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Dr Björn Enders focuses on corporation and individual tax matters along with tax compliance matters including criminal tax liability aspects and tax litigation matters, indirect taxes including value added tax (nationally and internationally), insurance premium tax, energy/electricity tax, gambling tax, customs and anti-dumping duties. He furthermore regularly advises on tax-effective corporate transactions including in the real estate sector.

Examples of his practice include advising on, and the set up and review of, tax compliance programs and tax investigations/tax defence counsel matters, VAT recoverability and supply chain optimisations as well as EU customs matters and EU trade defence proceedings in anti-dumping matters. He regularly represents clients in tax disputes both in court (German and EU courts) and out of court (tax audits) whereby he draws from his valuable practical inside knowledge as a former tax officer with the German tax administration.

Björn Enders is qualified as a chartered specialist tax lawyer and a chartered tax advisor. He regularly publishes expert views and participates in expert seminar panels.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- German

- Tax
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Transfer Pricing
- Transactional Tax Planning
- Tax Controversy and Disputes
- International Tax Counsel
- VAT and Indirect Tax
- Real Estate
- Global Investment Funds

English French German

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

- Value added tax and other indirect taxes (e.g., energy taxes, electricity tax, insurance premium tax, gambling tax)
- VAT-related supply chain management and tax process optimization

- Set up, optimization and review of tax compliance management programs
- Customs duties and trade defence proceedings (anti-dumping duties/anti-subsidy duties)
- Tax structuring of real estate transactions
- Tax audits, appeals and tax court litigation
- VAT/customs/compliance-related criminal tax defence

KEY EXPERIENCE

- VAT advice, including representation both in and out of court, to international groups of companies in various industry sectors
- Advice on tax compliance management programs for medium-sized and international blue chip companies
- Tax advice to both international and domestic real estate funds
- Anti-dumping proceedings and customs duties advice, including representation before the European Courts, to clients from multiple industry sectors
- Criminal tax advice with numerous voluntary tax disclosures and other tax-related criminal investigations

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Rechtsanwalt admitted with Rechtsanwaltskammer Frankfurt am Main
- Steuerberater registered with Steuerberaterkammer Hessen

Prior Experience

Prior to joining DLA Piper in August 2013, Björn worked among others at the Frankfurt and New York offices of another international business law firm and worked as an officer with the German tax administration.

Recognitions

- *JUVE Handbook 2021/2022*: Frequently recommended for foreign trade law: customs law
- *JUVE Handbook Tax 2021*: Recommended for excise duties and customs law with focus on customs law, antidumping law, excise taxes and conflict resolution
- *Legal 500 Germany 2022*: Recommended for tax law
- *Handelsblatt* in cooperation with *Best Lawyers 2023*: Recommended for tax law

Education

- Humboldt University Berlin, J.D., First State Exam
- Saarland University, Ph.D.
- University of Paris II (Panthéon Assas), LL.B.
- College of Finance North Rhine-Westphalia, Diploma in taxation

Memberships

- Association of Chartered Specialized Tax Lawyers
- German Association for Tax Law

INSIGHTS

Publications

VAT - Monthly Alert – June 2022

7 July 2022

VAT Monthly Alert

A summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

VAT - Monthly Alert – May 2022

30 May 2022

VAT Monthly Alert

A summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

Country-specific: Germany

6 May 2022

As part of an online game, the plaintiff acquired virtual land from the American game operator, parceled it out and rented it to other users within the online game in return for payment of a virtual currency.

VAT - Monthly Alert – April 2022

6 May 2022

VAT Monthly Alert

April summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

VAT Monthly - Alert January 2022

31 January 2022

VAT Monthly Alert

A summary of important VAT developments with implications for national and cross-border business operations.

2021 Guide to VAT on Digital Services

December 2021

This guide provides a country-by-country overview of VAT law covering cross-border supplies of digital content, intangible services and, more generally, the various forms of e-commerce.

VAT Monthly Alert - November 2021

1 December 2021

VAT Monthly Alert

A summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

VAT Monthly Alert - October 2021

27 October 2021

VAT Monthly Alert

A summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

VAT Monthly Alert - September 2021

1 October 2021

VAT Monthly Alert

A summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

VAT - Monthly Alert - July 2021

3 August 2021

VAT Monthly Alert

A summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

VAT - Monthly Alert – June 2021

1 July 2021

VAT Monthly Alert

A summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

2021 Changes to EU VAT Rules

30 June 2021

The VAT e-commerce package, consisting of EU VAT legislation aimed at simplifying VAT for cross-border e-commerce into and within the EU, is set to apply as of July 1, 2021. Our guide summarises the most noteworthy VAT implications for merchants/operators of electronic interfaces (e.g., marketplace, platform) involved in e-commerce transactions.

VAT - Monthly Alert - May 2021

28 May 2021

VAT Monthly Alert

A summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

VAT - Monthly Alert – April 2021

28 April 2021

VAT Monthly Alert

A summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

VAT - Monthly Alert – February 2021

2 March 2021
VAT Monthly Alert

Our February summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

VAT - Monthly Alert – January 2021

29 January 2021
VAT Monthly Alert

See our January summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

VAT - Monthly Alert – November 2020

25 November 2020
VAT Monthly Alert

A summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

VAT Monthly Alert October 2020

2 November 2020
VAT Monthly Alert

A summary of important VAT developments with implications for cross-border business operations.

[Events](#)

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Webinar: New EU VAT Rules

16 September 2020

[NEWS](#)

DLA Piper advises team.blue on acquisition of Raidboxes

20 July 2022

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of the High-Tech Gründerfonds (HTGF) portfolio company Raidboxes.

Best Lawyers / Handelsblatt recommends a total of 90 lawyers from DLA Piper in Germany

24 June 2022

This year, the U.S. publisher Best Lawyers has once again recognized numerous DLA Piper lawyers in Germany in various areas of law.

DLA Piper advises Fyllo on the acquisition of Semasio

19 April 2022

DLA Piper has advised Fyllo, a compliance-first platform providing data-driven marketing and regulatory solutions for high-growth industries, on the signing of a Stock Purchase Agreement with Semasio, a pioneer in unified targeting for digital marketing.

DLA Piper advises team.blue on acquisition of iubenda

15 February 2022

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of iubenda, one of Europe's leading privacy and compliance tools. iubenda was founded in 2011 in Italy and supports SMEs with attorney-level solutions to make their websites and apps compliant with privacy laws such that the entrepreneurs can focus on their core business. iubenda is offering several integrated solutions to answer the compliance needs of organizations across multiple languages and legislations on websites and apps. These include solutions on privacy and cookie policies, the EU cookie law, terms and conditions, GDPR consent recording and CCPA disclosures, offered through a one-stop shop SaaS compliance multi-national platform.

DLA Piper advises Jungheinrich AG on the acquisition of arculus GmbH

10 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised Jungheinrich AG on the acquisition of arculus GmbH, a technology company based in Munich that operates in the autonomous mobile robots (AMR) sector.

DLA Piper advises team.blue on the acquisition of Dutch e-commerce hosting specialist Hipex

16 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of Dutch e-commerce hosting specialist Hipex. Hipex will be joining forces with e-commerce specialist Hypernode which is also part of team.blue.

DLA Piper advises team.blue on the acquisition of Enartia

7 April 2021

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of Enartia Group, a market leader in web hosting and domain registration in Greece with additional subsidiaries in Serbia and Albania.

DLA Piper advises Stillfront Group on the acquisition of gaming company Sandbox Interactive

18 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Stillfront Group AB, a leading free-to-play gaming studios company, on the acquisition of Sandbox Interactive GmbH, a rapidly growing and highly profitable gaming company based in Berlin and developer and publisher of the popular cross-platform free-to-play sandbox MMORPG Albion Online. The sellers are the four co-founders of Sandbox.

DLA Piper advises team.blue on the acquisition of website builder Webnode

17 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised team.blue on the acquisition of Webnode, a pan-European website builder company. For team.blue the transaction serves as another strategic acquisition to further expand its presence in the CEE region following its growth strategy.
