

## Dr Ulrich Karpenstein

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### Career

1994 first State examination, 1999 second State examination.  
Research assistant in Mannheim and Fribourg (Switzerland),  
1994-1996. 1998 doctoral degree.

Joined the firm in 2000.

### Practice

European law, constitutional law, State aid, commercial administration law (esp. energy, finance, health, and foreign trade).

Recognized by JUVE as “leading advisor in constitutional and commercial administrative law” (since 2013) Named “Lawyer of the Year for Public Commercial Law” by Handelsblatt/Best Lawyers in 2019 and 2024, highly recommended in the ranking “Germany’s Best Lawyers” for EU Law (since 2014), Government Relations Practice (since 2020) and Antitrust Law and Public Law (2024). Listed by Legal 500 in the “Hall of Fame” for commercial administrative law (since 2023), where he is also listed as a “leading name” in state aid law and public law. Listed by Chambers Europe in Public Law/Constitutional Law – Germany (since 2021).

Member of the Presidium of the German Lawyers’ Association.

Lecturer at the Humboldt-University of Berlin.

Represented the Federal Government, companies and associations in more than 150 proceedings before the Union courts, the Federal Constitutional Court and state constitutional courts, e. g. in the NPD ban proceedings, on the nuclear phase-out, on data retention and in federal-state dispute proceedings; regular representation in landmark proceedings on critical infrastructure and energy security; advice on the promotion and licensing of public services;



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litigation representation in countless administrative court and state liability proceedings.  
Regular assessment of legislative proposals.

## **Publications**

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Co-editor of the Neue Juristische Wochenschrift (NJW), the Europäischen Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsrecht (EuZW), the Münchener Kommentar zum EU Beihilfenrecht, 4th ed. 2022; an ECHR commentary, 3rd ed. 2022; as well as the Handbuch Rechtsschutz in der EU, 4th ed. 2024.

Publications on European, economic administrative and constitutional law; commentaries inter alia in: Grabitz/Hilf, "Recht der Europäischen Union", Schwarze, "EU-Kommentar", "BeckOK zum BVerfGG;" Monographs inter alia: "Praxis des EU-Rechts," 2nd ed. 2013; "Europäisches Exportkontrollrecht für Dual-use-Güter," 1998.

## **Languages**

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German, English, French

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