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BRIEF PORTRAIT

Dr. Bettina Hörstrup studied law in Bonn and completed her legal clerkship at the Regional Court in Cologne. She completed her doctorate under Prof. Meinhard Heinze on a topic relating to labor and insolvency law and at the same time worked as a freelance lawyer in Berlin. Subsequently, in 1997, Ms. Hörstrup took up a position as in-house counsel and assistant to the Administrative Director at the Helmholtz Centre Potsdam GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences. Two years later, she changed to the central administration of the trading group McPaper AG as deputy head of the legal department. In 2001, she returned to the GFZ as head of human resources. From 2006 to 2008, Ms. Hörstrup was chair of the Helmholtz Association's Personnel Committee and, from 2005, was also the deputy of the GFZ's Administrative Director. In 2010, Ms. Hörstrup obtained the Malink Master of Management St. Gallen. From 2014 to 2020, she was a member of the Advisory Board of the Helmholtz Academy for Leaders. Since 1st August 2020 she is the Administrative Director at PIK, the first person on this newly created position.