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"brilliant in strategy, pragmatic in approach, and relentless in preparation" and provides "critical support and client collaboration"
- GAR 100 (13th Edition)

One to Watch – Arbitration
- Best Lawyers/Handelsblatt
(2021/2022)

Arbitration Future Leader
- Who's Who Legal
(2022/2023/2024)

Rising Star – Arbitration
- Expert Guides (2022)

Allison Torline was born and raised in the United States. She completed her legal education in Washington, D.C. at the George Washington University Law School and is admitted to the New York Bar. After studying abroad in Freiburg im Breisgau and Milan, she began working in Germany in 2015. Before joining Busse Disputes, Allison Torline practiced as an attorney in two international law firms in the field of international dispute resolution. Fluent in German, Allison Torline is well-suited to advise in cases involving German and non-German entities due to her international education and native English skills.

In addition to her counsel work, Allison Torline acts as arbitrator as well as secretary to arbitral tribunals. She has extensive experience in international arbitration, including proceedings conducted under the ICC, ICSID, DIS and HKIAC rules in addition to UNCITRAL and other ad hoc proceedings. In 2022, she was admitted to the Thailand Arbitration Center's Panel of Arbitrators. In 2023, she was selected to serve on the Steering Committee of Young Arbitral Women Practitioners (YAWP) for the 2024-2025 term. She is also a member of the Editorial Team of the Transatlantic Law Journal.

She represents clients *inter alia* from the trade, shipbuilding, construction, infrastructure, energy and service sectors. A particular focus of her practice is on the representation of States and investors in public international law disputes arising out of investment treaties. Furthermore, she is also frequently involved in post-M&A disputes and construction and infrastructure disputes based on FIDIC contracts. She has also represented clients in several CISG-related cases.

Selected Expertise

- Appointed as Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between a German and South Korean entity.
- Appointed as Co-Arbitrator in a DIS arbitration between a German and U.S. entity.
- Served as Administrative Secretary in an ICC arbitration between an Italian company and an East-European country related to a large-scale infrastructure dispute.
- Represented a U.S. industrial company in an ICC arbitration with a Czech company in a dispute arising out of a CISG-contract.
- Represented a German industrial company in an ICC arbitration with an Eastern European state-owned entity in a dispute with claims arising out of a FIDIC contract.
- Successfully defended a U.S. company against DIS arbitration claims filed against it by a German company concerning an alleged breach of earn-out protection rules stipulated in an SPA.
- Representing international investors in an ICSID arbitration against the Hellenic Republic based on violations of the investment treaty concluded between Lebanon and Greece.

Credentials

Busse Disputes Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH, Frankfurt, Germany March 2019 – Present
Counsel (March 2022) / Senior Associate (May 2019) / Associate (March 2019)

Represent clients *inter alia* from the shipbuilding, construction, energy, and pharmaceutical sectors in proceedings conducted under a variety of institutional rules. Serve as arbitrator and administrative secretary to arbitral tribunals.

Allen & Overy, Frankfurt, Germany November 2016 – March 2019
Associate

Represented clients in international arbitration cases under the ICC, ICSID and DIS rules in post-M&A, foreign investment, shipbuilding, and general commercial disputes.

McDermott Will & Emery, Frankfurt, Germany September 2015 - November 2016
Associate (February 2016) / Postgraduate Trainee (September 2015)

Represented clients in international arbitration cases subject to the ICC, ICSID and HKIAC rules as well as in *ad hoc* proceedings in disputes related to energy, construction, and foreign investment.

Education

The George Washington University Law School, J.D., May 2015

Activities: Rapporteur for the International Law in Domestic Courts Journal, Board Member of the Society for European Law Students

Exchange: *Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi*, Milan, Italy, Fall 2014

Indiana University, B.A. with academic distinction, May 2012

Majors: Political Science and International Studies with minors in German, West European Studies and Psychology

Honors: Awarded departmental honors in Political Science for the completion and successful defense of an original thesis, Spring 2012

Exchange: *Albert-Ludwigs Universität*, Freiburg, Germany, Academic Year 2010-2011

Admissions

New York | Member of the Frankfurt Rechtsanwaltskammer (§206 BRAO)

Languages

English (Native) | German (Fluent) | Spanish (Basic)

Memberships

DIS | DAJV | Arbitral Women | ICC YAAF | Young ICCA | RAI | ICDR Y&I | DIS40

Rankings

WWL – Arbitration – Future Leaders: Non-Partners (2022, 2023, 2024); “Rising Star” (Commercial Arbitration, Germany) by Euromoney’s Expert Guides/IFLR1000 (2022); Best Lawyers, International Arbitration and Arbitration/Dispute Settlement/Mediation (2022, 2023); Best Lawyers, Arbitration and Mediation (2021, 2022, 2023)

Publications

"*The New York Convention: Future Challenges*", Annual Compilation of Articles, International Court of Arbitration in Affiliation with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2018;

Co-Author of "*Starkes Jahr für den Court; Unternehmen schätzen faire ICC-Streitbeilegung*", ICC Germany Magazin (9. Ausgabe, 2019);

"*Looking Back While Looking Up: A Review of Space Arbitration Topics*", Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 22 February 2023; and

Co-author of "*The New, Friendlier Space Race: An Overview of Transatlantic Competition/Cooperation and Applicable Legal Regimes*", Transatlantic Law Journal, Issue 1/2023, August 2023.

Speaking Engagements

Panellist for an International Conference on the New York Convention and its Interaction with Domestic Laws of the Central Asian Countries, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic on 30 November 2018;

Moderator of a Young ICCA Skills Training Workshop ("*How to draft arbitration clauses and how to start a career in international arbitration*") in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic on 27 May 2019;

Panellist for a DIS40-Frankfurt Webinar ("*From Counsel to Arbitrator*") on 31 March 2022;

Moderator of a virtual panel for Paris Arbitration Week ("*Space Arbitration: Solving Disputes Over Satellites and More*") on 29 March 2022;

Panellist for the DIS40 Spring Conference ("*Gut, schnell und billig!?! - Ideen für mehr Effizienz unabhängig vom Streitwert*") in Frankfurt, Germany on 20 June 2022;

Panellist for an ICC YAAF Conference ("*The Future of International Arbitration*") in Athens, Greece on 18 October 2022;

Panellist for the Annual MAA International Commercial Law & Arbitration Conference ("*Splitting the Baby in Arbitration: Are Stay and Bifurcation Requests Guerilla Tactics?*") in Vienna, Austria on 31 March 2023;

Moderator of a YAWP virtual panel ("*Meet the Arbitral Institution: ICDR*") on 12 April 2023;

Moderator of an ICDR hybrid panel ("*The Attractiveness of Germany as an Arbitral Seat in View of Recent Developments*") on 31 August 2023; and

Panellist for a PLI virtual panel on investment arbitration and space law ("*Investor-State Disputes & Emergent Issues in Space and Cyberspace: Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity and Beyond*") on 7 November 2023.

Teaching

Guest Lecture on U.S. Agency Law, Grundzüge des US-Amerikanischen Wirtschaftsrechtssystem, University of Jena (2021, 2022, 2023); and

Guest Lecture on International Arbitration, FRS Amerikanisch: Contract Law, Civil Procedure and Property Law, Humboldt University of Berlin (2021, 2022, 2023)