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### **Background**

Law studies and accompanying studies in European law at the Universities of Wuerzburg and Zurich (CH). Qualification as European Lawyer (Univ. Wuerzburg). Two years as assistant at the Foundation for Environmental Energy Law and the Chair of Public Law and Tax Law at the University of Wuerzburg (Prof. Dr. Ralf P. Schenke). Legal clerkship in Frankfurt am Main and London (UK). Received doctorate in law (Dr. iur.) from the University of Mannheim (Prof. Dr. Georg Bitter) based on the dissertation "Conversion measures in insolvency plan proceedings" (Nomos Verlag). Executive MBA Program at the University of St. Gallen (CH). Co-author of the commentary on the German Reorganization Act published by Habersack/Wicke (Verlag C. H. Beck).

Trainee Corporate Advisory at the international law firm McDermott Will & Emery in Frankfurt am Main. Seven years with the international law firm Hengeler Mueller in Frankfurt am Main with focus on corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, real estate transactions, internal investigations and member of the Russia Desk. Secondment at the Magic Circle law firm Slaughter and May in London (UK).

Member of the Scholarly Association for Corporate Law (VGR)

### **Focus**

Corporate/M&A, Venture Capital / Private Equity, Real Estate, Restructuring & Insolvency, Compliance & Data Protection

### **Experience** (abstract\*)

- Advising Takeaway.com on the acquisition of the German food delivery business from Delivery Hero (lieferheld.de)
- Advising Vitol S.A. on the dissolution of the joint venture for the asphalt-bitumen business (VALT BV) and acquisition of 50% of the shares
- Advising a consortium of shareholders in connection with the planned sale of a petroleum company to a Chinese investor
- Advising an internationally active asset manager in connection with Brexit and the establishment of a new entity and capital increase in kind in Germany
- Advising an U.S. American company in the paper industry in connection with a planned joint venture and a Finnish company also in the paper industry in connection with a planned divestment of a business unit

- Advising Ericsson on the acquisition of the antenna and filter business from Kathrein SE in a multinational distressed asset deal
- Advising a German asset manager with regard to a real estate transfer tax optimization of the group structure
- Advising Schneider Electric SE on the acquisition of ProLeit AG
- Advising on various real estate transactions (including sale and lease back) on the seller and buyer side
- Advising venture capital investors on financing
- Advising on complex internal investigations in connection with the EURIBOR/LIBOR manipulation, the so-called Diesel scandal and the Cum-Ex complex

\* From former activity

## Languages

German, English, Russian