



## Heidi Merikalla-Teir

**Managing Partner, Attorney-at-Law, Trained at the Bench, MBA**

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Heidi is the Managing Partner of Merilampi.

She has extensive experience in domestic and international commercial arbitration, litigation and alternative dispute resolution. She regularly acts as an arbitrator and a mediator in both domestic and international disputes. In addition to being accredited as a mediator by the Finnish Bar Association, she is a CEDR (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution) accredited mediator. She is also a member of the Finnish Bar Association's Standing Committee on Mediation.

Merikalla-Teir acts as Chair of the Board of the Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce (FAI) (as of 1 January 2022). Prior to joining Merilampi, she worked as a Director at the Finland Chamber of Commerce, heading its Dispute Resolution Services, and as the Secretary General of the FAI. From her career at the FAI, she gained unique experience and insight in arbitration and mediation. In her role, she supervised a significant number of arbitration cases, reviewed arbitral awards, and advised in the application of the FAI Arbitration and Mediation Rules. She was a member of the task force that drafted the FAI Mediation Rules.

Previously in her career, Merikalla-Teir worked for more than 12 years as an attorney and Specialist Partner at one of the largest Finnish law firms, where she specialised in commercial dispute resolution.

In addition to her law degree, Merikalla-Teir has an MBA-degree with a finance concentration.

## Expertise

- Arbitration
- Conflict Management and ADR
- Litigation
- Liability Issues

## Experience

- The Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce (FAI), Chair of the Board, 2022 –
- Merilampi Attorneys Ltd., Managing Partner, 2019 –
- Finland Chamber of Commerce, Director (Dispute Resolution Services) 2016 – 2019
- The Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce (FAI), Secretary General 2015 – 2019
- Borenium Attorneys Ltd, Specialist Partner 2011 – 2015, Senior Associate 2006 – 2011, Associate 2002 – 2006
- District Court of Helsinki, Trainee Judge 2004 – 2005
- European Commission (DG Competition), Stagiaire 2003 – 2004

## Education

- Master of Laws (LL.M), University of Helsinki, 2002
- Master of Business Administration (MBA), Helsinki School of Economics (currently Aalto University), 2005
- Trained at the Bench, 2005
- Attorney-at-Law, 2006 – 2015, 2019 –
- Finnish Arbitration Academy (Finland Chamber of Commerce/FAI), 2014
- Approved Board Member, 2017
- CEDR Accredited Mediator, 2018

## Recent rankings

- Who's Who Legal, Arbitration (2022): Recommended
- Legal 500 EMEA, Dispute Resolution (2020): Heidi Merikalla-Teir recommended. "The arrival of managing partner and dispute and arbitration specialist Heidi Merikalla-Teir from the Finland Chamber of Commerce has also bolstered the practice."

## Memberships

- Finnish Bar Association
- Finnish Bar Association's Standing Committee on Mediation
- Finnish Arbitration Association
- ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- International Bar Association (IBA) (IBA Arbitration and Mediation Committees)
- Swedish Arbitration Association
- Swedish Women in Arbitration Network
- Arbitral Women
- The Association of Industrial Lawyers