



Christof Siefarth

Germany

Primary Areas of Expertise

Intellectual Property
Licensing
Distribution
Intl. Dispute Resolution
Intl. Business Transactions
Investment Law Arbitration

Professional Summary

Mainly advises foreign (predominantly US based) clients regarding all of their business activities in Germany. Represented many international companies in a variety of commercial transactions, particularly in relation to IP, international license and distribution agreements and related litigation and arbitration.

Has substantial experience in coordinating international dispute resolution matters and all kinds of business transactions involving various jurisdictions. Has represented the defendant in the first oral hearing conducted in English before the Cologne District Court.

Currently predominantly acts as an arbitrator as well as counsel in arbitration, litigation and mediation matters, almost exclusively internationally.

Profession

Attorney

Work History

Partner, BODENHEIMER, 2020 - Present; Partner, GÖRG Rechtsanwälte, 1996 - 2020; Associate, Lürer & Görg, 1991 – 1995; Associate, Schlütter, Lürer & Görg, 1989 – 1991; Research Assistant, Institute for private international and foreign law, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany, 1986 – 1989; Research Assistant, Institute for private international and foreign law, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany, 1984 – 1985; Student Assistant, Institute for private international and foreign law, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany, 1981 – 1984.

Experience

Contributed to the preparation of about 20 expert opinions on foreign law to German courts as a student and research assistant at the Institute for private international and foreign law, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany.

Law studies at the Universities of Cologne, School of Law, Cologne, Germany, Lausanne, Switzerland, and University of Georgia, School of Law, Athens, Georgia, United States.

Governing Laws in Litigation and General Commercial Cases Handled: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, CISG, Czechia, Denmark,

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England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Namibia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, UAE, laws of several states of the United States, including California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia (400+ cases, since 1989).

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

Acting as an arbitrator under ICDR/Interim Supplementary Procedures for ICANN Independent Review Process regarding the operation of the .org, .info and .biz generic top level domains.

Represented a German investor as counsel in three consecutive BIT arbitrations against the Republic of Poland. This was one of the first arbitrations under bilateral investment protection treaties after the liberalization of the market in Eastern Europe. Award obtained was upheld by the Swiss Federal Court, but it took almost five years to (ultimately successfully) enforce against the award against the Republic of Poland.

Acted as an arbitrator in ad-hoc arbitration between a German manufacturer of medical products and an Israeli distributor. The case involved various issues of distribution law and the fitness of certain medical devices manufactured in Germany for the distribution in Israel.

Represented a German service provider for the production of biopharmaceuticals against a Finnish clinical stage biopharmaceutical company in arbitral proceedings under the SCC Rules as counsel for Respondent, before an international (Swiss/Swedish/German) arbitral tribunal with its seat in Zurich, Switzerland. The hearing in July 2021 lasted for a full week and resulted in a commercially favorable result for the Respondent.

Represented a German/Czech industrial commercial agency as counsel against an Italian/German automotive components manufacturer in two consecutive ICC arbitrations. The sole arbitrators were experienced Swiss and Austrian arbitration specialists. The case involved IP and distribution law issues which ultimately resulted in a favorable settlement for the Claimant. This case also involved litigation before German courts, successfully representing Claimant, and which contributed to the favorable settlement.

Represented an Israeli packaging distributor as counsel in international arbitration as well as various litigation cases before German and Hungarian courts. In this case, the Berlin District Court (Kammergericht) held that the arbitration clause was "pathological" and could not be enforced. Ultimately, filing lawsuits in Germany and Hungary resulted in a favorable settlement.

Places of Arbitration in Cases Handled: Alzenau (Germany), Bonn (Germany),

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Cologne (Germany), Düsseldorf (Germany), Frankfurt (Germany), Hamburg (Germany), Los Angeles (California, USA), Munich (Germany), Prague (Czechia), Stockholm (Sweden), Stuttgart (Germany), Vienna (Austria), Zurich (Switzerland).

Sectors and Practice Areas in Cases Handled: Antitrust, Commercial, Construction, Corporate, Distribution, Energy, Investments, IP, IT, Media, Sports.

Technology Proficiency - All office software programs
- Experienced in videoconferences via Zoom, Teams, WebEx, Jitsi etc.
- Used to handle various other office tools regarding time keeping (Mite), CRM (Sugar) etc.

Education University of Cologne, Germany, Dissertation on "US Motion Picture Copyright Law" (Summa Cum Laude - 1990); Cologne Court of Appeals, Second State Bar Exam (1989); University of Georgia (Master of Laws – 1986); University of Cologne, First State Bar Exam (1984); Hague Academy of International Law (1983); Certificate in Modern English Law (First Class, with Distinction, London - 1982).

Professional Licenses Rechtsanwalt (German Attorney), Cologne, Germany, 1989; Admitted to the Bar: New York, United States, 1992.

Professional Associations

- Atlanta International Arbitration Society, President, Board Member
- Center for International Legal Studies, Congress of Fellows
- Alexander Lüderitz Stiftung, Vice President
- German Arbitration Institute (DIS), Member
- International Trademark Association (INTA)
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- International Distribution Institute (IDI)
- Cologne and German Bar Association (DAV)
- New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)

Citizenship Germany
Languages English; French; German

Compensation

Hearing:	\$770.00/Hr
Study:	\$770.00/Hr
Travel:	\$385.00/Hr
Cancellation Period:	10 Days
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