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With 20 years' experience of advising on complex and strategic IT and technology projects Dr Jan Geert Meents is seen as one of the leading IT and tech lawyers in Germany. He advises national and international organizations on innovative trends such as data analytics, digital transformation, internet of things and artificial intelligence. His practice covers a combination of contractual, IP, data protection, IT compliance and other legal issues specific to the high tech sector.

Dr Jan Geert Meents is the editor of the Legal Handbook Cloud Computing and the standard compendium for IT lawyers in Germany. He is a frequent speaker at tech conferences and holds a lectureship for IT contract law at the University of Oldenburg.

As a member of the DLA Piper's International Executive Committee Dr Jan Geert Meents is the Managing Director UK and Europe.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- German

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing
- Data Protection, Privacy and Security
- Cybersecurity
- International Corporate Reorganizations

- Technology
- Industrials
- Financial Services

English French German

- Advising an international car manufacturer on the global legal framework of big data analytics
- Advising a leading global provider of cloud services on various legal aspects of cloud computing
- Advising a leading automotive company on data protection issues in 80+ countries
- Advising an international IT service provider in connection with complex technology-related projects as well as IT-outsourcing and

business process outsourcing projects

- Advising a world market leader in healthcare products and services on the digitization of medical devices including legal aspects of tele-medicine
- Advising a German multinational engineering and electronics company on legal aspects of IoT and digital transformation of their products
- Advising on the technology side of numerous M&A and PE transactions
- Advising on several IT and outsourcing projects for both, IT providers and customers

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Rechtsanwalt admitted with the Rechtsanwaltskammer Munich

Prior Experience

- 2008 – to date, Partner DLA Piper UK LLP, Munich
- 2004 – 2008, Partner at a leading commercial law firm, Munich
- 2002 – 2003, Foreign Associate at an international law firm, Atlanta
- 1999 – 2004, Associate at a leading commercial law firm, Munich

Recognitions

- *JUVE Handbook 2021/2022*: Frequently recommended for information technology: contracts/litigation and transactions/outsourcing as well as for data protection; “leading in the area of outsourcing and clouds”, “very good, knows what he is talking about”, competitor
- *Legal 500 Germany 2022*: Leading individual and recommended for information technology and digitalisation as well as recommended for information technology: data protection and IT transactions and outsourcing
- *Chambers Europe Germany 2022*: Recommended for TMT: information technology
- *Handelsblatt* in cooperation with *Best Lawyers 2022*: Recognised as “lawyer of the year” for information technology law (2020) and recommended for information technology law and data security and privacy law
- *WirtschaftsWoche 2020*: Recommended as “top lawyer” for IT law
- *Kanzleimonitor 2020/2021*: Recommended for IT law

Education

- University of Marburg
- University of Munich, First State Examination, 1995
- Higher Regional Court of Munich, Second State Examination, 1998
- University of Münster, Dr. jur., 1998

Memberships

- German Association for Law and Informatics (DGRI e.V.)
- International Technology Law Association (ITechLaw)
- The Working Group IT of the German Lawyers' Association (DAV IT)
- German-American Lawyers Association (DAJV)
- Munich and German Lawyers' Association

Lecturer

Jan is a lecturer for IT law at the University of Oldenburg.

INSIGHTS

Earlier in his career, Jan was the author of one of the first books on e-commerce transactions in Germany. He is co-editor of the standard compendium for specialist IT lawyers in Germany and has published a number of articles on technology-related topics. He is also a frequent speaker at national and international technology law conferences.

Publications

- Borges/Meents: *Cloud Computing Rechtshandbuch*, C.H.Beck, First Edition, Munich, 2015
- Walz: *Beck'sches Formularbuch Zivil-, Wirtschafts- und Unternehmensrecht* German-Englisch, IT-Contracts, C.H.Beck, Third Edition, Munich, 2013
- Taeger/Gabel: *BDSG Comment, §§ 33-35 BDSG*, *Deutscher Fachverlag GmbH*, Second Edition, Frankfurt, 2013

NEWS

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 HARMAN on the acquisition of Mixed Reality Pioneer Apostera

23 February 2022

DLA Piper has advised HARMAN International, the leading supplier of connected technologies for automotive, consumer and enterprise markets, on the acquisition of Apostera, a Germany-based automotive technology company. Apostera's employees will join HARMAN as part of the company's Automotive division.

DLA Piper advises TRATON SE on the acquisition of Loom Technologies GmbH

28 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised TRATON SE, a leading global commercial vehicle manufacturer, and its subsidiary TB Digital Services GmbH on the acquisition of logistics software provider Loom Technologies GmbH.

Best Lawyers / Handelsblatt recommends a total of 88 lawyers from DLA Piper in Germany

25 June 2021

This year, the U.S. publisher Best Lawyers has once again recognized numerous DLA Piper lawyers in Germany in various areas of law. In total, Best Lawyers recommends 88 DLA Piper lawyers this year.

DLA Piper advises Cohu, Inc. on divestment of atg Luther & Maelzer to Mycronic

12 May 2021

DLA Piper has advised Cohu, Inc., a global leader in back-end semiconductor equipment and services, on the divestment of atg Luther & Maelzer GmbH (atg) to Mycronic AB (Mycronic), a Swedish high-tech company engaged in the development, manufacture and

marketing of production equipment.

DLA Piper advises Siemens AG on the acquisition of OneSpin Solutions Group from Azini Capital

26 April 2021

DLA Piper advises Siemens Digital Industries Software on the planned acquisition of the OneSpin Solutions Group from Azini Capital. OneSpin Solutions is a leading provider of formal verification software that helps ensure integrated circuit (IC) integrity and enables functionally correct, safe, trustworthy and secure IC designs.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen on the sale of Gallus Group

23 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of Gallus Group to Swiss packaging business benpac holding ag. With this transaction Heidelberg is systematically pursuing the company's realignment, which includes focusing on its core business of sheetfed printing. The sale, which still needs to be approved by the relevant bodies and is subject to other condition precedents, is set to take effect before the end of 2020.
