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Heidi Merikalla-Teir has extensive and versatile experience in domestic and international commercial arbitration, litigation and mediation. She is a CEDR Accredited Mediator.

Heidi is a Director at the Finland Chamber of Commerce heading its Dispute Resolution Services. She is also the Secretary General of the Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce (FAI). Besides her main job, she serves as mediator and arbitrator in domestic and international cases that are not governed by the Arbitration Rules, the Rules for Expedited Arbitration or the Mediation Rules of the Finland Chamber of Commerce.

Previously, Heidi worked for more than 12 years as attorney and Specialist Partner at one of the largest Finnish law firms where she specialized in commercial dispute resolution. She also served as arbitrator and mediator. In addition to dispute resolution, she advised clients in general conflict and legal risk management, and avoidance of disputes, gave strategic advice and advice regarding commercial contracts and liability issues.

In addition to her law degree (LL.M, Trained on the Bench), Heidi has an MBA-degree with finance concentration. Heidi works in Finnish, English and Swedish.

Work Experience

Director, Finland Chamber of Commerce, 10/2016 –
 Secretary General, the Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce, 2/2015 –
 Specialist Partner, Borenus Attorneys at Law, 9/2011 – 11/2014
 Senior Associate, Borenus Attorneys at Law, 6/2006 – 9/2011
 Judge Trainee, District Court of Helsinki, 4/2004 – 4/2005
 Stagiaire, European Commission (DG Competition/Unit G2 (State Aids)), 10/2003 – 2/2004
 Associate, Borenus Attorneys at Law, 6/2002 – 6/2006
 Thesis Trainee, Roschier Attorneys Ltd, 2/2002 – 5/2002
 Legal Trainee, Roschier Attorneys Ltd, 9/2001 – 12/2001
 Legal Trainee, Nokia Corporation, 2/2000 – 7/2000 and 6/2001 – 8/2001

Education

CEDR Accredited Mediator, 2018
 Approved Board Member, 2017
 Attorney-at-Law, 2006 – 2014
 Trained on the Bench, 2005
 Master of Business Administration (MBA), 2005
 Master of Laws (LL.M), 2002

Key Training and Programs

Finland Chamber of Commerce's Society Program for Leaders, 2018

CEDR Mediator Skills Training, 2018

Training Program for Board Members, 2017

"Finland's 100 Accelerators" Networking and Leadership Program, 2017

Women Leaders Program of the Finland Chamber of Commerce, 2015 – 2016

Finnish Arbitration Academy, 2014

Language Skills

Finnish (native)

English (full professional proficiency)

Swedish (full professional proficiency)

German (good)

French (basic)

Professional Memberships and Positions of Trust

Advisory Board of the Faculty of Law of the University of Helsinki, member

Finnish Arbitration Association, member

ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, member

International Bar Association (IBA) (IBA Arbitration and Mediation Committees), member

Swedish Arbitration Association, member

Swedish Women in Arbitration Network, member

Industrial Lawyers Association, member