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Associate

Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PhD, Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena, Germany, 2025.• Admission to the bar in Germany (<i>Rechtsanwältin</i>), 2023.• Law studies, Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena, Germany.
Professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate at WACH UND MECKES since February 2023.• Legal trainee (<i>Rechtsreferendarin</i>) at Carl Zeiss AG, Jena, August to October 2022.• Legal trainee (<i>Rechtsreferendarin</i>) at WACH UND MECKES, November 2021 to March 2022.• Research Assistant at Friedrich-Schiller-University of Jena, Chair of Civil Law, Civil Procedure Law, Private International and Procedural Law, Private European Law and Comparative Law, Prof. Dr. Giesela Rühl, LL.M. (Berkeley), August 2015 to July 2021.
Memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German Initiative of Young Arbitrators (<i>Deutsche Initiative junger Schiedsrechtler, DIS40</i>).
Expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advising and representing German and international clients in complex commercial disputes, in particular in relation to German and international M&A transactions as well as in commercial and capital market disputes.
Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German• English
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Köstner</i>, The Law Applicable to the Liability of Arbitral Institutions in: Conflict of Laws in International Commercial Arbitration, 2019.
Recent Matters	<p>Commercial and corporate disputes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advising a US-based investor regarding an eight-figure investment in mass cartel litigation particularly regarding regulatory aspects related to litigation funding in Germany.• Representing a Hong Kong-based leading integrated global logistics solutions provider in a dispute with one of its agents in Germany regarding outstanding payments for international freight forwarding.

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- Advising and representing an international software developer in the recognition and enforcement of a US arbitral award with a multi-million dollar value in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Post-M&A disputes:

- Representing an international manufacturer of hydraulic systems in a Post-M&A dispute with a globally operating manufacturer of medical devices in its defense against defect claims and with the international seller of the target company to secure corresponding indemnification claims (DIS arbitration, seat Munich).
- Advising a group of independent internationally acting investment companies in a Post-M&A dispute with the buyer of a company in the medical and care sector relating to an eight-figure earn-out for manipulative continuation of the target company in breach of the agreement (DIS-arbitration, seat Munich).
- 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.
- Advising an international venture capital investor in a dispute with a private individual regarding a dispute over claims for the granting of a shareholding in a company.
- Representing a globally operating private equity investor based in the USA in a dispute with the purchaser of a security technology company in connection with an M&A transaction (DIS arbitration in Munich and state proceedings in a British Overseas Territory).

Insolvency matters:

- Representing a public entity as a member of the creditors' committee of the insolvent subsidiary of an international operating transport group based in the Netherlands.
- Advising and representing a global manufacturer of medical supplies in the enforcement of a six digit claim against a global German based medical supplies wholesaler in the insolvency proceedings against the latter based on a foreign judgement.

Director's liability:

- Advising an internationally operating growth capital investor in a dispute with an international auditing firm regarding professional negligence prior to an M&A transaction.
- Representing the former chairman of an industrial group in the defense against multi-billion civil claims by international institutional investors with regard to capital market information concerning the takeover of another industrial group.

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- Advising and representing a globally operating service provider in liability matters with an amount in dispute in the double-digit million range.
- Representing a shareholder-director in an extensive corporate dispute before several courts in the field of real estate management against the co-partners, *inter alia* due to director liability in the millions.
- Advising an international private equity company in connection with the pursuit of potential claims regarding professional negligence.

Disputes in the energy sector:

- Advising and representing a globally active Swiss energy trader in defending claims of an international petroleum company in the double-digit million range due to alleged breach of a purchase agreement for upstream emission allowances (DIS arbitration, seat Munich).
- Representing a public entity in a dispute with a power generator regarding price adjustments following the Russia-Ukraine conflict.