Different regimes and sets of national laws, professional standards and international guidelines allow for, or even oblige different measures to be taken with regard to witness preparation. The famous Deutsche Bank case in Germany has brought this topic to public attention. This issue arises whenever more than one different legal culture is present at the table in international arbitral proceedings. The speakers will provide an overview of the approach taken in different jurisdictions. This talk aims to be both thought-provoking as well as stimulating debate on the subject.
Dr. Rouven Bodenheimer specialises in conflict resolution and renders advice on corporate law and construction law in particular. Besides civil court proceedings he has been involved in numerous arbitration cases governed both institutionally (DIS, ICC, LCIA, SCC, DIAC and CAS) as well as ad hoc arbitration. He has garnered significant experience as co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator, chairman and counsel in various arbitration proceedings both domestically and internationally. He is particularly experienced in disputes involving difficult technical issues and complex commercial aspects. His expertise lies in fields as diverse as infrastructure, energy, construction and intricate financial transactions.

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