

U. Of Miami Arbitration Institute Leader Nabs Africa Post

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Law360, Miami (July 27, 2017, 8:31 PM EDT) -- The director of the International Arbitration Institute at the University of Miami School of Law, Marike Paulsson, has been appointed to an arbitration post for Sub-Saharan Africa, the university announced Thursday.

Paulsson will be a council member for North America to the court of the Mauritius Arbitration and Mediation Center, which is a platform for arbitration and mediation in Sub-Saharan Africa. She joins Hong Kong-based arbitrator and former Supreme Court of Hong Kong justice Neil Kaplan, former attorney general of Pakistan Makhdoom Ali Khan, and David Rivkin, a Debevoise & Plimpton LLP partner and former president of the International Bar Association.



Marike Paulsson

"It is an honor to join such a distinguished group of council members in Mauritius," Paulsson said in a statement.

She said that with the other council members, she hopes to stimulate arbitration and mediation in the region and to appoint arbitrators from the region. Paulsson said the work is in line with what the international arbitration program at the University of Miami Law School does with its LL.M. program, which she says opens doors to arbitration for students from around the world.

"I hope to keep my promise to my students that a career in arbitration is possible for everybody who wishes to excel," she said in the statement.

Paulsson, a Dutch national, holds degrees from Leiden University in the Netherlands and the University of Miami School of Law. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Leiden.

She teaches courses on The New York Convention and on treaty interpretation at the University of Miami School. She is also a consultant with Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP.

Paulsson has previously worked at boutique Brussels law firm Hanotiau & Van Den Berg, as well as Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and Allen & Overy in Amsterdam.

Paulsson could not be reached for additional comment Thursday.

The University of Miami's International Arbitration Institute helmed by Paulsson has in recent years become an important part of Miami's rise as an international arbitration hub. The institute offers a master of laws degree in international arbitration and also helps train local state court judges for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court's international commercial arbitration court.

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