independent law firm HEUKING (ranked among the top ten German law firms) since 2008. Elke is based in Hamburg and co-heads the law firm's litigation and arbitration practice group.

With over 20 years of experience, she regularly advises national and foreign clients on complex disputes and acts as arbitrator and counsel in national and international commercial arbitration proceedings. Her area of practice covers energy law (e.g. photovoltaic, onshore and offshore wind projects, gas price revision disputes), construction, corporate and general commercial law. In 2022, she was included in the list of arbitrators by the European Commission for disputes under EU trade agreements.

Elke Umbeck has been a lecturer for international commercial law (*Internationales Wirtschaftsrecht*) at the Technical University in Hamburg for almost 10 years. She frequently publishes articles and regularly speaks on international commercial and arbitration law.

## **Recommendations**

Elke is listed in “*The Legal 500 EMEA 2024*” and “*Legal 500 Deutschland 2024*” (recommended in the fields of dispute resolution and arbitration including international arbitration), as “*National Leader*” in the field of arbitration by Lexology (formerly Who's Who Legal, WWL), as lawyer for arbitration law in the list by Handelsblatt (*Deutschlands Beste Anwälte*) and as a ‘*Frequently recommended lawyer*’ for dispute resolution in JUVE, Handbook for Corporate Law Firms, since several years. She is also recognized by Best Lawyers in the field of Dispute Resolution and International Arbitration.

Lexology says *Peers highly recommend Elke Umbeck's arbitration practice for her impressive combination of in-depth knowledge and soft skills (2024), Elke garners plaudits from her peers for being a clever counsel and recognized arbitrator (2023), enjoys a stellar reputation (2022) and is ‘a highly dedicated and experienced arbitrator’ who receives praise for being ‘very thorough and analytic’ in her approach” (2020).*

## Languages

German, English, Italian and French (fluent) and Spanish (basic).

## Areas of specialization

General commercial law, corporate law, post M&A, shareholder disputes, energy law, construction

## Current Position and Professional Activities

- Since 2008 Partner with *Heuking*, an independent German full service law firm with more than 400 lawyers and eight offices in Germany
- Since 2023 Judge at the Hamburg Lawyers' Court of Appeal (*Anwaltsgerichtshof*)
- Since 2022 Included in the list of arbitrators by the European Commission for disputes under EU trade agreements
- Since 2021 President of the *Asian European Arbitration Association e.V.* (shareholder of the Asian European Arbitration Centre "ASEAC")
- 2009 – 2018 Visiting lecturer at the *Technical University Hamburg-Harburg* ("International Commercial Law")
- 2001 – 2008 (Principal) Associate with *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP*, Berlin and Hamburg
- 1996 – 1999 Research assistant, Institute for Foreign and International Private Law, University of Cologne (*Institut für internationales und ausländisches Privatrecht*)
- 2009 – 2023 Organization of the (CAM CCBC) Hamburg Premoot (in preparation of the Vis Moot) with student teams from around the world
- 2010 – 2023 Vice President of the *Hamburg Arbitration Circle e.V.*
- 2019 – 2021 Vice president of the *Chinese European Arbitration Association e.V.* (shareholder of the Chinese European Arbitration Centre)

## Education

- 2001 Second State Exam at the Higher Regional Court of Düsseldorf
- 1998 Doctoral thesis (Dr jur) at the University of Munster on intellectual property law, supervisor Prof. Dr. Thomas Hoeren
- 1996 First State Exam at the Higher Regional Court of Cologne
- 1990 - 1996 Legal studies at the Universities of Bielefeld (incl *corso d'introduzione al diritto italiano*, Prof. Dr. Dres. h.c. Herbert Kronke), Strasbourg (*Université Robert Schumann*) and Cologne
- 1987/88 Exchange student in Turin, Italy, Liceo Linguistico Virgilio (afs/Intercultura)

## Recent selected Publications and Speeches:

- *Der Regierungsentwurf zur Modernisierung des deutschen Schiedsverfahrensrechts*, together with Dr. Jonas Pust, Betriebsberater 42/24
- “*Fallstricke im Schiedsverfahren*”, speech at the 19<sup>th</sup> German Commercial and Corporate Law Day in Berlin (November 2024)
- “*Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in Germany and the Netherlands*”, speech at the event of the German and Dutch Arbitration Friends DIS/NAI subgroup in Amsterdam (April 2024)
- *Neuer Schwung für den Schiedsort Deutschland – Der Referentenentwurf des BMJ zur Modernisierung des Schiedsverfahrensrechts*, editorial BB 11/2024
- *Learning from each other: Dutch-German views on commercial courts compared to arbitration*, moderation, Berlin Dispute Resolution Days 2023
- *Prozessfinanzierung – Chancen privater Finanzierung von Rechtsstreitigkeiten und deren Regulierung*, together with Dr. Jonas Pust, ICC Germany Magazine 16/2023,
- *German act on collective redress* – together with Dr. Jonas Pust, ICC Germany Magazine No. 15/2022
- *International Arbitration in Germany*, Chambers Global Arbitration Guide, August 2022
- *Vorteile von Schiedsverfahren für die IT- Branche*, together with Dr. Jonas Pust, ICC Germany Magazine 14/2022
- *Climate litigation and its impact for companies* - together with Dr. Jonas Pust, ICC Digital Lunch Break December 2021
- *International arbitration – Practical Guidance for In-house Counsel*, Legal 500 Online Panel Discussion, 10 November 2021
- *Fact Witness Memory and the Impact of Legal Traditions*, Online Panel Discussion at the Paris Arbitration Week, 20 September 2021
- *Dispute settlement in the times of the Covid-19 pandemic*, together with Dr. Jonas Pust
- *Legal Tech and its Impact on Litigation*, Speech at the 7<sup>th</sup> Litigation Summit in Berlin on 28 February 2019
- *Modern Case Management*, together with Dr. Jonas Pust, ICC-Germany Magazine No.9/2019

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