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Professional Background

2014 -
Borris Hennecke Kneisel PartmbB | Cologne, Germany
Founding Partner

2006-2014
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP | Cologne, Germany
Principal Associate

1999-2003
Law Centre for European and International Cooperation (R.I.Z.) | Cologne, Germany
Research Assistant

Education

2005
Second State Exam (qualification to hold the office of a judge in the German state courts), North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

1999
First State Exam, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

1992-1999
Law studies, Universities of Muenster, Liverpool (UK) and Cologne

Areas of Specialization

Post M&A, joint ventures, corporate, energy, construction, turn-key projects, distribution and cross-border supply transactions

Experience

Arbitral Appointments (- 01/2025): 58

thereof as Chairman: 27

thereof as Sole Arbitrator: 4

thereof as Co-Arbitrator: 27

DIS, ICC, FAI, HKHH, ad hoc

Counsel

Arbitration: More than 35 international and domestic arbitration proceedings (ICC, DIS, SIAC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, ad hoc)

Litigation: Numerous general commercial and arbitration-related state court proceedings

Memberships and Credentials

German Institution of Arbitration (DIS)

International Bar Association (IBA)

German Lawyers' Association (Deutscher Anwaltverein, DAV)

Rudolf Hennecke has "a leading reputation in the market", with interviewees lauding his "careful, renowned and diligent approach" which makes him "a first-choice arbitrator".

(Who's Who Legal: Germany 2022 - Arbitration)

Rudolf Hennecke ("very precise, analytical, assertive, responsive", competitor) (JUVE German Commercial Law Firms 2022)

"Mr Hennecke hits exactly the golden mean between arbitral accuracy and the practical interests of the client".

"As an arbitrator, Mr Hennecke is always on top of things and has very good judiciary. With unagitated authority the born arbitrator." (The Legal 500 Germany 2022)

"very precise, analytical, assertive, responsive" (JUVE German Commercial Law Firms 2021/2022)

"very precise, analytical and responsive", "extremely competent and thorough" (JUVE German Commercial Law Firms 2020/2021)

Rudolf Hennecke is "a very impressive and smart lawyer" who stands out for his "dedicated" approach to domestic and international arbitration proceedings.

(Who's Who Legal: Germany 2020 – Arbitration)

"conducting proceedings in a confident and competent manner, objective, calm" (JUVE German Commercial Law Firms 2019/2020)

Rudolf Hennecke demonstrates significant expertise in arbitration and draws praise from peers who state that he is "extremely dedicated" and

“someone who is very smart, very diligent and makes parties very comfortable”. (Who’s Who Legal: Germany 2019 – Arbitration)

Rudolf Hennecke convinces with “a smooth, no-nonsense conduct of arbitral proceedings”. (The Legal 500 Germany 2018)

Arbitration Germany (Who’sWhoLegal 2018)

“competent conduct of arbitral proceedings, matter-of-fact, calm” (JUVE German Commercial Law Firms 2018)

“level-headed and committed” (JUVE German Commercial Law Firms 2017)

Future Leaders Arbitration (Who’sWhoLegal 2016)

Working Languages

German, English

Publications and Speaking Engagements (selection)

Article V New York Convention: General Remarks as well as commentary on Article V1(c) and Article V1(d) (with Christian Borris), in: Wolff (ed.), New York Convention, Commentary, (second edition), Baden-Baden, 2019

From New Zealand Mussels to New Zealand Trucks - The (Not So) “Ordinary Use” in Article 35 (2) (with Stefan Kröll), in: Growing the CISG, Schwenger, Spagnolo (Hrsg.), 2016

Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in Russia - The More Things Change...? (with Kristina Machulskaya), in: OGEL 5, 2015

Compliance with Domestic Law (with Katharina Diel-Gligor), in: International Investment Law, Bungenberg, Griebel, Hobe, Reinisch (ed.), Baden-Baden, 2015

Article V New York Convention: General Remarks as well as commentary on Article V1(c) and Article V1(d) (with Christian Borris), in: Wolff (ed.), New York Convention, Commentary, Baden-Baden, 2012

Das Kriterium der Einhaltung von Vorschriften nationalen Rechts in ICSID-Schiedsverfahren – Anmerkungen zum Schiedsspruch in der Sache Fraport v. Philippines (with Christian Borris), in: SchiedsVZ 2008, p. 49 et seq.

Fraport AG Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide v. Republic of the Philippines - Compliance With National Laws: A Jurisdictional Requirement Under BITs? (with Christian Borris), in: Case Comments & Awards TDM 5, 2007

Gefahrtragung beim Rücktransport mangelhafter Ware, IHR 2003, pp. 268-275

Kaufmännische Bestätigungsschreiben beim internationalen Warenkauf (with Stefan Kröll), in: RabelsZ, 2003, pp. 448-493

Kollidierende Allgemeine Geschäftsbedingungen in internationalen Kaufverträgen (with Stefan Kröll), in: RIW, 2001, pp. 736-743

“Pathways to a Successful Career and Business Development in International Arbitration” – Panelist, DIS40, Spring Conference, Zurich (2018)

„Arbitrating Energy Disputes” – Panelist, AIJA Munich Congress (2016)

“Gas Price Arbitrations” – Panelist, ICC YAF, Frankfurt (2015)

“Dealing with Diversity in International Arbitration”, DIS Autumn Conference, Berlin (2015)

“Your Career in International Arbitration: Everything you ever wanted to know (but were afraid to ask)” – Panelist, DIS40, Autumn Conference, Berlin (2015)

„Gegenseitige Erwartungen von Anwalt, Mandant und Schiedsinstitution im Schiedsverfahren” – Panelist, DIS40 Frankfurt (2015)