

## Stefan Kirwitzke

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### Biography

Stefan Kirwitzke advises clients on all questions relating to EU and German antitrust and competition law as well as international trade and investment law.

At the intersection of competition and trade law, Stefan guides clients to successfully close their multi-jurisdictional M&A transactions in the context of merger control and foreign investment control proceedings. He focusses his practice on international, cross-border cases and has experience handling complex global mergers in front of the European Commission, the German Federal Cartel Office and Ministry of Economics as well as coordinating merger and FDI filings in jurisdictions globally towards multiple regulators. Stefan also advises on sanctions and export controls in a German, European and international context as well as procurement law, specialising in defence procurement. With a background in diplomacy and policy, Stefan has a sound understanding of liaising between international clients respectively and in their relation to international authorities.

Prior to joining the firm, Stefan completed traineeships in the Hamburg and Ho-Chi-Minh-City offices of another international law firm and at the German Embassy in Bratislava, Slovakia.



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### Languages

English  
German  
French

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### Practices

Antitrust and Competition  
Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,  
and Projects  
International Trade and Investment  
Public Procurement  
Unmanned Aircraft Systems

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### Industries

Stefan is German-qualified and undertook his legal education at the Universities of Münster and Salzburg and at the Appellate Court of the Federal State of Schleswig-Holstein. Besides German law, he focused his studies on international and European private and public law as well as common law, working inter alia with a London-based law firm.

## Representative experience

Advising BASF on multi-jurisdictional merger control proceedings in relation to the combination of its paper and water chemicals business with Solenis.

Advising Dell on multi-jurisdictional foreign investment control proceedings in relation to the sale of its IT security business RSA to Symphony Technology Group for US\$2.07bn.

Advising Bundesrepublik Deutschland – Finanzagentur GmbH on European aviation law aspects of the granting of stabilisation measures by the Economic Stabilisation Fund (WSF) for Deutsche Lufthansa AG.

Advising a U.S. aerospace, defence, security and advanced technologies company in several German defence procurement matters.

Advising an international life sciences company on the European multi-jurisdictional foreign investment control procedures regarding their acquisition of assets relating to certain pharmaceuticals.

Advising an international diversified corporate group on the multi-jurisdictional FDI filing obligations relating to the sale of its aviation services subsidiary.

Advising a Chinese acquirer on German in-depth foreign direct investment screening procedures and remedy negotiations concerning the acquisition of a

Aerospace and Defense  
Automotive  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Technology & Telecoms  
Diversified Industrials

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## Areas of focus

Anti-boycott Compliance  
CFIUS and Foreign Investment Reviews  
Competition Compliance  
Corporate and Commercial Transactions  
Export Controls  
International Regulatory Compliance  
Merger Control  
Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices  
Political Law Compliance  
Procurement  
Regulated Industries and Utilities  
Project Finance, DFI and ECA Finance  
Sovereign Investors  
M&A for A&D Companies  
Public International Law  
Mining and Resources  
Infrastructure/Energy M&A and Joint Ventures  
National Security for A&D Companies

German IT company.

Advising several corporations in different legal questions relating to their Iran businesses and prospective divestitures following the US withdrawal from the JCPOA.

Advising a German technology start-up on German FDI screening procedures and EU export control regulations.

Advising Sasol on FDI and antitrust related aspects of the sale of its 50 percent stake in the Sasol-Huntsman maleic anhydride joint venture.

Advising a multinational aerospace technology and communications company on export controls matters and its internal export controls and sanctions compliance programme.

Advising a multinational chemicals company on potential sanctions infringements and related investigations.

Advising on foreign investment control aspects and procedures regarding several transactions in the LNG sector in Germany.

## Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises TUI AG on its 500 million euro capital increase
- News
  - MORE, MORE, MORE! German government plans another far-reaching expansion of foreign investment control
- News

Sanctions

Cartel Investigations

Leniency Applications

Agency Investigations

Aviation Legislation and Policy

Technology Transfer, Deemed Exports, and University Based Fundamental Research

Trade Legislation, Policy, and Negotiations

Antitrust and Competition Litigation

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Second State Exam in Law, Appellate Court of Schleswig-Holstein, 2018

First State Exam in Law, University of Münster, 2015

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## Memberships

Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht e.V. (German Association for Antitrust Law)

Rechtshistorischer Studienkreis Münster e.V. (Association for Legal History at the University of Münster)

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- The rise of FDI regimes and their impact on M&A transactions
- News
  - This time's for real
- News
  - At last the EU foreign direct investment screening becomes fully applicable
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Aerospace and Defense Insights | Regulation of foreign direct investment on the rise in Europe

## Bar admissions and qualifications

Hamburg

Brussels (E-List)

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