

Dr. Sebastian Lach

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Biography

Sebastian Lach handles compliance and investigation issues, as well as complex product safety and liability cases. In the field of compliance and investigations, Sebastian has advised various clients on the creation of global compliance systems. He has successfully advised on criminal matters (e.g. bribery, fraud, embezzlement) and internal investigations relating to more than 50 countries worldwide, including FCPA, SEC/DOJ implications. Throughout his career, he has handled more than 20 multi-jurisdictional investigations, most of them for Fortune 500 and DAX 30 clients.

In the field of product liability, Sebastian has coordinated various product safety and product liability cases relating to more than 70 countries. He has advised on more than 50 recalls and has represented and advised clients in more than 100 court hearings, on all court levels from local courts to supreme courts, including submissions to the ECJ. He has also handled various multi-jurisdictional supply chain disputes for product manufacturers. Sebastian is a European and German market leader in Compliance and Product Liability, in particular in the automotive, life sciences, IT and electronics sector.

According to clients, Sebastian is "without a doubt a 'dominant figure' in the field" who is "greatly experienced", praised for his "innovative thinking" and



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Languages

English
French
German
Spanish

Practices

Investigations, White Collar, and
Fraud

Litigation Services

Environment and Natural Resources

Crisis Leadership Team

Products Law

Technology Litigation

"commercial acumen" (*Who's Who Legal Germany*). *Chambers Europe* described him as a "fantastic lawyer" who responds "very quickly" and delivers "legal advice that is presentable to the board". *JUVE Germany* refers to him as "very competent and solution driven". Sebastian is a member of our global IWCF (Investigations White Collar & Fraud) Steering Committee with responsibility for Continental Europe and the Middle East. He also heads the German IWCF practice. In addition, he is the co-head of the firm's Global Automotive Sector Group for Litigation.

Representative experience

Advising German DAX 30 company on internal compliance investigation regarding potential product liability/warranty issues in more than 50 countries worldwide including criminal law charges.

Coordinating a recall in more than 70 countries for a leading global life sciences company including criminal law advice and communication with the authorities.

Representing one of world's largest automobile manufacturers in multimillion Euro product liability lawsuit against supplier due to component failure and recall of vehicles.

Advising leading IT company on internal investigation regarding possible irregularities around use of company funds relating to European countries and jurisdictions, including potential FCPA/SEC implications.

Defense counsel in Germany for one of world's leading pharmaceutical companies and coordinating defense in over 27 countries throughout world after voluntary product withdrawal.

Advising one of world's leading car manufacturers on legal/ ethical risks of private investigation regarding allegedly anti-competitive practices by suppliers in Europe and Asia.

Industries

Automotive and Mobility
Consumer
Diversified Industrials
Energy and Natural Resources
Life Sciences and Health Care
TMT

Areas of focus

Automotive Regulatory
Bribery and Corruption
Product Compliance
Product Litigation
E-discovery and Information Management
Dawn Raids
Connected Cars
Getting the Deal Through: Automotive 2019

Education and admissions

Education

Dr. iur., University of Göttingen, 2006
Second State Exam in Law, Bavaria, 2003
First State Exam in Law, LMU Munich (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), 2001

Accolades

Conducting a major internal investigation with regard to bribery allegations against a leading Fortune 500 foods company in various Asian countries, including potential FCPA, SEC und UK Bribery Act implications.

Awards and rankings

- Public Sector: Planning and Environment, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019
- Compliance, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Compliance: Internal Investigations, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Recognized as a leading lawyer for Product Liability Defence, *Who's Who Legal Germany*, 2014
- Recommended lawyer for Product Liability, *JUVE handbook*, 2013-2014

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Automotive and Mobility - Hot Topic Q&A Interviews
- Published Works
 - Getting The Deal Through Automotive 2019 - Germany
- Awards and Rankings
 - Best Lawyers™ Germany 2020: 86 Recognized Lawyers, five of them Lawyers of the Year
- Brochures
 - Guide on Internal Investigations in Germany 2019 *Brochures*
- Published Works
 - Guide on Internal Investigations in Germany 2018 *Brochure*
- Published Works
 - European Investigations Guide 2018

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Chambers, 2015

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Who's Who Legal Germany, 2014

"Very competent and solution driven" for Dispute Resolution.

JUVE handbook, 2015/2016
