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Dr. Siegmar Pohl, with over two decades of experience, focuses his practice on cross-border M&A and complex intellectual property (IP) transactions. He frequently represents clients regarding strategic investments and corporate venture capital, including when paired with research and development (R&D) collaborations or joint ventures. Siegmar has a lot of experience in working with companies from Europe, Asia, and the United States.

Frequently, his clients ask Siegmar to advise them on minimizing their liability risks when launching technology products and when entering the U.S. market. Siegmar regularly holds workshops and training sessions for board members and managers, coaching them on their duties, liabilities, and corporate governance issues. He is also a frequent speaker at international conferences and workshops.

Prior to joining the firm, Siegmar was a partner in the San Francisco, California office of an international law firm. Previously, he worked as an associate with the same firm.



Siegmar is fluent in German.

Experience

Representing SMA Solar Technology AG in general and project-related corporate matters in the U.S.

Representing Fraunhofer Institute, the largest European institute for research and applied sciences, in corporate, tax, IP, tech transactions and government contracts work.

Represented ESS in EPC contract negotiations with San Diego's utility company regarding the installation of large scale storage batteries.

Represented TTTech Industrial (Vienna, Austria) in an asset acquisition from Nebbiolo Technologies, Inc., a Silicon Valley technology company in the field of fog computing for automotive and other applications.

Represented Mercedes-Benz USA (MBUSA) in the development of fleet service and data license agreements for automotive customers and vehicle operators, including location and maintenance data as well as complex multi-party contractual relationships.

Advised Toshiba America Energy Corporation on 45Q tax credit matters.

Representing the joint venture between a California start-up and a South Korean pharmaceutical company focusing on the development and commercialization of cancer drugs.

Represented Westbridge Agricultural Products, Inc., an organic pesticide and fertilizer company from San Diego, California, in a \$35 million merger with a U.S. subsidiary, Bio-Ferm, of the Erber Group from Vienna, Austria.

Represented California-based biotechnology pioneer for life science tools presenting genomic characteristics in complex intellectual property agreements with a large Korean manufacturer and involving licenses from the University of California.

Advised Targos Molecular Pathology GmbH, a leader in clinical biomarker services from Kassel, Germany, in connection with its joint venture with AKESOgen Inc., Norcross, Georgia.

Represented the largest organization for applied research and development services in Europe with regard to its strategic investment in a U.S. spin-out developing and commercializing ball tracking technologies in sport stadiums.

Represented Austria-based technology leader in networked safety controls, safe software and hardware platforms supporting automated driving regarding its strategic investment in a Silicon Valley fog computing

company.

Represented one of the world's leading suppliers of robotics as well as plant manufacturing and system technology in connection with its strategic investment in a Silicon Valley technology company.

*Represented Tan Chong International in negotiations of a manufacturing joint venture with Nissan, including construction, ownership and management of manufacturing facilities and operations.

*Represented San Francisco-based innovative industry leader in wireless network development throughout the Western U.S. in a complex private equity transaction.

*Advised leading German manufacturer of household appliances on minimization of legal risks in connection with the launch of a new consumer product on the U.S. market.

*Acted as U.S. counsel to a leading multinational manufacturer of solar technology equipment with group companies and operations in the U.S. in the negotiation and closing of a €100 million syndicated revolving credit facility.

*Represented a Chinese acquirer in the divestiture of sensor chips development and manufacturing assets in several European countries and U.S. states.

*Represented a California-based oil company in the due diligence, bidding process, and negotiation of a \$44 million stock sale and purchase agreement, the first sale in the company's history.

*Represented a well-known international tobacco company – with products sold in 120 countries – in an acquisition, joint venture and marketing agreement totaling \$74.5 million with a San Francisco manufacturer of inhaling technology.

*Experience gained by attorney prior to joining Kilpatrick Townsend

Education

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Bonn, Germany Ph.D. (2001) Law, *magna cum laude*

University of Iowa College of Law LL.M. (1996)

Universität Trier, Trier, Germany J.D. (1994) Law and Politics

University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom Certificate in English Law (1991)

Admissions

California (2007)



Germany (1999)

Professional & Community Activities

German American Business Association of California (GABA), Board of Directors, Member

German School of the East Bay, Inc., Board of Directors, President

Licensing; Executives of America (LES), Member

German American Chamber of Commerce, Member

German Accelerator Tech, Silicon Valley, Mentor

Insights

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