

Dr Clemens Holtmann

Senior Counsel

Career

Born in Münster in 1976. 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 law, national and European funding law, regulatory 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 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



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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

Publications on State aid law and European law, among others co-author in Münchener Kommentar zum Europäischen und Deutschen Wettbewerbsrecht (Beihilfenrecht).

Languages

German, English, French, Italian