

WACH UND MECKES



Susanne Ascher
Senior Associate

Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Admission to the bar in Germany (<i>Rechtsanwältin</i>), 2020.• Law studies, University of Passau, Germany, and Université Toulouse 1 Capitole, Toulouse, France.
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Professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Associate at WACH UND MECKES since July 2025.• Associate at WACH UND MECKES since May 2020.• Research assistant at WACH UND MECKES, December 2019 to April 2020.• Legal clerk (<i>Rechtsreferendarin</i>) at Latham & Watkins LLP, Complex commercial litigation group, Munich, October 2018 to June 2019.• Research assistant at the Federal Ministry of Justice, Berlin, Department for Commercial Criminal Law, April 2017 to September 2017.• Research assistant at the University of Passau, Chair for Civil Law, German and European Legal History, April 2014 to March 2017.
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Memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German Institution for Arbitration (<i>Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit e.V., DIS</i>).• German Initiative of Young Arbitrators (<i>Deutsche Initiative junger Schiedsrechtler, DIS40</i>).• Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Young ICCA).
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Expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advising and representing German and international clients in high-stakes commercial disputes, particularly those stemming from national and cross-border corporate transactions, including complex M&A matters. Susanne's practice covers litigation in the areas of commercial, financial, banking and capital markets law, as well as cases involving cross-border service of process, the taking of evidence abroad, and the recognition and enforcement of foreign titles.
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Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German• English• French
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Listed in

- Best Lawyers – Ones to Watch: Litigation.
- Best Lawyers – Ones to Watch: International Arbitration.
- Best Lawyers – Ones to Watch: Arbitration and Mediation.

Recent Matters

Commercial and Corporate Disputes:

- Representing a worldwide-operating international airline in its defense against a multi-billion damage claim by the insolvency administrator of a German airline carrier.
- Representing a globally active semi-finished product manufacturer based in India on issues relating to an agency agreement.
- Representing a leading U.S.-based logistics technology company in asserting claims regarding trade secret infringement by a former Middle Eastern cooperation partner.
- Representing an international real estate company in a complex dispute with a former corporate body member in the double-digit million Euro range.
- 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.

Cross-border service of documents, taking of evidence, and proceedings concerning the recognition and enforcement of foreign court decisions:

- Representing three U.S. pension funds at the deposition of a witness in Germany in U.S. proceedings (class action) with the parent company of a global chemicals and pharmaceuticals group regarding capital investment loss.
- Advising a U.S. whistleblower in False Claims Act proceedings against U.S. healthcare providers on behalf of the U.S. government in a nine-figure dispute, in particular regarding issues on cross-border service and the recognition and enforcement of a U.S. court decision in Germany.
- Advising a leading English litigation-only firm on questions regarding international legal service in English proceedings by a European financial service provider against a German provider of car subscription services.

Post-M&A Disputes:

- Representing a U.S.-based institutional investor focused on technology, media and communications in a Post-M&A dispute with three listed German automotive groups relating to an eight-figure claim in profit participation and damages.

Advisors' and Directors' Liability:

- Advising and representing a globally operating service provider in liability matters.
- Advising an international private equity company in connection with the pursuit of potential claims regarding professional negligence.

Banking, Finance and Capital Market Disputes:

- Representing an investor in a dispute with a major international bank in asserting claims for damages in the double-digit millions in connection with a series of option transactions.
- Advising a European company that promotes and represents the interests of the automotive industry, motorsports, and tourism in a dispute with a global investment manager and a major international bank based in France concerning losses from a special fund investment.

Disputes in the Energy Sector:

- Representing a public entity in a dispute with an energy producer concerning price adjustments as a result of the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Other:

- Representing an English accident victim against the negative declaratory action of the insurance group in Germany.
- Representing a Swiss entrepreneur in connection with an Argentinean inheritance dispute, a commercial litigation in Germany and litigation funding.