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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

- 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

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- International Trade, 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

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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 2021*: Recommended for public law: environmental and planning law (including product related advice), trade and distribution: foreign trade law, compliance dispute resolution: commercial disputes as well as transport: advice of the transport sector; "Excellent expertise with fast and efficient advisory practice."
- *Chambers Europe Deutschland 2021*: Recommended for public law; "practical and solution-oriented"; 2020: "high-class advice and excellent accessibility"
- *Handelsblatt* in cooperation with *Best Lawyers*: Recognised as "lawyer of the year" for environmental law (2020) and recommended for environmental law, public law as well as litigation (2021/2022)

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

Drastic Extension of Germany's Foreign Direct Investment Control Regime

5 May 2021

As expected, Germany's extended foreign direct investment control regime (FDI regime) took effect with the 17th Amendment of the Foreign Trade and Payments Act on 1 May 2021.

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.

Minimum standards along the supply chain - Effects of the supply chain law on German companies

12 November 2020

For internationally operating companies, new demands on their international supply chains are coming into focus. In Germany, the political debate concerning a so-called supply chain law is taking shape. A first draft is expected within the next few months. At the same time, the introduction of a similar set of rules and regulations at EU level is being discussed; a decision on this matter is expected in 2021. Other European countries such as the Netherlands and the United Kingdom have already introduced corresponding legislation.

Germany's New Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Act took effect on 11 October 2020

19 October 2020

In addition to the intended amendments to the Foreign Trade and Payments Act Germany's Federal Government on 20 May 2020 has decided on a bill that broadens the scope and the scrutiny with regard to foreign investments.

The EU stimulus package

17 August 2020

Implementation of next generation EU & reinforcement of multiannual financial framework 2021-2027 in reaction to the COVID-19-pandemic and its economic and social impacts.

Global Class Actions Briefing: Major developments in European consumer protection laws: Product safety and consumer class actions in Europe

15 July 2020

The EU's proposals for a revised EU General Product Safety Directive (the GPSD) and the EU's deal for a Collective Redress Directive (the CRD) point the way to a future of heightened novel risk in Europe of collective redress or, as these claims are popularly known, "class actions".

Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19

28 May 2020

The risk to companies of global and cross-border class action and collective redress proceedings is rising.

COVID-19: National security risks lead to expanded global foreign direct investment reviews

11 May

Key developments in global FDI review regimes.

Paradigm Change in Germany's Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Law

14 April 2020

Germany's FDI rules so far had a reputation of not being very strong. In the past few years, only three transactions have been prohibited. This is set to change under a new bill.

- "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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Extension of Foreign Direct Investment Control Regime: Update

9 June 2021

Webinar

Pan-European Week: Act on Corporate Due Diligence in Supply Chains – Government Relations

20 April 2021
Webinar

Preparing for global class actions arising from COVID-19

16 June 2020 | 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. ET (Session one) | 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. ET (Session two)
Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Berenberg and Stifel Europe Bank on capital increase of Compleo Charging Solutions AG

26 November 2021
DLA Piper has advised the consortium banks Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG as Sole Global Coordinator and Joint Bookrunner and Stifel Europe Bank AG as Joint Bookrunner on a capital increase (rights issue) of Compleo Charging Solutions AG.

DLA Piper advises SevenVentures on investment in Sanity Group

30 March 2021
DLA Piper has advised SevenVentures on its media-for-equity investment in Berlin-based start-up Sanity Group. The investment sum is in the single-digit million range.

DLA Piper advises BearingPoint on sale of RegTech Unit to Nordic Capital

11 November 2020
DLA Piper has advised BearingPoint on the sale of its independent Regulatory Technology (RegTech) unit to leading private equity investor Nordic Capital as part of a share deal. The closing of the transaction with Nordic Capital is subject to customary regulatory approvals. The financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

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.

DLA Piper represents the City of Gelsenkirchen on legality of Clean Air Plan

3 March 2020
DLA Piper has represented the City of Gelsenkirchen before the Higher Administrative Court of Münster in legal proceedings on the legality of the Clean Air Plan of the Ruhr region (CAP) in relation to Gelsenkirchen's urban area.
