

VIAC – Questionnaire for Mediators



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4. Education and professional experience (original profession; where did you study?):

Education:

10/2005 - 02/2011 Legal Studies University of Münster, Germany

08/2008 - 02/2009 Legal Studies Bilkent Üniversitesi, Ankara, Turkey

05/2011 - 06/2013 German Legal Traineeship („Referendariat“)

11/2013 - 04/2017 PhD-studies at the University of Osnabrück, Germany (“Online Dispute Resolution“)

05/2018 - 11/2022 LL.M. studies at Germany’s State Distance-Learning University (master thesis: “Use of Virtual Reality-Technology in court proceedings”)

Professional experience:

10/2015 – 01/2020 (Senior) Associate in the practice group „Complex Disputes“ of the Luther Lawfirm, Cologne (Germany) (<https://www.luther-lawfirm.com/home>)

02/2020 - 08/2022 Judge at the Local Court of Cologne and the Regional Court of Cologne

since 08/2022 Professor for Commercial Law, Mobility Law and Insurance Law at the TH Köln – University of Applied Sciences Cologne (Germany)

5. Core area of current professional activity:

Professor of Insurance law and (German) commercial law. Mediator.

6. Accreditation in the field of ADR (including relevant trainings and connected qualifications):

Mediation training at the University of Applied Sciences Darmstadt (Germany)

7. Practical experience in mediation

- How many (international) mediations have you participated in
 - as single/co-mediator/in a team?
 - administered by an institution; under which Rules?
 - in which areas/fields?
 - how complex (*please provide examples, participation of lawyers/experts*)?

A few domestic mediations with average complexity.

- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. consultant, expert)?

Advised client as a lawyer in several conciliation procedures.

- What other ADR-experience do you have?

Conducted several hundred judicial conciliation procedures a judge.

8. Languages (including levels)

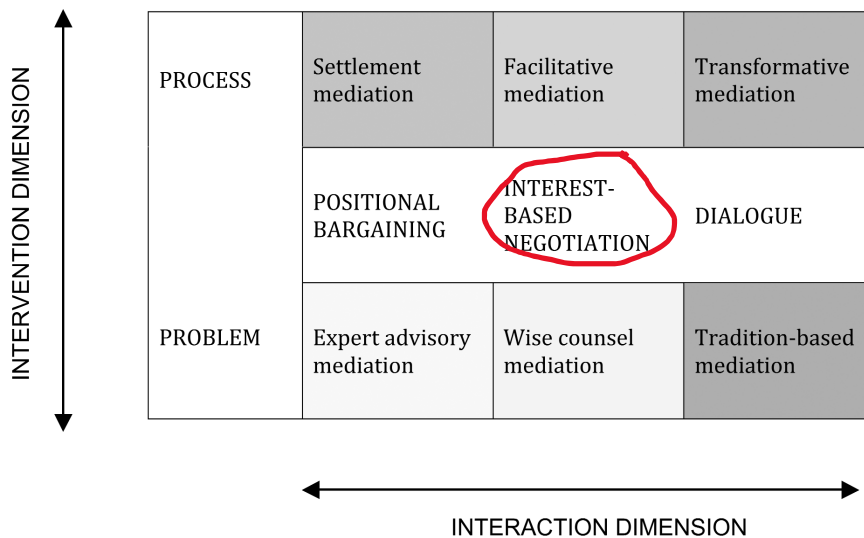
Mother tongue: German

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct mediation proceedings in this language): German, English

Basic knowledge: --

9. Style of mediation

Where do you see yourself? Please tick box as appropriate or indicate your preferred style.



© Alexander, Nadja (2011) "The Mediation Meta-Model - the realities of mediation practice," *ADR Bulletin*: Vol. 12: No. 6, Article 5. Available at: <http://epublications.bond.edu.au/adr/vol12/iss6/5>; see also here for a detailed description of the 6 mediation styles.

10. Please describe aspects of your personality which could be interesting to clients you are going to mediate; what would former clients emphasize in your work?

Creative, empathetic, curious and knowledgeable mediator, that has a wide set of mediation techniques to advance the mediation process even in seemingly unsolvable situations.

11. Publications and other activities in ADR related matters (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):

A current list of (German) publications can be found under "Publikationen" under the following link: <https://www.th-koeln.de/personen/simon.heetkamp/>

12. Memberships in mediation institutions / functions in mediation institutions/organizations:

Member of the "integrierte Mediation e.V." and Head of the Department "business mediation" of the "integrierte Mediation e.V."

13. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of three) in your ADR-practice:

Commercial Law
Insurance Law

14. Soft Skills (e.g. intercultural competences):

- Former lawyer, former judge, now professor
- wide variety of international / intercultural experiences

15. How do you ensure your professional quality (e.g. coaching, practice supervision, etc)?

I constantly engage in different kinds of training and education opportunities in the areas of mediation and law.

16. Date of birth:

2 September 1984

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X I have completed this questionnaire to the above to the best of my knowledge and believe they are accurate.

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_____ 21st of January 2023 _____
Date