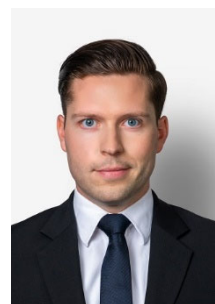


WACH UND MECKES



Dr. Arno Riethmüller

Partner

- Qualifications
- PhD on antitrust and procedural law, University of Freiburg, Germany, 2017.
 - Admission to the bar in Germany (Rechtsanwalt), 2016.
 - Law studies, University of Freiburg, Germany, and University of Surrey, England.
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- Professional
- Partner at WACH UND MECKES since January 2022.
 - Senior Associate at WACH UND MECKES, February 2020 to December 2021.
 - Associate at WACH UND MECKES, August 2019 to January 2020.
 - Visiting lecturer at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, since April 2018.
 - Associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Litigation and Arbitration Group, Frankfurt am Main, January 2016 to June 2019.
 - Legal clerk (*Rechtsreferendar*) 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, Germany, Institute for German and Foreign Civil Procedural Law (Dept. II), October 2013 to May 2015.
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- Memberships
- German Institution for Arbitration (*Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit e.V., DIS*).
 - German Initiative of Young Arbitrators (*Deutsche Initiative junger Schiedsrechtler, DIS40*).
 - Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Young ICCA).
 - German-American Lawyers' Association (*Deutsch-Amerikanische Juristenvereinigung e.V., DAJV*).
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- Expertise
- Advising and representing German and international clients in complex commercial disputes, in particular in relation to German and international M&A transactions, in disputes in the energy sector as well as in commercial and financial disputes.

- Advising and representing clients in both domestic and international arbitration under the auspices of institutional rules as well as ad hoc arbitration.
- Acting as arbitral secretary in national and international arbitration proceedings.

Languages

- German
- English

Listed in

- Best Lawyers: Litigation (since 2020).
- Best Lawyers: Arbitration (since 2021).

Publications

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

Recent Matters

Post-M&A Disputes:

- Representing an international manufacturer of device components in a Post-M&A dispute with subsidiaries of a Japan-based international engineering corporation relating to a purchase price adjustment and in asserting eight-figure damages due to breaches of the SPA (DIS arbitration, seat Frankfurt am Main).
- Representing a private equity investor in a Post-M&A dispute with the buyer of an international packaging company concerning a purchase price adjustment relating to foreign state subsidies (DIS arbitration, seat Munich).
- Representing a service provider in the pharmaceutical industry in a Post-M&A dispute with the seller of a pharma company relating to earn-out (DIS arbitration, seat Munich).
- Representing a service provider in the pharmaceutical industry in a Post-M&A dispute with the seller companies in connection with the continued shareholding after the transaction.
- Representing a US-based institutional investor focused on technology, media and communications in an eight-figure Post-M&A dispute with three listed German industry groups relating to profit participation and the assertion of claims for damages.
- Representing an Italy-based international insurance company in a Post-M&A dispute with an international investment bank in asserting claims for damages due to breaches of the SPA in a multibillion amount (Swiss Rules arbitration, Swiss and Italian law, seat Zurich).*
- Representing the Agfa-Gevaert Group in a nine-figure Post-M&A dispute in connection with the sale of the company's former consumer imaging division (ICC arbitration, seat Frankfurt am Main).*

Disputes in the Energy Sector:

- Representing a Middle Eastern state petroleum company in an eight-figure dispute in connection with a construction engineering project (ICC arbitration, CISG and corresponding state law, seat Geneva).
- Representing Engie Electrabel in a nine-figure dispute with PreussenElektra/E.ON in connection with the Belgian and German nuclear tax (ICC arbitration, seat Geneva).*
- Representing an Austrian natural gas company in an eight-figure dispute in connection with long-term gas transportation contracts (ICC arbitration, Austrian law, seat Vienna).*

Banking, Finance and Capital Market Disputes:

- Representing an international private equity investor in a dispute with an international asset management company in connection with an eight-figure financial restructuring of an investment company.
- Representing several Marshall Islands ship holdings in a dispute with Anglo-American hedge funds in connection with a nine-figure financing.
- Representing the Hellenic Republic in its defense against actions brought by investors of Greek Government bonds restructured in 2012.*
- Representing the Republic of Argentina in its defense against actions brought and enforcement attempted by bondholders affected by Argentina's default.*
- Representing Delphi I LLC, a majority-owned subsidiary of Citigroup Financial Products Inc., in a dispute following its disposal of a NPL portfolio to HOIST GmbH in connection with the liquidation of its business operations.*

Commercial and Corporate Disputes:

- Representing a Swiss-based international service provider and trade corporation in a dispute with a German subsidiary of a Japan-based pharma corporation relating to a long-term supply agreement for pharmaceutical substances (ICC arbitration, seat Austria, and annulment proceedings before the Austrian Supreme Court).
- Advising a Chinese manufacturer of medical diagnostic and healthcare products in an eight-figure dispute with Swedish and German distribution companies in connection with a sales contract.
- Advising an asset management company in connection with an eight-figure shareholder dispute relating to a commercial property.
- Advising a worldwide operating US-based alternative asset management corporation in connection with the structuring of a mass litigation project in Germany.
- Representing a company for the distribution of licenses and rights in the international motorsport sector in a shareholder dispute with several worldwide operating listed automobile corporations relating to the shareholding in a motorsport series.

- Representing an international communications agency in appeal proceedings against a German racing promoter relating to commission payments from a sponsorship agreement.
- Representing a worldwide operating textile distributor in the assertion of eight-figure claims against a public entity arising from the supply of respirator masks.
- Representing an international manufacturer of construction materials in a dispute with a worldwide operating German production group relating to claims arising from the purchase of defective production components.
- Representing a US-automotive supplier in a nine-figure dispute with a listed German industrial group in connection with a long term supply agreement (DIS arbitration, seat Dusseldorf).*

White Collar Crime related Disputes:

- Representing a German credit institute in connection with investigations by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin).*

* prior to joining WACH UND MECKES