

A close-up photograph of a hand in a white sleeve moving a wooden chess piece on a chessboard. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a professional and strategic atmosphere. The chessboard is in the foreground, and the background is blurred.

# Litigation

## 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

#### 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.



## Practice areas (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

## 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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Civil, corporate and commercial law, competition law, trademark and copyright law, litigation, conflict of laws.

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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 the German Industry and lawyer with the firm. Head of the office of the President of the German Bundestag 1989–1991. Worked at the London office until 1997. Working at the Berlin office since July 1997.

Honorary professor at Humboldt University Berlin on German, European and International law of civil procedure, conflict of laws and litigation. Since 2017 one of the Directors of the Research Institute for the Law of the Legal Profession at Humboldt University.

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

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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”, coeditor of the commentary “Kapellmann/ Messerschmidt VOB/ B”, co-editor of “Messerschmidt, Handbuch der Deutschen Rechtspraxis”, and numerous specialist articles in various specialised journals and media.

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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Litigation, protection of intellectual property, competition and trademark law, publishing and copyright law, IT law, new media law.

Joined the firm in 1996.

Studied law in Bonn. 1992 first, 1995 second State Examination. German-American Chamber of Commerce, Washington D.C. and the German-Australian Chamber of Commerce, Sydney in 1995.

Member of the firm’s management committee for nine years, seven years as chairman.

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

Publications on construction and architectural law.

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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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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**Litigation for companies in complex court proceedings with European law issues and foreign implications; regular appeals to the Higher Regional Court**



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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.

Member of the Bonner AnwaltVerein e. V. Voluntary activity at the German Lawyers' Conference in Essen.

**Extensive litigation representation of companies and private individuals in civil law disputes before regional and higher regional courts and arbitration tribunals.**



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Litigation for companies and public institutions in complex court proceedings with European law issues and foreign implications. ESG advice to companies and the public sector on sustainability processes and advertising as well as on competition and IP law issues in the context of the European Green Deal.

**Advising on competition and procedural law in relation to the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and in relation to the design of sustainability certificates in the legislative process for the Green Claims Directive and the Directive on Empowering Consumers for the Green Transition.**



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Legal traineeship in the Higher Regional Court district of Bamberg at the Regional Court of Würzburg with stations in a law firm and at the Social Court in Würzburg and the law firm Redeker Sellner Dahs.

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