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Prof Dr Ludger Giesberts advises companies, financial institutions, trade associations, public undertakings, federal and national authorities as well as municipalities on all matters regarding environmental and product safety and product liability law, EU law, aviation law, planning, export control law as well as on public-private partnership projects and government affairs.

He advised many companies, authorities and associations before administrative courts, the ECJ and the CFI, inter alia the working group of German commercial airports (ADV), airlines, various federal ministries and industrial companies.

Ludger heads the German Litigation and Regulatory group of DLA Piper comprising more than 85 lawyers. He is also a member of the firm-wide DLA Piper Brexit Committee, which coordinates and implements the firm's approach with respect to the legal consequences of the Brexit.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- German
- English
- Dutch

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Product Liability, Mass Torts and Product Stewardship
- Transport
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- Environment, Health and Safety
- Aviation Litigation and Regulation
- Renewables
- EU Law and Policy
- Water and Waste
- Nuclear
- International Trade

- Energy and Natural Resources

German English Dutch

- Judicial representation of industry and waste disposal companies on environmental and waste law before administrative courts, Court of Justice of EU and European Court of Justice
- Advising a chemical company regarding the sale of a business segment based in a chemical park
- Advising an energy company with respect to the upcoming legislative changes regarding the use of fracking technologies
- Advising companies on product law / product safety, including recalls, as well as automobile manufacturers in the field of

"autonomous driving"

- Advising an industrial company in the context of an environmental damage case
- Advising airlines and airports on aviation law
- Advising infrastructure companies and federal states on EU state aid law and representation before the EU Commission
- Judicial representation of companies as well as national authorities (inter alia ministries, the German Federal Aviation Authority) in (EU) state liability matters.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Rechtsanwalt admitted with Rechtsanwaltskammer Cologne

Prior Experience

Ludger became a Partner at DLA Piper in March 2008. Before that, he worked for another international law firm for 15 years (10 years as a partner).

Recognitions

- *JUVE Handbook 2021/2022*: Frequently recommended for public sector: environmental and planning law, product-related environmental law: regulatory and regulated industries: transport sector: regulatory and financing; "gives very qualified advice", competitor; 2020/2021: "very good legal and strategic advice", "very competent, absolutely reliable, always comes up with innovative solutions", clients; 2019/2020: "market-leading expert", competitor
- *Legal 500 Germany 2022*: Recommended for public law: environmental and planning law (including product related advice), trade and distribution law: foreign trade law, compliance, dispute resolution: commercial disputes and advice of the transport sector; "Excellent expertise with fast and efficient advisory practice."
- *Chambers Europe Deutschland 2022*: Recommended for public law; "practical and solution-oriented"; "high-class advice and excellent accessibility"
- *Handelsblatt* in cooperation with *Best Lawyers 2023*: Recognised as "lawyer of the year" for environmental law (2020) and recommended for environmental law, public law as well as litigation

Education

- Universities of Bonn and Trier, First and Second State Examination, Dr. jur.
- London School of Economics and Political Science, LL.M.
- The German University of Administrative Sciences Speyer, Magister Rerum Publicarum

Memberships

- German-British Lawyer Association
- Association for Environmental Law

Lecturer

Ludger is a honorary professor (Honorarprofessor) at Cologne University. He lectures on German public economic law (Öffentliches Wirtschaftsrecht) and EU law.

INSIGHTS

He is the author of more than 110 publications, including nine books. He is the co-editor of the *Umweltrecht* (Beck Online Publication

Giesberts/Reinhardt). He is also a member of the board of the *Journal of Airport Management* and the organiser and moderator of the German Aviation Days (*Deutsche Luftfahrttage*).

Publications

Germany Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Control: Massive Extension of Scope

25 January 2021

For the forth time within one year, Germany will broaden the reach of its foreign direct investment control system.

REACH 2.0 – New EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

10 December 2020

Chemicals are omnipresent in our everyday life and play a fundamental role as building blocks in technologies, materials and products. However, chemicals with hazardous components can also cause damage to human and animal health and the environment.

- "Diesel traffic bans" exceptionally possible ("Diesel-Verkehrsverbote' ausnahmsweise möglich!"), *Neue Zeitschrift für Verwaltungsrecht (NVwZ)* 2018, p. 1276 et seqq
- Giesberts/Reinhardt, Beck's online commentary environmental law ("Beck'scher Onlinekommentar Umweltrecht"), continuously updated, printed version: 2nd edition 2018
- Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act, Commentary ("Elektronikgerätegesetz – ElektroG, Kommentar"), publishing house Beck Verlag, 3rd edition 2018
- Giesberts/Kastelec, The fracking regulatory package ("Das Regelungspaket zum Fracking"), *Neue Zeitschrift für Verwaltungsrecht (NVwZ)* 2017, p. 360 et seqq
- Current issues concerning the fee collection according to Sec. 19b of the German Aviation Act ("Aktuelle Fragen der Entgelterhebung nach § 19b LuftVG"), *Zeitschrift für Luft- und Weltraumrecht (ZLW)* 2016, p. 328 et seqq

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Events

Previous

Extension of Foreign Direct Investment Control Regime: Update

9 June 2021

Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards

30 October 2020

DLA Piper has been named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards, in a ceremony which took place on Thursday 29 October.

