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Overview

Dr. Jörg Karenfort, LL.M. (LSE), is Global Head of the Competition and Antitrust practice group (Berlin/Brussels). He advises clients in European and German competition and regulatory matters. Jörg has comprehensive expertise in dealing with German and European merger control as well as in cartel and abuse of dominance proceedings before European and national competition authorities and courts. He also advises national and international companies and trade associations in connection with compliance issues and regulatory proceedings both at national and EU level. Jörg is an experienced litigator in complex competition cases and an expert for complex settlement matters. His comprehensive sector expertise covers automotive, banking, energy, TMT as well as life sciences. Jörg is a lecturer on EU and German Competition Law at the University of Potsdam and regularly publishes on EU and national competition and regulatory matters.

Experience

- **Leading international energy company:** Advising in complex antitrust proceedings before the European Commission.
- **Leading global automotive company:** Advising in strategic matters concerning follow-on damage claims in connection with cartel proceedings.
- **German Banking Association:** Representing in the „Online-Banking“ case before the Higher Regional Court in Düsseldorf.
- **German Banking Association:** Representing in complex follow-on damage claim proceedings.
- **Umbrella association of the German banking industry (Deutsche Kreditwirtschaft):** Advising in the framework of a complex proceeding of the Federal Cartel Office on standardized fee regulations of the electronic cash-system.
- **Leading international beverage company:** Advising in connection with follow-on claims with respect to a major cartel matter.
- **Association of German Savings Banks (DSGV ö.K.):** Advising on merger control and antitrust matters in

connection with the acquisition of DekaBank, a leading German fund provider.

- **International industrial company:** Advising on compliance due diligence, data searches and compliance training.
- **Leading hospital operator:** Advising in connection with competition law and regulatory questions regarding various complex hospital transactions.
- **Cable network operator:** Advising with regard to regulatory and competition law in connection with several M&A transactions as well as in anti-trust and regulatory proceedings.
- **Leading manufacturer of luxury cosmetics:** Advising in connection with an antitrust proceeding before the Higher Regional Court of Düsseldorf.

Recognition

Chambers Global 2018 and *Chambers Europe 2018* constantly rank Dr Jörg Karenfort among the leading competition lawyers, stating i.e. that he "is well regarded among market commentators; who praise him as 'an incredibly knowledgeable and well-connected lawyer'." *JUVE Handbook German Commercial Law Firms 2017/2018* recommends him in the area of antitrust and lists him among the leading individuals in the field of media antitrust. GCR 100 also frequently mentions him and classifies Dentons' Competition and Antitrust practice among the leading firms for competition law in 2018. Best Lawyers 2018 named Jörg "Lawyer of the Year" (Competition/Berlin); *WirtschaftsWoche* ranks Jörg as a top specialist in the Competition and Antitrust practice group.

Insights

Articles

- "Merger Control - Germany," *Chambers Global Practice Guides*, 2018
- "Unter Druck," *FINANCE*, 2014
- Co-author, "Public procurement in Germany: overview," *Practical Law Multi-Jurisdictional Guide 2014/15*
- Co-author, "Hoffnung auf Schadenersatz von den "Schienenfreunden"," *Der Neue Kämmerer*, 2013
- Co-author, "Permanent im Spannungsfeld," *Finance Magazine*, 2013
- "Competitor-Cooperation. Der schmale Grat zwischen Kooperation und Wettbewerb," *Deutscher AnwaltSpiegel*, 2011
- "Informationsaustausch zwischen Wettbewerbern," *Markenartikel*, 2011
- "Unternehmen sollten Konkurrenten lieber aus dem Weg gehen – Ein einziges Treffen von Wettbewerbern kann zur Annahme einer kartellrechtlich verbotenen abgestimmten Verhaltensweise führen, zum EuGH-Urteil vom 4. Juni 2009, Az.: C-8/08," *Financial Times Deutschland*, published 16 June 2009
- "Der Informationsaustausch zwischen Wettbewerbern – kompetitiv oder konspirativ?," *Wirtschaft und Wettbewerb*, 2008
- "The Impact of EU Competition Law on Russian Business," *The Moscow Times*, published 18 March 2008
- "Krankenkassenrabattverträge und Kartellvergaberecht," *Neue Zeitschrift für Baurecht und Vergaberecht*, 2008
- Co-author, "Genehmigungserfordernisse für die Nutzung von Meeresenergie," *Deutsches Verwaltungsblatt*, 2007
- Co-author, "Die Herstellungspflichten nach dem neuen ElektroG und ihre wettbewerbliche Relevanz,"

Books

- Co-author, "Praxishandbuch der Kreislauf- und Rohstoffwirtschaft," Springer Vieweg Verlag, 2018
- Co-author, "Handbuch Kartellrechtliche Schadensersatzklagen," R&W Fachmedien Recht und Wirtschaft Verlag 2017, 1st edition 2017
- Co-author, "Handbuch der Kreislauf- und Rohstoffwirtschaft, Kartellrechtliche Aspekte bei Unternehmenskooperationen und dualen Systemen unter dem KrWG / Tauschähnlicher Umsatz und Reverse Charge / Auswirkungen der Energiesteuer auf Ersatzbrennstoffe / Informations- und Kommunikationstechnologien in der Entsorgungslogistik," Carl Heymanns Verlag 2013, 1st edition 2012
- "Competition and Cartel Leniency," PLC Practical Law Company Cross-border Handbooks, 2012
- Co-author, "Entscheidungen zum Europäischen Kartellrecht," Fallbuch, 2010
- "Competition Law in Germany," PLC Practical Law Company Cross-border Handbook, 2009 and 2010
- Co-author, "Das neue Elektrogesezt: Handbuch," Nomos Verlag, 2005
- "Recht und Lobbying," Handlexikon Public Affairs, LIT Verlag, 2005

Interviews

- "Sigmar Gabriel kommt ein Verfahrensfehler in die Quere," WirtschaftsWoche, veröffentlicht 12. Juli 2016
- "Kungeleien bei Konditionen und Kampagnen? Das Kartellamt untersucht das Verhalten der PSD Banken und ihres Verbands," *Handelsblatt*, published 26 November 2015
- "Zweifel an Beschäftigungsgarantie von Edeka und Tengelmann," *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, published 2 September 2015
- "Am Kartellamt dürfte es dieses Mal kaum scheitern," *Börsen-Zeitung*, published 8 July 2015
- "Enorme Dynamik spielt eine Rolle," *Handelsblatt*, published 8 July 2015
- "Wenn das Kartellamt zweimal klingelt," *FINANCE*, published 1 May 2015
- "Hohe Hürden für Edeka und Tengelmann," *Handelsblatt*, published 30 April 2015
- "Minister soll es richten: Supermarktfusion liegt auf Gabriels Tisch," *Deutsche Presse-Agentur*, published 29 April 2015

Activities and Affiliations

Presentations

- Regular speaker at leading conferences on competition matters

Memberships

- Member, Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht
- Member, Constitution and Public Law section of DAJV
- Member, Steering Committee for Telecoms, Internet and Media, AmCham in Germany

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons (formerly Salans), 2007 to date
- WilmerHale, 1999-2007

Areas of focus

Practices

- Competition and Antitrust
- Competition and Antitrust Counseling and Compliance
- Competition and Antitrust Litigation
- EU Competition Law
- Merger Control and Review
- Public Law
- Public Policy and Regulation
- State Aid
- Trade, WTO and Customs
- Competition and Antitrust in Germany
- Public Law in Germany

Industry sectors

- Automotive
- Communications
- Energy
- Gaming
- Infrastructure and PPP
- Media, Entertainment and Sports
- Automotive in Germany
- Energy in Germany

Education

- Philipps-Universität Marburg, 1998, Dr. iur.
- Legal clerkship, 1997-1999, Berlin
- Paris Institute of Political Studies, 1997, Sciences Po
- London School of Economics and Political Science, 1996, LL.M.

- Philipps-Universität Marburg, 1989-1994, Legal studies

Admissions and qualifications

- Admitted to the bar, Germany, 1999

Languages

- English
- French
- German