

A close-up photograph of a hand moving a wooden chess king piece on a chessboard. The hand is positioned at the top, with fingers gripping the top of the king piece. The king piece is being lifted slightly from its current square. To the left of the king is a white pawn, and to the right is another wooden king piece. The chessboard has alternating light and dark squares. The background is blurred, showing more of the chessboard and pieces.

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

National and cross-border litigation, arbitration, mediation and enforcement proceedings – Dispute resolution has always been one of the core areas of expertise of REDEKER SELLNER DAHS. Based on their long-standing experience our lawyers successfully support and represent our clients in even the most complex disputes.

LITIGATION

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Litigation

When disputes can only be resolved by going to court

Having to pursue one's rights in court is the „worst case scenario“ for anybody involved in contractual and non-contractual legal relationships. When all roads inexorably lead to a court dispute, however, one can definitely say: Pursuing and defending claims in court procedures requires special professional expertise, especially when complex factual or legal issues are involved. Procedural law is becoming ever more diverse and intricate over time: class actions, the accumulation of special laws and regulations addressing particular fields of law, the major importance of international business operations, transnational and cross-border legal disputes, the manifold entanglements of administrative and private law and the growing role played by international and European courts are making our system of legal protection more complex all the time. Moreover, due to sometimes long and tedious procedures and limited specialisation in the judicial system as well as the public nature of hearings, alternative dispute resolution through arbitral tribunals or mediators is gaining ever more importance. In line with this trend, we frequently act as counsel or as arbitrators or mediators to settle disputes.

At Redeker Sellner Dahs, we make sure our clients receive excellent legal support, especially in difficult situations.

Experienced attorneys well-versed in procedural law are a must when it comes to the enforcement, defence and satisfaction of claims. With our emphasis on flexibility and our professional and individual qualities and strengths, we are able to precisely map the requirements of each case with our team. Our clients benefit from the networking between our practice groups, enabling us to nimbly cope with cross-cutting topics as well as cross-disciplinary problems. Thanks to our international network and our offices in Brussels and London, we can call on expertise in foreign law in transnational disputes whenever required. At Redeker Sellner Dahs, clients get both: The fire-power of a large unit coupled with professional excellence and efficiency.

Tackle litigation knowing that you have an expert at your side. Just get in touch with us.



Our fields of activity (selection)

Litigation before state courts

- ▶ Contractual disputes
- ▶ Corporate and commercial disputes
- ▶ Non-contractual claims for damages
- ▶ Transnational and cross-border procedures
- ▶ Product liability, particularly when this intersects with public product safety law
- ▶ Conduct of injunctive proceedings (enforcement of, and defence against, injunctions and attachment proceedings)
- ▶ Complex competition and antitrust proceedings
- ▶ Intellectual property protection
- ▶ Class action suits and collective redress
- ▶ State liability
- ▶ Administrative and Constitutional Court proceedings
- ▶ Acting as counsel before the European Court of Justice (ECJ)
- ▶ Acting as counsel before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)
- ▶ Enforcement of, or defence against, enforcement measures at home and abroad

Acting as counsel in arbitration/mediation proceedings

- ▶ ICC arbitration
- ▶ German Institution of Arbitration (DIS)
- ▶ International and bilateral arbitration institutions
- ▶ Ad hoc arbitration tribunals
- ▶ Investment Arbitration
- ▶ FIDIC adjudication procedures
- ▶ Judicial and extrajudicial mediation in Germany and abroad
- ▶ Acting as arbitrators and mediators
Mediatoren

Our strengths

- ▶ Our expertise in civil and commercial law, German, European and international civil procedure law as well as administrative and criminal law allow us to offer our clients legal excellence in complex disputes, including in cases involving intersecting and cross-cutting fields of law
- ▶ Close networking with our various practice groups ensures professional quality during the litigation process
- ▶ We are big enough to cover wide areas of law, but with an agile approach and mindset that keep us ahead of the competition

Clients

German and multinational enterprises, banks and insurance companies, foundations and associations, governments, state agencies, public institutions at federal and regional state level, municipal authorities and charitable organisations place their trust and confidence in us.



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Commercial legal protection, Civil, commercial and company law, international private law as well as German and international procedural law.

Joined the firm in 1991.

1982 first, 1986 second State examination. Research assistant at the Institute for International Law at the University of Göttingen 1982–1984. 1984 doctoral degree. Lawyer in Hanover 1986–1987. Worked in the Department of Law and Insurance at the Federal Association for German Industry and lawyer with the firm. Head of the office of the President of the German Bundestag 1989–1991. Has been working at the London office till 1997. Working at the Berlin office since July 1997.

Since 1998 lecturer at Humboldt University Berlin on German Civil Procedural Law, Private International Law and Law of International Civil Procedure and one of the Directors of the Research Institute for the Law of the Legal Profession at Humboldt University Berlin in 2017.

Various publications in the areas of private international law, German, European, and international civil procedure law, European law.

Acting as counsel in cross-border and international litigation and arbitration proceedings, including FIDIC Dispute Adjudication Boards; conduct of litigation for large national and international corporations.



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Civil procedure law, property law, law governing contracts in the telecommunications sector, architectural law, corporate law, general civil law, in particular law governing contracts and torts.

Joined the firm in 1989.

Studied law in Bonn. 1986 first State examination, 1989 second State examination.

Lecturer at the University of Marburg. Lecturer in property and civil law. Lecturer at the Bonn Regional Court for “Referendararbeitsgruppen”.

co-editor of the “Handbuch Bauprozess”, co-editor of the commentary “Kapellmann/Messerschmidt VOB/B”, co-editor of “Messerschmidt, Handbuch der Deutschen Rechtspraxis”, co-editor and author of the Festschrift für Burkhard Messerschmidt for the 65th birthday (“Bau- und Architektenrecht” Verlag C.H. Beck 2018).

Acting as legal advisor during the new Niederfinow ship lift construction project; Providing legal advice in the „Hirschhagen tunnel“ infrastructure construction project; Providing legal advice in the construction of the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB); Extensive experience with major lawsuits, representing managers, IT and telecommunication companies, and in the area of construction and architectural law.



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Chairman of the firm’s management committee.

Member of the Deutsche Vereinigung für gewerblichen Rechtsschutz und Urheberrecht e. V., of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Recht und Informatik e. V., of the Working Group for Intellectual Property and Media and founding member of the Working Group for Information Technology at the German Bar Association. Member of the State Examination Office at Cologne Court of Appeals and Ministry of Justice North Rhine-Westphalia.

Publications: various articles in the area of competition law.

Advice and structuring of bankruptcy proceedings; Acting as counsel for numerous gambling providers in proceedings concerning compliance with advertising restrictions under gambling law; Advised ARD and NDR with regard to the Tagesschau app.



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Publications on competition and copyright law, European and international civil procedure law.

Advising and acting as counsel for public authorities, research institutions and enterprises in drafting and negotiating software and other licensing agreements; Advised and acted as counsel for a large water and wastewater association in disputes involving termination, liability, information and know-how clauses emanating from an operator agreement for drinking water supply, wastewater discharge and treatment in its contractual territory.



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Litigation, private construction and Real Estate Law, contract law, Commercial, bankruptcy proceedings.

Joined the firm in 2011.

Studied law in Bonn. 2005 first State examination, 2011 second State examination. Research assistant at Redeker Sellner Dahs 2005 – 2010 (private construction law).

Member of ARGE Building Law — Working Group for Building and Real Estate Law in the German Bar Association. Lecturer at the University of Wuppertal

Publications on private construction law, esp. co-author of Messerschmidt/Niemöller/Preussner, Honorarordnung für Architekten und Ingenieure.

Advice and structuring of bankruptcy proceedings; Litigation for companies and public institutions in complex litigation proceedings; Regular appeal proceedings before the Higher Regional Courts and assistance in appeal proceedings before the Federal Supreme Court; Representation in interim relief proceedings; Advice to corporate groups and medium-sized companies on drafting contracts and advice on compliance breaches; Extensive litigation representation for several private gambling providers.



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Studied law in Freiburg im Breisgau and at the Université Paris-Est Créteil. 2014 first, 2017 second State Examination. 2014–2015 Master of Laws (LL.M.) at the University of Melbourne, Australia. Legal clerkship at the Berlin Court of Appeal, including one station at the Federal Foreign Office headquarters.

Publications on IT law.

Advising and representing public authorities, research institutions and companies in the drafting and negotiation of software and other licensing agreements; contractual and IT law advice and acting as counsel for federal and state ministries in digitisation projects, in particular in the field of eGovernment.



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Studied law in Bonn, Vilnius and Münster. first state examination in 2016, second state examination in 2018. Legal clerkship at the District Court of Nuremberg-Fürth (Higher Regional Court District Nuremberg), with stations, among others, at an international commercial law firm and a specialized boutique. 2018 Training in business mediation. From 2016 to early 2019, research assistant at the Chair of Public Law and European Law at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. There also doctorate on a procedural law topic.

Publications inter alia in EU law, namely on procedural law issues.

Legal advice to companies and the public sector in various areas of civil and commercial law; Extensive litigation representation before civil courts, but also before administrative and constitutional courts.



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Joined the firm in 2020.

Studied law in Bonn. First state examination in 2013, second state examination in 2016. 2014-2016 legal traineeship, including at the Federal Office of Justice. 2017 to 2020 Lawyer in commercial law firms specialising in private construction and architectural law in Cologne.

Awarded as "Law Firm of the Year 2022 in Construction Law" by Handelsblatt/Best Lawyers.

German Lawyers Association, ARGE Building Law in the German Lawyers Association.

Lecturer in master craftsperson courses at the NRW Training Center of the Construction Industry.

Publications on private building law and public procurement law.

Litigation representation of the FRG in the infrastructure project „Tunnel Hirschhagen“; construction-related advice to the German Aerospace Center on the new construction of Building 5; numerous litigation representations in connection with new hotel buildings. Advising companies in the chemical and automotive industries on product liability issues.



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Joined the firm in 2020.

Studied law in Munich. First state examination in 2017, second state examination in 2020. Legal clerkship at Munich I Regional Court, with practical stages including the construction department of the government of Upper Bavaria, a major law firm in the field of real estate law and a medium-sized law firm in Mexico City.

Research assistant at two law firms in Munich from 2017 to 2019.

Veröffentlichungen zum Bau- und Architektenrecht.

Consulting and litigation in real estate matters; contract drafting for commercial real estate; Extrajudicial and judicial representation of companies and public institutions in construction and architectural disputes; legal participation in major construction projects.



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Commercial legal protection, Litigation; civil and commercial law; intellectual property law.

Joined the firm in 2021.

Studied law at Humboldt University in Berlin. 2016 first, second State examination. Research assistant at the firm 2016–2018. 2021 doctoral degree with Prof Dr Reinhard Singer, supported by a scholarship from the “Konrad-Redeker-Stiftung”. Legal clerkship at the Berlin Court of Appeal, including stations at the “Deutsche Oper Berlin” and the litigation departments of a major law firm and a boutique law firm.

Lecturer in Civil Procedure Law at BSP Business and Law School – School of Management and Law (winter semester 2023/2024).

Litigation; advising and representing companies and the public sector in various areas of general civil law, business and commercial law, as well as IT law, in particular liability law issues; drafting and reviewing comprehensive sets of contracts.



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Commercial legal protection, IT law and Copyright Law, General Civil and Trade Law, International Civil Procedure.

2022 rejoined the firm.

Studied law at Humboldt University in Berlin. 2013 first, 2016 second state examination. 2013–2014 Master of Laws (LL.M.) with focus on Intellectual Property Law at the London School of Economics. Legal clerkship at the Berlin Court of Appeals with stations at a business law firm, the Senate Department for Cultural Affairs, and the Holocaust Claims Processing Office New York, among others. 2017–2018 Attorney at Law at Redeker Sellner Dahs. 2018–2021 research associate at the Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society, 2021 doctorate with Prof Dr Axel Metzger on a topic at the interface of copyright law and IT law.

Publications on IT and copyright law.

Advising and representing Government agencies, research institutions and companies in the preparation and Negotiation of software and other license agreements.



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Gambling law

Joined the firm in 2022.

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Extensive litigation representation of private gambling providers before regional and higher regional courts.



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Joined the firm in 2023.

Studied law with a focus on comparative law and private international law in Bonn. 2016 internship abroad at an international law firm in New York. 2018 first, 2022 second state examination. 2019 to 2021 Working as a student trainee in an international commercial law firm in Cologne. 2020 to 2022 Legal traineeship at the Regional Court of Essen, including positions at a law firm specialising in criminal law and a law firm in Bonn, as well as at the Recklinghausen police headquarters.

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