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Dr Christian Schoop advises national and international companies on all issues of commercial criminal law and the monitoring of criminal investigations. This includes both the representation of companies having suffered damage and those cases where employees committed criminal offences to the alleged benefit of the company.

A further focus of his work is on advising companies with regard to internal investigations and on the development and implementation of compliance systems. Furthermore, Christian Schoop monitors the conduct of compliance due diligence, in particular in the context of M&A transactions.

In many cases, the advice also includes the involvement of international colleagues, e.g. from the U.S. or Great Britain.

In addition to advising on traditional business crimes, such as corruption and breach of trust, Christian Schoop specializes in representing clients in connection with environmental crimes and offenses related to cyber attacks.

- White Collar and Corporate Crime
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs

- Financial Services
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Technology
- Insurance

- M-Dax Group: Advice (criminal, corporate and civil law) / defence in the preliminary proceedings on suspicion of tax fraud, breach of trust and bribery in 38 jurisdictions and conduct of a comprehensive internal investigation
- International food manufacturer: Advice (criminal, insurance, civil and public law) / defence due to preliminary proceedings in connection with a tank explosion and a poisonous cloud (suspicion of the grossly negligent causation of an explosion etc.) and conduct of an internal investigation
- International real estate funds: Internal investigation on suspicion of bribery in business transactions
- International pharmaceutical company: Internal investigation regarding (civil and criminal law) product liability and product recall
- International pharmaceutical company: Advice on search and seizure
- DAX-30 company: Advice on the introduction of a tax compliance management system
- Advising a real estate fund on CEO fraud in the millions (including asset tracing and recovery in 7 jurisdictions)

- Bank: Advice on cybercrime attack and theft of customer data

CREDENTIALS

Prior Experience

Before joining DLA Piper in 2009 Christian worked for another international law firm in Frankfurt (2006-2009) and as research associate at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich (2002-2004).

Recognitions

- *JUVE Handbook 2021/2022*: Leading name for compliance investigations and frequently recommended for white-collar crime: advice to companies; "excellent", client; "inspiring", "strategic foresight", "excellent corporate counsel", competitor; 2019/2020: "very skilled at steering large team defences", "assertive, organised, reliable, competent", competitors
- *Legal 500 Germany 2021*: Recommended for compliance and internal investigations, further for white-collar crime: advise to companies and finally trade and distribution: foreign trade law; "Christian Schoop rightfully has an excellent reputation in the field of white-collar crime.", "Excellent white-collar crime lawyer as well as outstanding negotiator.", and he is "well-versed in the development of compliance management systems and has a considerable client portfolio" (2019)
- *Handelsblatt* in cooperation with *Best Lawyers 2022*: Recommended for criminal defense
- *WirtschaftsWoche 2021*: Recommended as "top lawyer" for compliance

Education

- University of Bochum First State Examination, 2002
- Higher Regional Court of Düsseldorf Second State Examination, 2006
- University of Göttingen, Ph.D., 2007

Memberships

- Board member of the German Defence Counsel Association
- White Collar Crime Organisation

INSIGHTS

Publications

Germany - Whistleblowing Laws in Europe: An international guide

June 2021

Christian Schoop is the author of numerous articles in law journals and in the daily and business press (FAZ, Börsenzeitung and PLATO Recht) as well as the head of the publication series of Deutsche Strafverteidiger e.V.

He is a co-author of the 'Criminal Compliance' handbook (ed. Thomas Rotsch, Nomos Verlag 2014) and of the book 'Fiskalstrafrecht' with respect to the chapter on 'Durchsuchung und Beschlagnahme' (search and seizure), (ed. Markus Adick/Jens Bülte, C. F. Müller Verlag 2015). He is also a co-editor and a co-author of the book 'Das Unternehmensstrafrecht und seine Alternativen' (ed. Jahn/Schmitt-Leonardy/Schoop, Nomos Verlag 2016).

Events

Previous

Webinar: The Lure of The East – Investment Opportunity and Risk for German Investors in Asia

21 September 2021
Webinar

Pan-European Week: Crime made Clear – Navigating criminal and compliance risks

19 April 2021

A practical guide to privilege in cyber investigations

15 October 2020
Webinar

Christian Schoop is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars regarding white collar crime and compliance issues.

He is the host of technical seminars, one of them is *StPO-Nordseetreffen*.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Knorr-Bremse on the acquisition of EVAC Group

3 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Knorr-Bremse, the global market leader for braking systems and other rail and commercial vehicles systems, on the acquisition of EVAC Group.

DLA Piper advises GM Cruise on acquisition of Astyx

8 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised GM Cruise Holdings LLC (GM Cruise) in connection with the acquisition of Astyx GmbH (Astyx) from Zukunft Ventures GmbH, a subsidiary of ZF Friedrichshafen AG, and the founders of Astyx.
