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The Best Lawyers in Germany[™] and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Germany[™] 2023 Editions Released

AUGUSTA, Ga., 24 June 2022 — Best Lawyers[®], the most respected guide to the legal profession with more than 40 years of experience compiling purely peer review data, is pleased to release the 14^{th} edition of *The Best Lawyers in Germany*TM and the second edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Germany*TM.

The 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Germany* recognizes the professional excellence of 6,107 lawyers in 84 practice areas across 15 metropolitan areas. The "Lawyer of the Year" honor is awarded to only one individual per practice area in each region with extremely high overall feedback from their peers. In the 2023 edition, 229 honorees earned this exceptional distinguishment.

"We are pleased to continue presenting the most reliable, unbiased legal awards for the top legal professionals in Germany through our esteemed and unique peer review process," says Best Lawyers CEO Phil Greer. "It continues to be an honor to recognize talented and deserving lawyers earlier in their careers in Germany through our Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch honors."

The *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Germany* list is conducted with the same methodology as all Best Lawyers recognitions: purely peer review. Lawyers are the best resource to provide feedback on the caliber of work performed by their peers, and the honorees on this list have been identified as the top legal talent who have on average been in practice for 3-8 years. In the 2023 edition, 642 honorees were recognized in 29 practice areas across 9 metropolitan areas.

A lawyer can be nominated for the traditional Best Lawyers recognition or Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch awards, but they cannot be nominated for recognition in both lists at the same time. Lawyers who are nominated for consideration are voted on by currently recognized honorees working in the same practice area and located in the same geographic region. Our awards and recognitions are based purely on the feedback we receive from these top lawyers. Lawyers are not required nor allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore, inclusion in a Best Lawyers list is considered a singular honor. Those who receive high peer reviews undergo a thorough verification process to make sure they are currently still in private practice. Only then will Best Lawyers recognize these top lawyers.

In addition to the individual lawyer recognitions, 21 firms received a "Law Firm of the Year" award in 26 practice areas. "Law Firm of the Year" awards are both country and practice area specific. They are determined based on a handful of factors, including feedback from lawyers recognized by Best Lawyers on individual lawyer and firm-wide work, the size and coverage of the firm in a specific practice area, historical analysis of the firm's "Lawyer of the Year" awards in this area and research surrounding the firm's overall scope and areas of expertise.

"Law Firm of the Year" Honoree: Practice Area: Becker Büttner Held **Energy Law** Clyde & Co Insurance Law Dolde Mayen & Partner Public Law **Criminal Defense** Feigen Graf Rechtsanwälte Flick Gocke Schaumburg Tax Law Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Gleiss Lutz Gleiss Lutz Corporate Law **Hengeler Mueller** Hengeler Mueller Litigation Hogan Lovells **Hogan Lovells** Latham & Watkins Latham & Watkins **Private Equity Law** McDermott Will & Emery Real Estate Law Noerr NORDEMANN Oppenhoff & Partner Rechtsanwälte Steuerberater POELLATH Posser Spieth Wolfers & Partners **Redeker Sellner Dahs Construction Law** SKW Schwarz Rechtsanwälte Media Law Taylor Wessing Partnerschaftsgesellschaft White & Case YPOG Venture Capital Law

Labor and Employment Law Mergers and Acquisitions Law Competition / Antitrust Law **Capital Markets Law** Arbitration and Mediation Pharmaceuticals Law Banking and Finance Law **Telecommunications Law** Intellectual Property Law Data Security and Privacy Law **Trusts and Succession Planning Environmental Law** Information Technology Law Restructuring and Insolvency Law

For research purposes, smaller and more rural cities located within a reasonable distance to larger cities are combined into single geographical regions called "metro areas" to help collect as much feedback and data as possible. Germany, as defined by Best Lawyers, is composed of 15 metro areas. Nordrhein-Westfalen is the metro area with the most listed lawyers.

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