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Biography

Kerstin Neighbour is the global head of Hogan Lovells' highly regarded Employment practice, which includes more than 120 dedicated employment lawyers in Europe, the United States, Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia. She is also the first female Office Managing Partner of our Frankfurt office.

Kerstin Neighbour is a highly regarded senior employment lawyer with extensive experience in transactional employment law advice and restructuring projects. In addition to her legal expertise Kerstin is known for her solution-oriented advice and her tact and sensitivity in negotiating balances of interests and social plans with works councils and their advisors. As German employment law is rarely black and white, but rather nuanced and open to interpretation, you need practitioners like Kerstin in your corner to provide you with sound advice and offer workable solutions. No sitting on the fence, but clear answers to your questions.

Representative experience

Advising a multinational conglomerate in all individual and collective employment law matters (including M&A projects, restructurings, outsourcing projects etc.).

Advising Ametek Inc. on the acquisition of Dunkermotoren Group, a leading manufacturer of electrical drive technology.



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Languages

English
German

Practices

Employment
Technology Litigation
Insolvency Litigation

Industries

Aerospace and Defense
Consumer
Manufacturing and Industrials
Life Sciences and Health Care

Advising a US private equity investor on the acquisition of a pharmaceutical business in Germany.

Advising Daimler on the employment aspects of a joint venture with BMW combining their global mobility services.

Advising Alstom on employment law aspects of the US\$17bn sale of the energy business to General Electric.

Advising Erste Abwicklungsanstalt on the acquisition of risk-based assets and non-strategic business units of WestLB (book value ca. €71bn.).

Advising LabCorp on the employment aspects of its US\$1.2 billion acquisition of UK-based Chiltern.

Advising 3M on the employment aspects of its US\$1bn acquisition of the Separations Media business of Polypore International (a New York stock exchange traded company).

Advising a major global IT services and consulting company on the divestiture of one of its German businesses to a private equity investor.

Advising several companies of the metal industry on restructurings, including relocations of the production abroad.

Awards and rankings

- Recommended lawyer for Employment, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2016-2020
- Listed as one of Germany's "Best Lawyers" for Employment Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2013-2020

Latest thinking and events

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises AES on the acquisition of aviaticscouts
- News

Areas of focus

Whistleblowing

Education and admissions

Education

Dr. iur., University of Münster, 2002

Second State Exam in Law, North Rhine-Westphalia, 2002

First State Exam in Law, University of Münster, 1998

Memberships

Arbeitsgemeinschaft Arbeitsrecht im DAV

Accolades

Clients praise (···) Kerstin Neighbour, who "understood our business quickly and gave pragmatic and sensible advice".

Legal 500 EMEA

Clients praise Kerstin Neighbour, who is "cool and determined" and "fast acting and beyond reproach when it comes to her job".

Legal 500 EMEA

Kerstin Neighbour ··· is valued for her ability to "get to the point quickly and balance risk and reward effectively".

Chambers Europe

- Global employment law guide
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Commerzbank AG on the acquisition of a minority stake in NIXDORF Kapital AG
- Insights and Analysis
 - Getting The Deal Through: Automotive and Mobility 2023
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises IT Frankfurt GmbH on the acquisition by Collaboration Betters The World
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises VALOREO on transaction with Razor

"Clients praise Kerstin Neighbour for her 'pragmatism' "

Legal 500 Germany, 2017
