

## Dr. Sebastian Gräler

Counsel  
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### Biography

Dr. Sebastian Gräler advises clients in the area of public and environmental law and on compliance issues and the conduct of internal investigations.

He has extensive experience in defending against regulatory investigations, conducting internal investigations, and advising on public and environmental law issues. He also assists clients in the design, implementation and evaluation of compliance management systems and has extensive experience in auditing companies, particularly in the area of environmental compliance. During a five-month secondment, he worked for the legal department of Volkswagen AG, advising on current issues relating to e-mobility.

Sebastian has in-depth knowledge of legal tech products and is Legal Tech Representative in Germany. In this position, he is the interface between the practice group and our Legal Tech programmer team. He coordinates and oversees the development of legal tech products from idea to market.

Sebastian Gräler studied at the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster and the University of Sheffield (UK) and also worked at the German Police University. He was honored for his outstanding performance in the First and Second State Law Examinations by the Friends of Law at the University of Münster and the State Government of North Rhine-Westphalia.



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### Languages

English  
German

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### Practices

Administrative and Public Law  
Government Relations and Public Affairs  
Immigration  
Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud  
Climate Change  
Business and Human Rights  
Environment and Natural Resources  
Corporate Governance and Public Company Representation

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In addition to his professional activities, Sebastian Gräler is a lecturer for European and International Business Law at the University of Wuppertal.

## Representative experience

Advice of world-leading automotive manufacturers on environmental law.

Advice of a world-leading confectionary manufacturer on environmental law.

Defense counsel of a national company in a regulatory proceeding regarding the violation of the European Timber Regulation.

Advice of STEAG GmbH in a permitting procedure re a gas and steam power plant

Judicial representation of a leading manufacturer of electrical appliances in proceedings against Stiftung EAR.

## Awards and rankings

- Recommend lawyer environmental law, *Legal 500*, *EMEA*, 2018

## Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises DTCP on major investment in data center operator maincubes
- Published Works
  - Environmental Law in Germany - Our Expertise
- News
  - Greenwashing - increased compliance risk for companies
- News
  - Strengthening toy safety in Europe: Consultation on revisions to the Toy Safety Directive
- Insights
  - Proposal for a new EU Directive on environmental criminal law underlines the importance of corporate compliance

## Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Energy and Natural Resources

Manufacturing and Industrials

Automotive

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## Areas of focus

Environmental Litigation

Governance

Government Investigations

International Regulatory Compliance

Legislation

Political Law Compliance

Public International Law

Compliance Readiness

Regulated Industries and Utilities

Compliance Effectiveness

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Dr. iur., University of Münster, 2018

Second State Exam in Law, North Rhine-Westphalia, 2016

First State Exam in Law, University of Münster, 2011

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- Webinar
- European Green Deal