

# WACH UND MECKES



**Dr. Arno Riethmüller**  
Senior Associate

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- Qualifications
- PhD on antitrust law and procedural law, University of Freiburg, Germany, 2017.
  - Admission to the bar in Germany (*Rechtsanwalt*) 2016.
  - Law studies at University of Freiburg, Germany, and the University of Surrey, Guildford, United Kingdom.

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- Professional
- Associate at WACH + MECKES LLP since August 2019.
  - Visiting lecturer at the University of Heidelberg since April 2018.
  - Associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Litigation and Arbitration Group, Frankfurt am Main, January 2016 to June 2019.
  - *Rechtsreferendar* / Legal clerk at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Litigation and Arbitration Group, Frankfurt am Main and New York City, June 2014 to September 2015.
  - Research Assistant at the University of Freiburg, Institute for German and Foreign Civil Procedural Law (Dept. II), 2013 to 2015.

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- Memberships
- German Initiative of Young Arbitrators (*Deutsche Initiative junger Schiedsrichter, DIS40*).
  - German - American Lawyers' Association (DAJV).

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- Expertise
- Advising German and international clients in complex commercial disputes, in particular in relation to German and international M&A transactions, disputes in the energy sector as well as commercial and financial disputes.
  - Arbitration experience covering both domestic and international arbitration under the auspices of institutional rules as well as ad-hoc arbitration.

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- Languages
- German
  - English

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- Publications
- *Riethmüller, Der Beweiswert und die Verwertbarkeit von Whistleblowerangaben im Kartellverfahren (The Evidentiary Value and Utilization of Whistleblower Information in Antitrust Proceedings)*, 2018.

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- Recent Matters
- Post-transactional disputes:
- Advising and representing an Italian company in a multibillion Swiss Rules (SCAI) arbitration in Zurich under Swiss and Italian law relating to a sale and purchase agreement.
  - Advising and representing Agfa-Gevaert Group in an ICC arbitration under German Law relating to the sale of the company's former consumer imaging division.

- Advising and representing a service provider in the pharmaceutical industry in a dispute in relation to an M&A transaction.

#### Disputes relating to energy law:

- Advising and representing a Middle Eastern state petroleum company in an ICC arbitration in Geneva under the CISG and the corresponding state law relating to a large construction engineering project.
- Advising and representing Engie Electrabel in an ICC arbitration against PreussenElektra / E.ON in connection with a dispute on the Belgian and German nuclear tax.
- Advising and representing Austrian natural gas company in an ICC arbitration in Vienna under Austrian law in connection with long-term gas transportation contracts.

#### Banking, finance and capital market disputes:

- Advising Delphi I LLC, a majority-owned subsidiary of Citigroup Financial Products Inc., following its disposal of an NPL portfolio to HOIST GmbH.
- Advising and representing the Hellenic Republic in the defense against several actions brought by investors of Greek Government bonds that were restructured in 2012.
- Advising and representing the Republic of Argentina in litigations brought and attempted enforcement actions by bondholders affected by Argentina's default.

#### Commercial and corporate disputes:

- Advising and representing a Swiss based international service provider and trade corporation in an ICC arbitration (seat Austria) as well as annulment proceedings against a German subsidiary of a Japanese pharma corporation regarding a dispute arising from a supply agreement for pharmaceutical substances.
- Advising and representing a North American automotive company in a DIS arbitration in Düsseldorf under German law relating to the validity and breach of a long term supply agreement.
- Advising and representing an asset management company in a shareholder dispute relating to commercial real estate.
- Advising an US-based alternative asset management corporation in relation to the structuring of a mass litigation project in Germany.

#### White collar crime related disputes:

- Advising a German credit institution in connection with an investigation of the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin).