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Rolf Trittmann specialises in commercial litigation and arbitration, where he is recognised as one of the leading practitioners on a national and international level. He has acted as an arbitrator and as counsel before courts and arbitral tribunals in numerous proceedings, in particular in cross-border matters.

Rolf focuses on post-M&A and general industry disputes as well as contentious distribution and antitrust matters with an emphasis on the automotive industry. Before founding rothorn legal, Rolf was a partner in the Dispute Resolution Group at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Frankfurt since 1993.

Rolf has acted as an arbitrator in approximately 100 arbitrations, including 25 arbitrations as a chairman in ad hoc arbitrations and arbitrations under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the German Arbitration Institute (DIS). As counsel, Rolf has acted in 110 arbitrations, including ICC, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), DIS, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution (SCAI) arbitrations.

Rolf was the German member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris until 2018. He is the head of the Advisory Board of the DIS and a member of the DIS Council. Further, Rolf is a member of the American Arbitration Association (ABA), the International Bar Association (IBA), the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) and the German American Lawyers Association (Deutsch-Amerikanische Juristen-Vereinigung, DAJV). He also is co-editor of the German Arbitration Journal (SchiedsVZ) and an Honorary Professor at the University of Frankfurt, from which he also holds a Ph.D. He regularly publishes and teaches on matters of commercial litigation and international arbitration. Rolf is recognised as a top-tier arbitrator, litigator and counsel in arbitration in Germany by Chambers and Partners.

Rolf speaks German and English.



Experience

- Organisation of the defence against civil claims relating to emissions for one of the largest international automobile manufacturers
- Representation of the Dubai subsidiary of leading automobile manufacturers in ICC arbitration with former distribution partners
- Representing a provider of gas caverns in arbitration proceedings against a construction company and tenant
- Acted as arbitrator and chairman in several institutional and ad hoc arbitration proceedings concerning claims arising from M&A transactions as well as turnkey industrial projects and the hotel industry
- Representing a high-ranking energy company in a dispute against the German government in connection with the forced shutdown of nuclear power plants

Qualifications

- Rechtsanwalt, Germany
- University of Frankfurt and Munich (Germany), law studies
- Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley (USA), Master of Laws (LL.M)
- University of Frankfurt (Germany), Ph.D.

Publications

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