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Career

Studied law and French law in Münster, 2000 first State examination, 2001-2003 research associate in a law firm in Hamburg, 2004 doctoral degree with Prof Dr Hans Peter Bull, Hamburg, 2003-2005 trainee lawyer in Hamburg and Paris, 2005 second State examination, 2005 joined the public administration of the Federal State of Hamburg, lastly Deputy Director of the Joint Representation of the federal states of Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein to the EU (Hanse-Office) in Brussels.

Joined the firm in 2013.

Practice

State aid law, EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation, EU law, national and European funding law, ESG, regulatory law

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

Advising the Federal Ministry of Education and Research on the implementation of a new funding programme in compliance with state aid law (volumen EUR 550m) for strategic cooperation between universities and industry. Providing legal advice and acting as counsel for the Warnow-Wasser- und Abwasserverband in a review procedure by the Commission of fundamental importance to the re-municipalisation of water supply and wastewater disposal in the greater Rostock area.

Regularly advising large municipalities and municipal holding companies on the financial and contractual relationships within the municipal group in accordance with state aid law. Advising the German Society for International Cooperation on the model project „H2Global“ to promote the market ramp-up of green hydrogen (funding volume 900 million euros). Acting as counsel for a German Land before the Commission with regard to the pre-notification



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of a support framework for the expansion of ultra-fast broadband infrastructures. Acting as legal counsel for the Quarzwerke Group before the ECJ in an action against the Commission concerning investment aid granted by the Slovak Republic to a competitor (Case T-745/17). Action for annulment before the ECJ and application for an interim injunction against the Commission's procedure reviewing the German Renewable Energy Act (EEG) (Case T-291/14).

Publications

Regular lecturer and speaker on European and state aid law topics, publications on state aid law and European law, e. g. co-author in the Münchener Kommentar zum Europäischen und Deutschen Wettbewerbsrecht (state aid law: COVID aid, broadband, telecommunications); author in the BeckOnline Kommentar zum Energiesicherungsrecht, in constant update (§§ 29 and 31 EnSiG), Implementation of the Green Deal: Integrating Environmental Protection Requirements into the Design and Assessment of State Aid (EStAL 2020).

Languages

German, English, French, Italian

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