

## Dr. Olaf Gärtner, Dipl.-Kfm.

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### Biography

For nearly twenty years, Olaf Gärtner has led complex international and domestic disputes for his clients, with special emphasis on leading clients in the tech sector. As co-head of our global corporate litigation practice, he has extensive experience in all kinds of litigation, mediation and arbitration.

The focus of his practice lies on advising national and international companies in leading edge tech and corporate disputes and all issues of directors' and officers' liability. Olaf handles disputes between shareholders, litigation between shareholders and the company, disputes in joint venture structures as well as M&A disputes - often in combination with complex leading edge tech questions and issues of company valuation. In addition, Olaf advises and represents clients in all other kinds of civil and financial disputes, with a particular focus on mass litigation involving the most advanced legal tech solutions.

Clients and competitors praise him as a "level-headed litigator," "unflappable," and "cunning litigator." His extensive experience, tactical overview and strategic approach are also reflected in leading legal directories. For example, Olaf has been highlighted for years in the JUVÉ Handbook as a "frequently recommended lawyer" for corporate litigation and is listed by Legal 500 Germany for his expertise in litigation. He is also named by Best Lawyers™ in Germany for the area of disputes, holds the distinction of being an Acritas Star, was



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### Languages

English  
French  
German

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### Practices

Corporate and Securities Litigation  
Litigation Services

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### Industries

Aerospace and Defense  
Automotive  
Consumer  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Life Sciences and Health Care  
Technology and Telecoms

highlighted early on by Who's Who Legal Germany as a future leader and by Kanzleimonitor as one of the leading names in litigation.

Olaf is highly interested and immersed in legal tech, programming, cyber currency and blockchain as well as all questions of artificial intelligence.

## Representative experience

Advising a leading manufacturer of high performance materials in a dispute with a former JV partner after the failure of the JV with damages claims amounting to a two-digit mill. Euros amount.

Representing Media-Saturn-Holding GmbH in a shareholder dispute between the former Metro AG (now Ceconomy AG) and the founding shareholders of the MediaMarkt stores.

Representing an Asian High Tech Conglomerate in an ICC arbitration with respect to a post-M&A dispute following the acquisition of a business unit from a DAX30 company.

Representing a leading producer of specialty metal products in appraisal proceedings against about 80 former shareholders after a squeeze-out of minority shareholders.

Advising a leading IT services company in a 50/50 joint venture and a related shareholder dispute.

Advising a leading online retailer with regard to allegations re its online pricing and competition principles, incl. various EU-wide cases re management liability for alleged breaches of duties, etc.

Supporting a global client in the financial services space with regard to its investment in various unsecured notes in the course of international restructuring efforts of the debtor

## Awards and rankings

- One of the world's leading practitioners for litigation, *Who's Who Legal Germany*, 2020

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## Areas of focus

Corporate and Shareholder  
Litigation in Europe

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Dr. iur., Max Planck Institute for  
Innovation and Competition, 2006

Second State Exam in Law, Higher  
Regional Court of Munich, 2003

First State Exam in Law, LMU  
Munich (Ludwig-Maximilians-  
Universität München), 2001

Trier University, 1999

University of Aix en Provence, 1999

Dipl.-Kfm.

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## Memberships

Deutsche Institution für  
Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit (DIS)  
(German Institution of Arbitration)

Deutscher Anwaltsverein (DAV)  
(German Bar Association)

Förderverein der juristischen  
Fakultät der LMU München (Friends  
of the law faculty of the University  
of Munich)

Munich Judicial Association

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- Dispute Resolution: Commercial Litigation, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019/2020
- Recommended lawyer for Corporate Litigation, *JUVE handbook*, 2013–2020
- Frequently recommended Lawyer for Litigation & ADR, *Kanzleimonitor*, 2020/2021
- JUVE Law Firm of the Year for Dispute Resolution 2018 (team Award), 2018
- Included for Litigation law, *Best Lawyers™ in Germany*, 2021
- TOP Lawyer for Litigation, *WirtschaftsWoche*, 2021

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - ESG Market Alert – December 2022
- News
  - Building a resilient tech strategy: Joint ventures
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises AKASOL AG on merger squeeze-out
- News
  - Two-part podcast series on Terminating Joint Ventures out now
- News
  - Two-part podcast series on Terminating Joint Ventures out now
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Guide on Internal Investigations in Germany 2021