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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

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### 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 2021*: Leading individual and recommended for information technology and digitalisation as well as recommended for information technology: data protection and outsourcing
- *Chambers Europe Germany 2021*: Recommended for TMT: information technology; “He simply engages with and understands this area.”; “valuable IT adviser, assisting clients with digitalisation and outsourcing projects” and “demonstrates notable experience in related litigation” (2020)
- *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

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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