

Leopold Borst

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Biography

Leopold Borst advises German and international clients on product liability, product safety, and product compliance issues with a particular focus on the automotive, electronics, aviation and consumer goods industry.

Leopold supports clients in the worldwide coordination of complex product safety and product compliance cases across various jurisdictions. In doing so, he is particularly experienced with European and German market entry and safety requirements for products. Leopold's practice includes advising companies on product liability issues. He has experience in identifying product liability risks and represents companies with in and out-of-court product liability claims.

Technology is influencing all areas of law, including both product liability litigation as well as product safety and product compliance matters. Leopold works with clients to help them understand their shifting risk landscape, as technology disrupts their industries, and helps them to ensure they're maximizing the use of technology to mitigate those risks through respective compliance programs or the use of AI in litigation.

During his legal clerkship, Leopold worked for the German Federal Ministry of Health as well as for our



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Languages

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German

Practices

Aviation Law
Litigation Services
Products Law

Industries

Aerospace and Defense
Automotive
Consumer

offices in Washington, D.C. and Munich. Moreover, before joining Hogan Lovells, in addition to his legal degree, Leopold obtained a diploma in mechanical engineering from the Technical University of Munich. This allows him to even better handle our clients' challenges, particularly by working hand-in-hand with engineers and technical experts.

Representative experience

Advising a leading automotive company on an internal product compliance investigation including criminal investigations.

Advising a leading German automotive company on various product liability topics, settlement negotiations and customer communication, as well as on product safety topics.

Advising several automotive companies on product safety and product compliance topics including authority communication.

Advising numerous companies on the development, certification/homologation and market entry of numerous innovative high-tech products in several jurisdictions.

Advising leading international manufacturers of machinery as well as consumer products on product safety and product compliance issues including CE marking requirements and authority communication.

Defending several international companies in civil and criminal product liability cases, particularly linked to fraud product safety violation accusations, including public prosecution defense work.

Awards and rankings

- Tier 1 for Product Liability, *Legal 500*, 2021
- Transportation Group of the Year, *Law 360*, 2020

Areas of focus

Product Compliance

Product Litigation

Automotive Regulatory

Education and admissions

Education

Second State Exam in Law, Higher Regional Court of Brandenburg, 2018

First State Exam in Law, University of Münster, 2014

Dipl.-Ing., Technical University of Munich, 2011

- Tier 1 for Product Liability, *Juve Handbook*, 2020

Latest thinking and events

- Announcements
 - EU Products Law
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - International products law review 2020: Issue 77