

## Prof. Dr. Maud Piers joins GANTENBERG DISPUTE EXPERTS as Of Counsel

Düsseldorf, 17 November 2025 – Gantenberg Dispute Experts welcomes Prof. Dr. Maud Piers as Of Counsel. Prof. Dr. Maud Piers will focus on her arbitrator and mediator practice at GANTENBERG DISPUTE EXPERTS while pursuing her academic career at Ghent University.

Maud's appointment as Of Counsel is a **meeting of minds and expertise**—connecting her academic, tech-driven dispute practice with GANTENBERG DISPUTE EXPERTS's extensive experience in navigating high-stakes international disputes. It creates opportunities to combine diverse perspectives, complementary dispute resolution tools, and cross-jurisdictional insight, while continuing to pioneer in the integration of legal technology and innovation in practice. It builds on shared values — a commitment to excellence, openness to different perspectives, and the understanding that every conflict has both human and legal dimensions.

**About Maud Piers**— Maud Piers is a recognised authority in arbitration and mediation, with over 20 years of experience in complex domestic and international disputes. She is widely known for her work on the legal and procedural challenges raised by emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and blockchain and for translating these insights into practice — from co-developing international guidelines on the use of AI in arbitration to contributing to the design of technologies and protocols that enhance both arbitral practice and the resolution of technology-related disputes. Based in Belgium, she serves as Associate Professor of Arbitration Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution at *Ghent University* and holds adjunct positions at the *Université Catholique de Lille* and *Hunan University of Science and Technology*. She has acted as mediator, arbitrator, and expert in both national and international proceedings and currently serves as Vice President of *CEPANI*, Belgium's centre for arbitration and mediation.

**About GANTENBERG DISPUTE EXPERTS** —GANTENBERG DISPUTE EXPERTS is a boutique firm dedicated to the strategic resolution of complex disputes — whether as arbitrator, counsel before arbitral tribunals, in court, or through innovative dispute resolution methods. The firm combines sharp legal analysis with empathy, creativity, and a readiness to explore unconventional solutions, helping clients untangle even the most challenging disputes and move forward with clarity and confidence.

- Maud Piers states “ *Becoming Of Counsel to the firm feels like a genuine meeting of minds. I'm thrilled to join a team that shares my belief in people-centred dispute resolution — and that truly understands (and enjoys!) the challenge of exploring new and innovative ways of approaching complex disputes*”.
- Ulrike Gantenberg adds. “ *Maud joining as Of Counsel reflects how dispute resolution connects people and perspectives across borders, and I look forward to contributing to that broader perspective with her. I particularly value how our complementary strengths come together — combining depth of experience and academia with a reflective, evidence-based mindset —driven by the same curiosity and care to understand every case in depth*”.