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Professional Experience

May 2025 – present	<p>Senior Associate with CERHA HEMPEL Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Vienna</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Acting as counsel and arbitrator in international and domestic commercial arbitrations as well as international investment arbitrations.
September 2022 – May 2025	<p>Trainee with Matheson LLP, Dublin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed a training contract with Matheson LLP to qualify as an Irish solicitor.Completed seats in commercial litigation, technology and innovation and European competition law.
March – October 2024	<p>Seconded to Meta Platforms Ireland Limited (Meta), Dublin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Worked in Meta's Regulatory and Litigation department addressing all aspects of Meta's data protection law compliance in the EU and UK.
October 2018 – August 2022	<p>International Associate with CERHA HEMPEL Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Vienna.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Acted as counsel in large commercial arbitrations under a variety of institutional arbitration rules (including, in particular, the ICC, VIAC and LCIA Rules).Acted as administrative secretary to a number of arbitral tribunals.
September 2017 – September 2018	<p>Paralegal with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Vienna.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Involved in high-profile investment arbitrations in the CEE region.
October 2016 – April 2017	<p>Internship with the Convention Evaluation Section, International Narcotics Control Board, United Nations, Vienna</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monitored and reported on the drug-related situation in a number of geographic regions, including the EMEA and Americas.

Education

2015 → 2016:	University of Vienna , LL.M. in International Legal Studies.
Results:	Graduated with a Distinction.
Subjects:	The LL.M. consists of a variety of international public and private law subjects. The subject of my LL.M. thesis was the 'Participation of the European Union in the creation of international law'. While the main focus was on the European Union, other international organizations were also examined.
2010 → 2014:	University College Dublin ; Bachelors of Civil Law, European.
Results:	Second Class Honours, Grade 1. (3.40 GPA)
Subjects:	All courses required to obtain an English equivalent law degree have been completed with an additional focus on international and European law.

Memberships

- Admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in Ireland.
- VIAC Ambassador for Ireland
- Member of the Austrian Arbitration Association.
- Member of the Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners.

Publications and Conferences

Publications:

- *Welser/Farokhnia-Mimnagh/Dibon, "Interim Relief and the Prima Facie Standard in Commercial Arbitrations" in the Austrian Yearbook of International Arbitration 2025.*
- *Welser/Krepil/Farokhnia-Mimnagh, "Obstructing Arbitral Proceedings at Their Beginning – A Bumpy Road (Not) to Take" in the Austrian Yearbook of International Arbitration 2024.*
- *Mimnagh, "The Weight to Be Afforded to an Existing Party's Objection to Joinder" in the Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration 2023.*
- *Welser/Mimnagh, "[Too Late for This Arbitration? – Introducing New Claims in Pending Proceedings](#)" in the Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration 2022.*
- *Welser/Mimnagh, "[An Arbitrator's Imperative - How to Avoid Disappointing the Parties, Preventing Surprises and Enabling Efficient and Progressive Arbitral Proceedings](#)" in the Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration 2021.*
- *Welser/Mimnagh, "[Production of Physical Evidence in International Arbitration - A No Go ?](#)" in the Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration 2020.*
- *Wychera/Mimnagh, "[The Nature of State Consent Expressed in BITs](#)" in the Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration 2019.*
- *Horvath/Neil/Oiwoh/Mimnagh, The Duty of Experts to Remain Independent and Impartial in Dispute Resolution Proceedings: A Comparative Analysis, 35 Years PMG Prevention and Resolution of Disputes (2018).*
- *Neil/Prantl/Mimnagh, Summary Procedures in International Arbitration, Corporate Disputes Magazine July-September 2018.*

Personal Information

Personal Information:

- Born 3 September 1992.
- Irish and American nationality.
- Bilingual in English and Dutch, with advanced proficiency in German.