

Christian Ritz, LL.M. (USYD)

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Biography

Christian Ritz handles complex antitrust and competition law matters, multi-jurisdictional authority investigations as well as internal investigations and compliance issues.

In particular, Christian's practice focuses on representing his clients in dawn raids and providing them with strategic guidance and legal advice in multi-jurisdictional cartel and white-collar investigations, including complex internal investigations. Christian represents his clients in cartel damages litigation and regularly advises them on the development and implementation of global compliance systems.

He also advises regularly on global merger control and cooperation agreements.

A specific focus of his practice is on ESG related topics both in the field of competition law ("Green Competition") and compliance ("ESG Compliance"). Christian regularly advises his clients on the development, structure and implementation of their compliance management systems to comply with global requirements in the areas of ESG and Supply Chain Due Diligence, in particular regarding the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (SCDDA) and the EU Commission's proposal for the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD).

Clients praise Christian's 'very extensive experience paired with a high level of pragmatism and extreme



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Languages

English
French
German

Practices

Antitrust and Competition
Investigations, White Collar, and
Fraud
Government Relations and Public
Affairs

Industries

Automotive and Mobility
Life Sciences and Health Care
Financial Institutions

solution orientation' (Legal 500 Germany, 2022).

Christian has been ranked as the only lawyer from Germany as 'Thought Leader Global Elite - Competition - Under 45 2023' by Who's Who Legal. He has been ranked among the 'Most Highly Regarded' partners aged under 45 for Competition in the EMEA Region by Who's Who Legal 2022, praised by market sources as 'a brilliant lawyer with impressive experience in cartel litigation and antitrust compliance'. Legal 500 has recommended Christian for antitrust, compliance, and investigations in Germany in 2022.

Representative experience

Advising a leading international company in the energy sector on all aspects of global merger control, cooperation agreements, and antitrust compliance.

Advising German DAX 40 company in dawn raids and cartel investigation by the EU Commission.

Advising an international life sciences and medical devices corporation on all aspects of EU competition law, including merger control, cooperation agreements, and antitrust compliance.

Advising German DAX 40 company in dawn raids and cartel investigation by the German FCO.

Advising an international pharmaceutical corporation on potential cooperation projects with a competitor.

Advising a leading international healthcare corporation on the development of their antitrust compliance program.

Advising major international beverages producer regarding horizontal and vertical cooperations.

Representing major US pharmaceutical company in preliminary ruling proceedings before the CJEU.*

Advising major German OEM in the automotive sector regarding worldwide distribution agreements.

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

Consumer

Aerospace and Defense

Areas of focus

Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices

Agency Investigations

Antitrust and Competition Litigation

Cartel Investigations

Competition Compliance

Education and admissions

Education

Second State Exam in Law, Appellate Court of Berlin/Brandenburg, 2012

LL.M., University of Sydney, 2010

First State Exam in Law, University of Bonn, 2009

Memberships

Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht (German Association for Antitrust Law)

Accolades

"Brilliant lawyer with impressive experience in cartel litigation and antitrust compliance"

Who's Who Legal - Competition
2022

Top Lawyer for Antitrust & Competition

- Recognized in GCR's '40 under 40' list of the top young antitrust lawyers, *Global Competition Review*, 2020
- Leading lawyer for antitrust and competition in Germany, *WirtschaftsWoche*, 2020-2021
- Recommended lawyer for antitrust, compliance, and investigations, *Legal 500 Germany*, 2021
- Future leader for competition law, *Who is Who Legal Germany*, 2018-2021
- Rising star for competition & antitrust Europe, *IFLR Rising Stars Awards*, 2020
- Rising star for competition and antitrust in Germany, *Expert Guides*, 2018-2021

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Legal 500 - Germany 2022

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Last but not least, the EU Council voted to endorse the CS3D
- News
 - EU Forced Labour Import Ban on the Horizon – Provisional Agreement reached
- News
 - Failure of the EU Council to endorse the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive
- News
 - Offshore wind projects with Chinese suppliers: Topics you should think about
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Hogan Lovells Client Note: Offshore wind projects with Chinese suppliers: Topics you should think about
- News
 - ESG Compliance and Supply Chain due diligence in the EU and Germany – What to expect in 2024