

## Christian Ritz, LL.M. (USYD)

Partner  
Munich

### 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 investigations, including complex internal investigations. Additionally, Christian represents his clients in cartel damages litigation and regularly advises them on the development and implementation of global compliance systems. Christian defends his clients against compliance violation claims and advises them in civil litigation cases following compliance breaches.

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 has been ranked as the only antitrust lawyer from Germany in the prestigious Global Competition Review's '40 under 40' quadrennial list of the top young antitrust lawyers in 2020. He has been recognized as Rising Star Lawyer for Competition and Antitrust at the Rising Star Awards 2020 Europe by IFLR. In 2021, he has been listed for the second



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### Languages

English  
French  
German

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### Practices

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

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### Industries

Automotive  
Life Sciences and Health Care  
Financial Institutions

consecutive time by prestigious German journal WirtschaftsWoche among the most renowned antitrust and competition lawyers in Germany.

Christian undertook his legal education at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn and the Université Paris-Sud, France. He obtained a Master of Laws degree (LL.M.) from the University of Sydney, Australia.

Christian publishes and speaks regularly on topical issues in the field of antitrust, investigations and compliance.

## 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.

Consumer

Aerospace and Defense

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## Areas of focus

Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices

Agency Investigations

Antitrust and Competition Litigation

Cartel Investigations

Competition Compliance

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## 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

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## Memberships

Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht (German Association for Antitrust Law)

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## Awards and rankings

- 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

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - Platforms, parity and price maintenance – New EU rules for three distribution essentials
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises EB – Sustainable Investment Management and LHI on their acquisition of a windfarm in Sweden
- Awards and Rankings
  - Global Competition Review awards Antitrust and Competition practice "European Behavioural Matter of the Year"
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Greenvolt on the acquisition of MaxSolar
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises KIRKBI Invest A/S and William Demant Invest A/S on the sale of their indirect interests in the German offshore wind farm Borkum Riffgrund I
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells Germany strengthens Berlin Compliance & Investigations team with Counsel Lukas Ritzenhoff from Hengeler Mueller