

# WACH UND MECKES



## Susanne Ascher

Senior Associate

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Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Admission to the bar in Germany (<i>Rechtsanwältin</i>), 2020.</li><li>Law studies, University of Passau, Germany, and Université Toulouse 1 Capitole, Toulouse, France.</li></ul>
Professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Senior Associate at WACH UND MECKES since July 2025.</li><li>Associate at WACH UND MECKES since May 2020.</li><li>Research assistant at WACH UND MECKES, December 2019 to April 2020.</li><li>Legal clerk (<i>Rechtsreferendarin</i>) at Latham &amp; Watkins LLP, Complex commercial litigation group, Munich, October 2018 to June 2019.</li><li>Research assistant at the Federal Ministry of Justice, Berlin, Department for Commercial Criminal Law, April 2017 to September 2017.</li><li>Research assistant at the University of Passau, Chair for Civil Law, German and European Legal History, April 2014 to March 2017.</li></ul>
Memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>German Institution for Arbitration (<i>Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit e.V., DIS</i>).</li><li>German Initiative of Young Arbitrators (<i>Deutsche Initiative junger Schiedsrechtler, DIS40</i>).</li><li>Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration (Young ICCA).</li></ul>
Expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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&amp;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.</li></ul>
Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>German</li><li>English</li><li>French</li></ul>

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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.

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## 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.

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## 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.