

Dr. Thomas Nebel

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Overview

Dr. Thomas Nebel is a partner in Dentons' Düsseldorf office and co-head of the German Dispute Resolution practice group.

Thomas specializes in domestic and cross-border commercial and civil law disputes. He represents clients in out-of-court settlements, in litigation before state courts and in arbitration. Thomas has a particular focus on construction disputes, corporate disputes including post-M&A disputes, and contentious insolvency. Thomas also advises on planning and implementing major projects and on drafting commercial contracts.

Thomas has deep legal and technical expertise in the sectors of energy (conventional and renewable energy as well as transmission systems), infrastructure (railways, roads, aviation), construction, automotive and industrials. Prior to his admission to the German bar, Thomas worked several years at an insolvency administration firm.

Experience

- **Multinational general contractor:** representing in an ICC arbitration in Germany concerning damage claims under an EPC contract for a coal-fired power plant.
- **Healthcare provider:** representing in several domestic and cross-border litigations in a post-M&A dispute.
- **International construction group:** representing in independent proceedings for the taking of evidence over defects at a COGAS power plant.
- **Truck manufacturer:** defending against cartel follow-on damage claims.
- **Airline:** advising on a long-term catering contract.
- **International construction group:** advising on an EPC contract for an offshore converter system in the North Sea.
- **Bank:** advising on project financing for a HVDC interconnector cable system.
- **Real estate group:** representing in litigation over damage claims against former board members for breach

of fiduciary duties.

- **Electric utilities group:** representing in a €700 million litigation over damage claims following a post-M&A arbitration begun by a Russian investor.
- **International wind turbine manufacturer:** representing in damage claims against former managers over breaches of fiduciary duties in and out of court.
- **Transmission systems operator:** advising on a HVDC cable system in the North Sea.
- **Multinational chemical company:** advising in several disputes in connection with dismantling of a production plant.
- **Multinational commodity trade company:** representing in a litigation against an insolvency administrator over effectiveness of a collateral agreement.

Recognition

- Thomas is recognized by *Handelsblatt/Best Lawyers* as one of Germany's leading practitioners for international arbitration.

Insights

Articles

- Co-author, "Litigation & Dispute Resolution 2019 – Germany" in "Litigation & Dispute Resolution Laws and Regulations 2019", *Global Legal Insights*, 2019
- Co-author, "Germany: Construction & Engineering Law 2019", *ICGL*, 2019
- Since 2015: co-author of bimonthly series "Aktuelle gesellschaftsrechtliche Fragen in Krise und Insolvenz" in: *Neue Zeitschrift für das Recht der Insolvenz und Sanierung (NZI)*

Books

- "Schrottimmobilien" in der Verbraucherinsolvenz, dissertation, 2009, Bonn

Activities and Affiliations

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons, Dusseldorf, 2020 to date
- Senior Associate, Herbert Smith Freehills, Dusseldorf, 2016 to 2019
- Senior Associate, Hengeler Mueller, Dusseldorf, London, Frankfurt, 2014 to 2016
- Associate, Hengeler Mueller, Dusseldorf, 2011 to 2014

Areas of focus

Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution in Germany
- Arbitration
- Project Development
- Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy
- Restructuring in Germany
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction and Engineering Disputes
- Dispute Risk Management
- International Commercial Arbitration

Industry sectors

- Automotive
- Automotive in Germany
- Energy
- Energy in Germany
- Infrastructure and PPP
- Transportation
- Aviation and Aerospace
- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Construction in Germany

Education

- Legal clerkship, 2009-2011, Cologne
- University of Bonn, 2009, Dr. iur.
- University of Bonn, 2007, Legal studies

Admissions and qualifications

- Admitted to the bar, Germany, 2011

Languages

- English
- German