

GERMANY

AT A GLANCE

Based in Germany and with global capabilities, our German practice delivers high-end legal services to clients in Germany, Europe and around the world. Our German Practice Group includes lawyers in Düsseldorf, Munich, New York and Rome. Our cross-office, cross-cultural group is familiar with many different legal and cultural approaches in the global marketplace. Our lawyers counsel multinational enterprises and international clients with German and European interests, as well as those based in Germany.

Experience

Our extensive German practice contains lawyers knowledgeable in many industries. Services range from corporate counsel on cross-border transactions to the establishment of subsidiaries. With skill in labor and employment as well as tax, our practice serves a variety of client needs.

In the area of capital markets, we represent issuers, underwriters and other related parties on all types of equity issues, both cross-border and in the German market. Our lawyers advise clients on transaction structuring, regulatory issues and disclosure matters.

In our corporate practice, we work with various organizations on cross-border transactions, joint ventures, litigation and restructuring. We have been involved in many German and European mergers and acquisitions, participating in all stages of these transactions, from the determination of legal and tax structures to the negotiation and preparation of contracts. We provide similar services to private equity and venture capital firms and the start-ups they fund.

Our closely related tax practice is composed of lawyers experienced in mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, value-added tax issues, real estate transactions and global estate planning.

Highly skilled in antitrust and competition law, we advise on German and European competition law issues relating to merger control, joint ventures and compliance. We have particular skill in the areas of telecommunications, media and information technology.

Our team covers the entire spectrum of employment law. We advise on the implementation of operational changes and on labor laws regarding transactions and privatization. We represent clients in shop agreements, social plans and other collective labor laws. Beyond this, we also frequently draft employment, service and compensation agreements and advise on employee benefits, pension schemes and secondments. Our German lawyers advise clients in a broad range of industries, including the automotive, biotechnology, chemical, e-commerce, energy, logistics, pharmaceutical, retail and tourism sectors.

International Reach

Our German lawyers are fully integrated with our global practices and are a key element of our telecommunications, media and technology practice. An interdisciplinary team, this group focuses on the specific needs of clients in these industries. Our clients range from operators to equipment manufacturers engaged in sectors such as telephony and film production. Based in New York, our German-U.S. practice advises clients from German-speaking countries on both U.S. and international matters and is cross-border in every regard. Our service respects the different legal and business cultures of our clients. Strong integration between the United States- and Germany-based members of the practice, as well as across disciplines, ensures extensive experience and skill goes into all aspects of our counsel.

Scope of Services

- Competition
- Corporate
- Corporate real estate
- Employment
- Intellectual property, media & technology
- Life sciences
- Litigation
- Mergers & acquisitions
- Private equity
- Restructuring & insolvency
- Tax

Our Team

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Hot Topics

We are prepared to handle matters relating to the most current issues in business and law.

- Taxation of stock options granted to expats
- The future of competing tender offers in Germany
- The “second basket” of German copyright reform
- Proposed control of foreign investment in German companies

Awards & Recognition

Our German practice is globally recognized.

- McDermott Will & Emery was recently announced as the winner of International Financial Law Review’s Restructuring Deal of the Year 2008. The Firm was recognized by IFLR for its work on the Schefenacker Group restructuring, having advised the owner, Dr. Alfred Schefenacker, on all aspects of the consensual restructuring.
- Our German lawyers are recommended in legal publications such as Chambers, The Legal 500, Juve, AmLaw German Commercial Law Firms, Practical Law Company and Euromoney Legal Group.

Our Firm

McDermott Will & Emery is a leading international law firm with a diversified business practice. We represent a wide range of commercial, industrial and financial enterprises, both publicly and privately held. Our clientele include some of the world’s largest corporations, small and medium-sized businesses, and individuals.

Currently numbering 1,100 lawyers, we have offices in Boston, Brussels, Chicago, Düsseldorf, Houston, London, Los Angeles, Miami, Munich, New York, Orange County, Rome, San Diego, Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C. McDermott Will & Emery has a strategic alliance with MWE China Law Offices (Shanghai).