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**"...a distinguished practitioner with proven track record in complex international arbitration, both as counsel and arbitrator..."**

Who's Who Legal Germany 2017

**"Wegen always gets right to the heart of the issues."**

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**"...is a well-regarded figure in the German market, acting for a range of international clients on cross-border M&A matters."**

Chambers Global 2016

**"One of the frequently recommended lawyers for trade and liability as well as for M&A"**

JUVE Handbuch 2015/2016

Gerhard's practice focuses on corporate and M&A. He has an outstanding track record advising international clients in all aspects of cross-border M&A projects. Furthermore Gerhard also participates regularly in international arbitration proceedings as both an arbitrator and a counsel in 135 actual cases.

## Selected credentials

- **GoDaddy Inc. (USA)** on its acquisition of the Host Europe Group (UK/D/Jersey) of Cinven (UK) for EUR 1.7 billion
- **Groupe SEB (F)** on its acquisition of the WMF Group from KKR (USA/UK) for EUR 1.6 billion
- The **Federal Republic of Germany** on the renegotiation of the shareholder structure of EADS N.V. (NL), reached with EADS, Daimler, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), Lagardère (F), the French Republic (F) and SEPI (E)
- **Auchan (F)** on its acquisition of the retail operations of Metro's ,-real brand in Eastern Europe for approx. EUR 1,5 billion
- **Fosun (PRC)** on its consortium bid concerning the acquisition of BHF Bank AG
- **Leighton Holdings (AUS)** in the bid by ACS (E) for Hochtief
- **Robert Bosch** on various crossborder acquisitions since 2008
- **Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel (F)** on its EUR 5.9 billion acquisition of Citigroup Deutschland's retail finance business

“The ‘excellent’ Gerhard Wegen has been involved in over 120 cases as an arbitrator and as a counsel.”

Who’s Who Legal Germany 2016

“One of the leading individuals in Dispute Resolution: Most in Demand Arbitrators”

Chambers Global 2015

“Well known internationally, he is regarded by many as the face of the firm abroad.”

Chambers Global 2015

- **Air Liquide** (F) on its EUR 2.8 billion acquisition of Messer Griesheim in Germany, the U.S. and the UK (largest private transaction 2004 in Germany)
- **Swiss Re** (CH) on its acquisition of the worldwide re-insurance business from General Electric Company (USA) for EUR 5.8 billion
- **Fortune Brands** (USA) on its EUR 4.4 billion acquisition of a number of major spirits and wine brands from Pernod Ricard (F)
- **The Blackstone Group** (USA) on its EUR 3.1 billion takeover of Celanese AG (largest public transaction 2004 in Germany)

## Profile

After training as a bank clerk he studied at the Universities of Hamburg, Geneva/Switzerland, Tübingen and Harvard Law School (LL.M. 1981) (Honorary Phi Delta Phi). Gerhard was admitted in 1981 in Germany and has been a partner at Gleiss Lutz since 1987.

Gerhard was admitted in New York State and SDNY/EDNY 1983, to the US Ct. App. for the Federal District 2007, US Supreme Court 2009 and US Ct. App. for the Second Circuit 2010. He was also admitted as Foreign Attorney in Brussels/Belgium 1987. Gerhard has been an Honorary Professor at the University of Tübingen since 1997.

He is a member of the New York State (NYSBA), American (ABA), International (IBA) and Inter-Pacific (IPBA) Bar Associations (Council Member At-Large Europe), The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, German and American Societies of International Law, International Law Association (German Branch - International Securities Regulation Committee), German (DIS) and Swiss (ASA) Arbitration Associations, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MC Arb), AAA International – ICDR Panel of Arbitrators, SIAC (Singapore), DIAC (Dubai) International Arbitrator, KCAB (Korean) Panel of International Arbitrators, CIMA (Spain) International Arbitrator’s List, RCICA-Panel (Lagos), KLRCA (Kuala Lumpur) Arbitrator and Mediator, Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC).

He speaks German, English and French.

## Arbitration Experience

a) Statistics		Chairman of Tribunal	Sole Arbitrator	Co-Arbitrator	Party's Counsel	Secretary or other	Total
Int. Institutional Arbitration	ICC	6	3	16	17	1 (Strategic Counsel to Respondent, not counsel of record)	43
	Other	4	3	7	12	----	26
International Ad Hoc Arbitration		----	---	10	5	1 (Expert Witness)	16
Domestic Arbitration		10	3	13	24	----	50
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>135</b>

**b) Parties in these arbitrations come from over 30 countries:**

Abu Dhabi, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, CIS-States, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dubai, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxemburg, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Portugal, PR China, Romania, Saudi-Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, USA

**c) Dispute Value:**

Between EUR 750,000.00 to EUR 9,115,000,000.00.  
Ø EUR 210,000,000.00

## Mediation Experience

Sole Mediator in a French/German M&A transaction dispute, Stuttgart 2004.

## Publications (inter alia)

- Münchener Anwaltshandbuch zum Internationalen Wirtschaftsrecht (**Manual on International Business Transactions**), 2017 (co-author)
- BGB-Kommentar (**Commentary on the German Civil Code**), 12th ed. 2017 (co-editor/co-author)
- ZPO-Kommentar (**Commentary on the German Civil Procedure Code**), 9th ed. 2017 (co-author)
- Praxishandbuch Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit (**Practice Manual on Arbitration**), 2nd ed. 2017 (co-author)
- **Commercial Dispute Resolution in Germany**, 2nd ed. 2016 (co-author)

- Gesellschaftsrecht des Auslands (**Corporate Laws of the World**), loose-leaf, 2013 (co-editor/co-author)
- **International Joint Ventures**, 2013 (co-author)
- **Materials on International Arbitration**, 2007 (co-editor)
- Internationales Gesellschaftsrecht in der Praxis (**The Practice of International Corporate Law**), 2005 (co-editor/co-author)