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Biography

Christian Ritz handles complex antitrust and competition law matters, multi-jurisdictional authority investigations as well as internal investigations and compliance issues.

In particular, Christian's practice focuses on representing his clients in dawn raids and providing them with strategic guidance and legal advice in multi-jurisdictional investigations, including complex internal investigations. Additionally, Christian represents his clients in cartel damages litigation and regularly advises them on the development and implementation of global compliance systems. Christian defends his clients against compliance violation claims and advises them in civil litigation cases following compliance breaches. He also advises on merger control as well as regulatory issues.

With a background in policy-making and government relations, Christian can assist you to get your voice heard at national as well as at EU level.

Christian has been recognized as 'Future Leader Competition' by Who's Who Legal since 2018. In its 2019 ranking, Who's Who Legal recognized him as "one of the promising associates of his generation" who is recognized for his "profound economic understanding". Further, clients praise Christian as "a very calm and



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Languages

English
French
German

Practices

Antitrust and Competition
Investigations, White Collar Crime,
and Fraud
Government Relations and Public
Affairs

Industries

Automotive and Mobility
Life Sciences and Health Care

humble character" who "should become a leading expert in competition law in the foreseeable future".

Prior to joining our firm, Christian practiced antitrust and competition law at the Berlin office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. He also gained valuable experience in the EU public policy arena while working for Alber & Geiger in Berlin and Brussels. Christian undertook his legal education at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn and the Université Paris-Sud, France. He obtained a Master of Laws degree (LL.M.) from the University of Sydney, Australia. He trained with international law firms in Berlin as well as with the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology.

Christian publishes and speaks regularly on topical issues in the field of antitrust, investigations and regulatory.

Representative experience

Advising German DAX 30 company in dawn raids and cartel investigation by the EU Commission.

Advising German DAX 30 company in dawn raids and cartel investigation by the German FCO.

Advising major international beverages producer regarding horizontal and vertical cooperations.

Advising major German OEM in the automotive sector regarding worldwide distribution agreements.

Representing major US pharmaceutical company in preliminary ruling proceedings before the CJEU.*

Advising ECB and National Central Bank in proceedings before the General Court and the CJEU.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

■ Frequently mentioned lawyer for competition law,

Financial Institutions

Consumer

Aerospace, Defense, and
Government Services

Areas of focus

Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices

Agency Investigations

Antitrust and Competition Litigation

Cartel Investigations

Competition Compliance

Education and admissions

Education

Second State Exam in Law, Appellate Court of Berlin/Brandenburg, 2012

LL.M., University of Sydney, 2010

First State Exam in Law, University of Bonn, 2009

Memberships

Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht
(German Association for Antitrust Law)

kanzleimonitor.de, 2017–2019

- Recognized as Future Leader for competition law, *Who is Who Legal Germany*, 2018/2019
- Recognized as Rising Star for competition and antitrust in Germany, *Expert Guides*, 2018/2019

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Antitrust, Competition, and Economic Regulation Quarterly Newsletter - Autumn 2019
- Blog Post
 - Algorithms in the spotlight of antitrust authorities
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Ruby GmbH on the inclusion of the Otto family as shareholder
- Blog Post
 - Germany's proposed digital antitrust law: an ambitious project to regulate digital markets
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - A Turning Point for Tech – Global survey on digital regulation
- Brochures
 - Guide on Internal Investigations in Germany 2019
Brochures