

Dr. Matthias M. Schweiger

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Biography

Matthias M. Schweiger helps clients with liability matters, class actions and dispute resolution. He is the International Lead of the firm's Global Class Action practice and heads the German practice.

Matthias focuses on advising manufacturers in the life sciences and consumer industries on the array of legal issues they face, including safety and cyber issues, recall, product compliance, pre-dispute strategy, liability defense and supply chain litigation. Matthias coordinates international litigation matters for clients, including litigation in the EU, U.S., Canada, and South America. As a trial lawyer he has handled court cases at all instances, including before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

Matthias also counsels clients on EU and national legislative developments in the areas of consumer law, collective actions and product liability. Through his experience as products law counsel, he has regulatory, technical and scientific knowledge as well as an understanding of the commercial environments.

Matthias "has expertise in international liability proceedings" and "experience in complex product liability cases entailing cross-border aspects". He is said to be "well versed in the Life Sciences sector, in particular in the areas of pharmaceuticals and medical devices" (*Legal 500 EMEA/Germany*). He is a Core Member of the Life Sciences Litigation Leadership Team and served as Co-Head the firm's Digital Health Working Group.



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Languages

English
French
German
Italian

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Litigation Services
Products Law
Medical Device and Technology
Regulatory

Industries

Consumer
Life Sciences and Health Care

Representative experience

Global defense of global certification company against liability claims resulting from allegedly inappropriate certification of breast implant manufacturer P.I.P.

Coordinating dispute resolution of European products liability matters for US medical device manufacturer.

Assisting an international pharmaceutical company on strategic product liability issues and coordinating the international defence of alleged claims in Europe.

Counseling client on Directive (EU) 2020/1828 and national legislation in the area of collective consumer actions.

Representing a leading manufacturer of industrial goods in litigation proceedings regarding allegedly defective products.

Advising a medical device manufacturer on product recall in Germany and subsequent supply chain dispute.

Advising a global manufacturer of haemophilia products on inclusion of digital technologies in products offering.

Representing a pharmaceutical company in product liability disputes and assisting with the international defence of alleged claims in Europe.

Advising a chemical producer on liability in the supply chain in case of defective API.

Advising an international digital services company on class action risks in Germany.

Advising a medical device manufacturer on product monitoring obligations concerning digital devices.

Advising a global insurance company on product recall obligations in more than 30 countries.

Assisting a biotech company regarding questions of product compliance.

Awards and rankings

■ Industry Focus: Healthcare and Life Sciences, *Legal*

Areas of focus

Class Actions and Group Litigation

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Legislation

Consumer Product Safety
Regulation

Appellate and Supreme Court
Litigation

Digital Health

Education and admissions

Education

Second State Exam in Law, Bavaria,
2011

Dr. iur., University of Regensburg,
2010

First State Exam in Law, University
of Regensburg, 2007

Court admissions

Germany

500 EMEA (Germany), 2018-2019

- Dispute Resolution: Product Liability, *Legal 500 EMEA (Germany), 2018–2021*
- Recommended lawyer for commercial litigation, *Legal 500 EMEA, 2017*
- Litigation - Future Leaders - Partners, *WWL Global Guide, 2019*

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Events
 - Defending corporate responsibility: understanding the growing ESG class action risk
- News
 - EU Class Action Update - Progress in France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland and Spain
- News
 - Green Claims Directive Proposal - The EU's new approach to combat greenwashing
- News
 - Germany: Bill proposed to enable collective redress on behalf of consumers and small enterprises
- Insights and Analysis
 - Read our summary update on the Court of Justice of the European Union ("CJEU") and how it may affect you.
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 - Heading towards ESG class actions