

Dr. Jürgen Johannes Witte

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Biography

Jürgen Johannes Witte has the broad experience and sharp legal skills that are essential to resolve complex legal disputes, whether in or out of court, and delivering clear and feasible solutions to clients.

In his more than 20 years of experience, Jürgen has built deep expertise in directors and officers liability cases, insurance disputes, banking litigation and construction and engineering disputes. He has also conducted numerous internal investigations and has guided clients through difficult disputes in various industries.

Jürgen started his career as a judge and public prosecutor and later became an OLG lawyer (i.e. admitted to appear before the Higher Regional Court). Jürgen is therefore one of very few litigators in Germany who are able to truly assess a case from the perspective of the court, which puts him in the position to develop the most appropriate strategy for each client. He attracts praise from clients for his hands-on approach and straight talk.

Clients' appreciation for Jürgen's work is well reflected by the fact that he is constantly ranked among Germany's leading litigators.



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Languages

English

German

Practices

Corporate and Shareholder
Litigation

Litigation Services

Commercial Litigation

Banking and Finance Litigation

Investigations, White Collar, and
Fraud

Representative experience

Representing mobilcom in a UMTS legal dispute (amount in dispute €1.2bn).

Internal Investigations (including work for the supervisory board of a DAX 30 company following antitrust fine imposition proceedings).

Advising companies on business law matters.

Regular advice for organs, corporations and insurance companies on questions of officers' liability, recently for a member of the management of Karstadt Warenhaus.

Litigation for banks.

Advising insurance companies.

Advising on compliance matters (whistleblowing, ethical guidelines etc.).

Representing Equitable Life in a class action suit (approx. 100 single claimants) against the accusation of selling life and annuity insurances with misleading information.

Awards and rankings

- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2019-2020
- Dispute Resolution: Commercial Litigation, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Jürgen Johannes Witte's work is "cost effective", providing "real value for money"., *Legal 500*, 2011
- Recommended lawyer for Dispute Resolution, *JUVE handbook*, 2009 – 2011

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Key points of the draft bill of the German Economic Stabilisation Fund Act (WStFG)

Industries

Automotive

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions

Life Sciences and Health Care

Areas of focus

Accounting and Auditing

Dealing with Insurance Regulators

IERP Dispute Resolution

Risk Management, Governance, and Compliance

Education and admissions

Education

Dr. iur., University of Münster, 1990

Second State Exam in Law, North Rhine-Westphalia, 1990

First State Exam in Law, University of Münster, 1986

Memberships

Schmalenbach-Gesellschaft

Accolades

- **Name**
 - Key points of the draft bill of the Economic Stabilisation Fund Act (WStFG)
- **Brochures**
 - Guide on Internal Investigations in Germany 2019 *Brochures*
- **Published Works**
 - Guide on Internal Investigations in Germany 2018 *Brochure*
- **Awards and Rankings**
 - Best Lawyers™ 2019: Hogan Lovells is ranked with 80 lawyers
- **Hogan Lovells Publications**
 - Global Bribery and Corruption Review 2015 *Global Bribery and Corruption Task Force*

"Extraordinarily high level of service..."

Legal 500 Germany, 2015

Frequently recommended lawyer for Dispute Resolution (D&O coverage and liability)

JUVE Handbook, 2014/2015

Jürgen Johannes Witte impresses with "in-depth expertise and a great demeanour".

Legal 500 Germany, 2015
