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Partner

"a brilliant lawyer at the intersection of IP and antitrust"
Chambers Global 2025

"brilliant antitrust lawyer who assesses complex legal issues in a practical, competent and clear manner"
Juve Handbuch 2024/2025

"She is a leading lawyer for Vertical Block Exemption Regulations."
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Stephanie advises national and international clients on all aspects of German and European antitrust law with a specific industry focus on the pharmaceutical/healthcare, chemical and consumer goods sector. She is known for her expertise in distribution and contract related antitrust matters, including e-Commerce and digitalization, as well as for her experience in IP related competition law matters, including R&D co-operations, and licensing questions. Her clients appreciate her long standing work in cartel investigations, the control of abusive practices and antitrust compliance.

Stephanie has been listed for many years as a recommended antitrust lawyer in the JUVE Handbook and other national and international professional directories including Handelsblatt/Best Lawyers, Chambers Europe, Legal 500 Germany and Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal). Since 2019, the latter lists her as "Global Elite Thought Leader". In 2022, the German association of inhouse lawyers ranked her as most frequently recommended antitrust expert in Germany.

Education and Professional Career

- Founding partner of COMMEO (since 09/2010)
- Partner at the Frankfurt office of Baker & McKenzie (2005-2010); Associate with Baker & McKenzie in Frankfurt with secondments to the Washington D.C., London and Brussels offices (2000-2005)
- Admission to the bar (2000)
- Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the University of Stellenbosch (South Africa)
- Doctorate at the institute of Prof. Dr. Ulrich Immenga, University of Gottingen; research assistance
- Studies of law at the universities of Wurzburg and Gottingen; stagiaire at the European Commission, DG Competition, in Brussels during the legal training

Memberships

- Licensing Executives Society (LES) Germany (member of the board, president elect)
- EU Commission, International Competition Network (ICN), Non-Governmental Advisor (DG COMP NGA)
- German Association of Intellectual Property Experts (VPP) (member of the board and head of the competition law committee)
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht
- Kartellrechtsforum Frankfurt

Languages

Stephanie advises clients in English and German.