

Berlin, Bonn, Hannover, January 15, 2021

Dear Madam or Sir,

we would like to cordially invite you to the **15th Hannover PreMoot**, which will take place virtually as the First Hannover PreMoot Week from **February 15 to February 19, 2021**. This year, we are especially looking forward to hosting the event together with the German Federal Bar (BRAK) and the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ).

The Hannover PreMoot has served as preparation for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot with finals in Vienna and Hong Kong for many years. It is hosted by the Institute of Procedural Law and Attorney Regulations (IPA) of the Faculty of Law of the Leibniz Universität Hannover, this year in cooperation with the BRAK and the IRZ. In recent years, the Hannover PreMoot has become one of the largest and best-known events of its kind in Europe. Last year, teams from 31 universities from countries all around the globe as well as more than 120 arbitrators from Germany and abroad accepted the invitation.

The development of the last fourteen years would not have been possible without the willingness and dedication of experienced practitioners as arbitrators. For this very reason, we hope to virtually welcome you during the first PreMoot Week.

We have taken the circumstances of the pandemic and the necessary online concept as an opportunity to restructure the Hannover PreMoot. Instead of the usual Dispute Resolution Day in the run-up to the conference, various lectures on the topics of Rule of Law, Legal Profession and Arbitration will now take place all day from **Monday, February 15 to Thursday, February 18**. Thanks to the cooperation with the BRAK and the IRZ, we have succeeded in ensuring that the different lectures are varied and top-class. Each day will be concluded by a workshop around the topic "The Perfect Pleading". You can check out the **schedule** for the First Hannover PreMoot Week at <https://www.premoot.uni-hannover.de/en/premoot/schedule/>.

On **Friday, February 19, 2021**, and **Saturday, February 20, 2021**, the pleadings (trial negotiations) will take place, for which we would like to enlist you as an arbitrator. As usual, the case will be set in the context of International Commercial Arbitration and will contain procedural problems from the field of arbitration as well as substantive problems regarding the UN Sales Law. Arbitrators will, of course, receive a case file and brief outline as well as an introduction for arbitrators from us in advance.

Finally, we would like to draw your attention to the opportunities offered by the first Virtual Hannover PreMoot Week. We have already received registrations from over 80 teams from all areas of the world. The virtual hosting allows us to give even more teams the opportunity to participate in the event and, thus, benefit from the preparation. At the same time, it allows you to participate in Virtual PreMoot Week from your desk at home, or even just attend a mock trial, without the need for extensive travel. Of course, you are welcome to let us know your preferred times when you will be available as an arbitrator from the **provisional schedule** attached.

If you are interested in participating, you can use the **form on our website** to register, <https://www.premoot.uni-hannover.de/en/participation/arbitrators/>. Impressions and further information on the PreMoot, the competition and the conference can also be found at [www.premoot.de](http://www.premoot.de).

Of course, you may forward this invitation to interested colleagues as well as legal trainees.

If you have any questions or are interested in participating, please contact us under [info@vismoot.uni-hannover.de](mailto:info@vismoot.uni-hannover.de).

With kind regards and thanks in advance,

For the organizers of the First Hannover PreMoot Week