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Dr Thilo von Bodungen focuses on national and international trade and distribution law and the drafting and negotiating of agreements for the operational business. His main industry focus is on industrials as well as on consumer goods and retail.

He advises companies on all stages of the value chain, from procurement and manufacturing to sales and distribution. His experience covers agreements for the purchase and sale, international contract and trade law, distribution law (distributor, commercial agent and franchising), standard agreements, transport and logistics, leasing, co-operation, joint venture and toll manufacturing agreements, service and maintenance agreements, outsourcing as well as product safety and product liability.

Thilo heads jointly with Stefan Engels the German Intellectual Property & Technology group of DLA Piper and he is Global Co-Chair of the Commercial Contracts Group.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- German

- Commercial Contracts
- Franchise
- International Corporate Reorganizations

- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Industrials
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport
- Technology

English German

- Advising BASF on the planned acquisition of the integrated global Polyamides business of Solvay, in particular on the negotiation of various supply and toll manufacturing agreements
- Advising Domino's Pizza on the acquisition of Joey's Pizza as well as on the acquisition of Hallo Pizza, in particular on the franchise law aspects
- Advising Nintendo on all kinds of commercial law matters, including distribution, logistics and procurement agreements
- Advising various international fashion and consumer goods companies on distribution, agency and franchising agreements, logistics agreements as well as on web-shops

- Advising various automotive suppliers and OEMs on supply agreements, distribution systems as well as on warranty and liability matters

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Rechtsanwalt admitted with the Rechtsanwaltskammer Munich

Prior Experience

Before joining DLA Piper in 2011 Thilo worked for another international law firm.

Recognitions

- *JUVE Handbook 2021/2022*: Frequently recommended for distribution/trade/logistics: distribution systems; “very competent, fast and comprehensive support”, “explains excellently”, “deep economic understanding”, “top sparring partner, thinks outside the box”, “absolute strategist with new perspectives”, clients
- *Legal 500 Germany 2022*: Recommended for commercial and distribution law; “Thilo von Bodungen is an experienced partner who is very attentive and solution-oriented.”
- *Chambers Europe Germany 2022*: Recommended for commercial contracts; “He is very knowledgeable and accommodating as he is looking for compromises in finding solutions that work for all parties. Yet he is firm on certain points.”, client
- *Handelsblatt* in cooperation with *Best Lawyers 2022*: Recommended for technology law
- *Kanzleimonitor 2020/2021*: Recommended for contract and public law
- *JUVE Award 2016/2017*: Law firm of the year for trade, distribution and logistics

Education

- Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, First State Examination, 2001, and Ph.D., 2005
- New York University, LL.M., 2004
- Higher Regional Court of Munich, Second State Exam, 2003
- Humboldt-University Berlin, 1999
- University of Regensburg, 1998

Memberships

- German-American Lawyers Association (DAJV)
- German Association for Distribution Law (DGRV)

INSIGHTS

Thilo regularly publishes articles in law magazines.

Publications

Compare contract law around the world with our **Global Contract Laws Guide**

1 June 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce the launch of our updated Global Contract Laws guide.

The guide has been updated to reflect the changes in legislation in over 45 countries and in response to significant geopolitical events

such as Brexit.

- Von Bodungen: Betriebs-Berater, *EuGH: Ausgleichszahlung des Handelsvertreters für die Werbung neuer Kunden*, EuGH, Court Decision from 7/4/2016 – C-315/14, Marchon Germany GmbH against Yvonne Karaszkiwicz, ECLI:EU:C:2016:211
- Von Bodungen: Magazin food-service, Interview about: "*Fair Franchising: Recourse to legal action is not excluded*", Edition of 6/9/2016

Events

- International Commercial Contracts Webinar Programme 2017: International Joint Ventures - Key Commercial Contracts & Considerations in Joint Ventures, 29 March 2017
- Breakfast@DLA Piper: "Absatz ohne Abseits Gestaltung internationaler Vertriebssysteme aus vertrags- und steuerrechtlicher Sicht", 20 July 2016