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PENTARC hires Stefanie Engmann, LL.M. (Northwestern) as Salary Partner and Laura Schmidt, LL.M. (University of London) as Associate to further strengthen its litigation and arbitration practices

PENTARC continues to expand its disputes and litigation practice with the hire of **Stefanie Engmann, LL.M. (Northwestern)** as Salary Partner, effective 1 April 2026.

Launched on 1 October 2025 following one of the most significant spin-offs in the German IP market in recent years, PENTARC has quickly established itself in the IP market with complex patent litigation and technology-related disputes before national courts and the Unified Patent Court (UPC). "*Pentarc burst onto the European patent scene as one of the most significant new arrivals, making an impressive debut at the UPC*", says JUVE Patent UPC Ranking 2026.

Stefanie Engmann is an experienced litigator with comprehensive expertise in complex dispute resolution and arbitration. Prior to joining PENTARC, she built her experience at leading international law firms, where she was involved in large-scale, multi-jurisdictional disputes. She advises clients in national and international litigation as well as in arbitration, with a particular focus on IP

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and patent disputes. Her practice covers all stages of contentious proceedings, from early case assessment and pre-dispute strategy to the conduct of hearings and enforcement.

Commenting on the hire, Dr. Jan Phillip Rektorschek, Partner at PENTARC, says: *“With the increasing relevance of procedural strategy before the UPC and our clients’ growing interest in alternative dispute resolution, including the PMAC of the UPC, we are very pleased to further develop our arbitration and dispute resolution expertise. Stefanie’s experience will be a valuable asset in navigating complex procedural interfaces and advising clients in strategically sensitive disputes.”*

With Stefanie Engmann joining as Salary Partner, PENTARC further strengthens its integrated disputes offering at the intersection of litigation, arbitration and technology-driven conflicts, underscoring the firm’s ambition to further improve its position as leading European IP and patent disputes platform.

At the same time, PENTARC will further strengthen its team with **Laura Schmidt, LL.M. (University of London)**, who will join the firm as an associate from 1 April 2026. PENTARC looks forward to working with both Stefanie Engmann and Laura Schmidt and to further developing its growing disputes practice together with them.

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