



State Aid

State funding measures for enterprises

The Redeker Sellner Dahs state aid law team provides clients with expert advice in all cases involving state funding and acts as counsel for them in proceedings before the European Commission, EU courts as well as in recovery and court proceedings in EU Member States.



State financial measures – An area requiring a high level of expertise and experience in:

- Identifying and analysing state aid
- Developing state-aid compliant solutions and strategies tailored to the unique case
- Assessing recovery risks
- Negotiating with the responsible federal ministries and/or the Commission
- Conducting proceedings before the European Commission, the Union courts and national courts

Capital contributions, privatisation, remunicipalisation, cost-effective state services, tax concessions – our lawyers are seasoned experts in identifying opportunities for potential state aid in countless and highly diverse cases. What particularly sets us apart is the ability to develop strategies and solutions for state financing measures in compliance with state aid law. One particular focus of our services is advising on so-called services of general economic interest, which are increasingly playing a role beyond traditional services of general interest. With our lawyers' extensive experience in counselling, their advice is tailored to our clients' specific needs, providing pragmatic solutions in outlines, discussion papers or expert opinions that meet our high scientific standards.

We represent clients in review proceedings before the European Commission, before EU courts and national courts on the national effects of state aid law ("private enforcement"). Our lawyers are well acquainted with the Directorates-General of the European Commission responsible for state aid control and with the relevant federal and state ministries at national level. Our clients consist of federal and state ministries, municipalities and public corporations as well as associations, public companies and banks. We provide our services on both sides of the spectrum, both to recipients and to donors of state aid. And we support third parties whose interests are affected by a subsidy.

Our long-standing experience and expertise in state aid law are at your disposal. Contact us.

Practice areas (selection)

- Environmental and forestry policy (financing) measures
- Research, development and innovation
- Transport (rail, air, inland waterways and maritime transport)
- Services of general economic interest (in particular at the interface with non-economic sectors)
- Privatisation
- Remunicipalisation
- Energy
- Infrastructure measure financing
- Education and training
- Public broadcasting
- Financial sector
- Aid for SMEs
- Regional aids
- EU structural funds
- Rescue and restructuring
- Venture capital
- Telecommunications
- Postal sector / postal services
- Coal and steel



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State aid law, German and European competition law (antitrust, merger control), EU law, compliance, legislative practice.

Joined the firm in 2004.

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Member of the German antitrust law association, member of the International Bar Association, member of Berliner Gesprächskreis zum Europäischen Beihilfenrecht e. V.

Various articles on state aid law, antitrust law and EU law. Co-author in “Münchener Kommentar zum Europäischen und Deutschen Wettbewerbsrecht” (Munich commentary on European and German competition law).

EU state aid proceedings involving the rescue and restructuring of SachsenLB, WestLB and BayernLB; state aid legal advice for various Federal German ministries inter alia on government-funded projects in the field of education and research.



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Various articles on state aid, constitutional law and European law, co-author of various commentaries on economic administrative and EU law, including in Grabitz/Hilf, “Recht der Europäischen Union” (law of the European Union), Schwarze, “EU-Kommentar” (EU Commentary).

Represented the Federal Government, associations and companies in more than 150 proceedings before the Union Courts and the Federal Constitutional Court, e. g. in the NPD ban proceedings, on the nuclear phase-out, energy security and data retention; regular representation in landmark proceedings on intellectual property and critical infrastructure; representation and advice on the promotion of public services; litigation in countless administrative court and state liability proceedings. Regular assessment of legislative proposals.



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Regular lectures on state aid and subsidy law, publications on state aid and on state aid and European law, including author of the in the Munich Commentary on State Aid Law and the Beck Commentary on Energy Security Law.

Lecturer at the TU Berlin on European State Aid Law/Energy Law.

Notification of the H2Global funding instrument for the market ramp-up of green hydrogen, advice to the Federal Ministry of on R&D subsidies; pre-notification of a funding framework for ultra-fast broadband for ultra-fast broadband; representation of the Warnow Water and Wastewater Association in a state aid investigation by the Commission; Representation of Quarzwerke Group before the ECJ against regional investment aid granted by the Slovak Republic (Case T-745/17).



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Member of the Administrative Law Committee of the German Bar Association.

Publications on European, environmental and energy law. Co-author inter alia of Sacker/Karpenstein/Ludwigs, Münchener Kommentar zum Wettbewerbsrecht, vol. 5: BeihilfenR, 2022; Grabitz/Hilf/Nettesheim, Recht der Europäischen Union.

Providing advice and acting as counsel in the field of state aid law before European and German Courts (inter alia Land of Berlin concerning transfer of land for youth welfare purposes (Case T-578/17; Berlin Administrative Court 18 K 210/20; companies in the lignite coal industry regarding the Commission's decision on the 2014 Renewable Energy Sources Act, Case T-750/15); providing advice and acting as counsel in the area of European and German environmental and product law (inter alia Federal Government in infringement proceedings for exceeding NO₂ limits, Cases C-635/18; C-664/18).



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Numerous publications, including research reports for the German Federal Environmental Agency/Federal Ministry for the Environment on environmental state aid law, most recently on the ex-post evaluation of aid schemes (<https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/publikationen>).

Worked as expert, counsel and lecturer in the area of state aid law, in particular regarding factual issues and services of general economic interest; advising on EU General Block Exemption Regulation and state aid in the environmental, forestry, infrastructure, maritime transport and bank sectors; drafting of subsidy guidelines; EU subsidy proceedings involving Landesbanken and in the transport sector; served as counsel of companies as well as authorities issuing approvals and government ministries in national complaint proceedings.



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Consulting and Representation of companies, state and federal authorities as well as constitutional bodies in numerous proceedings before the German Federal Constitutional Court, the State constitutional courts and the administrative courts, including Vattenfall in constitutional complaint proceedings against the 13th and 16th amendments to the Atomic Energy Act, Federal and State authorities in connection with the Corona pandemic. Participation in comprehensive feasibility study on the legal and subsidy policy support of a long-term transformation of German livestock farming. Representation of numerous companies of the private health insurance and in the judicial enforcement of the Drug Rebate Act.



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Advising a company on a state liability action against an EU Member State for illegal state aid.



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Published on EU law, German public law and public international law. Co-author in Sacker/Karpenstein/ Ludwigs, Münchener Kommentar zum Wettbewerbsrecht, Vol. 5: Beihilfenrecht, 4th edition 2022 (GBER).

Providing legal advice and representation in the fields of EU Law, State Aid Law, Public Law and Cartel Damages; representation of clients before the EU Courts (e.g. Case C-681/16, Case T-28/22, Case T-366/22); representation in complaint proceedings before the European Commission concerning State Aid Law, Common Market freedoms and the rule of law.



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Publications on European Law.

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