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Overview

Thomas Schubert, LL.M. (Boston) is a Corporate / M&A partner in Dentons' Berlin office. He is head of the European Venture Technology Group and co-head of the European Energy Regulatory Group. Thomas focusses on advising national and international companies and investors on M&A transactions, corporate reorganizations and insolvencies. Furthermore, he advises clients on private equity transactions, venture capital investments and joint ventures. Thomas' main area of expertise lies within the technology sector. He has a particular focus on the energy and renewable energy industry. Further engagements of Thomas include advising clients from the IT industry as well as the biotech and automotive branch. He also represents corporates as well as aspiring growth companies on the implementation of innovative digital business models, including blockchain technology, and innovative technologies such as hydrogen. Prior to joining Dentons, Thomas was a partner at another leading technology focused law firm.

Experience

- **Enbridge Inc.:** Advising as the exclusive legal advisor on the monetization of a 49 percent interest in a portfolio of select renewable power assets in North America and Europe through a newly created joint venture with the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB). Under the terms of the agreements for this \$2.25 billion investment, CPPIB will fund its 49 percent pro-rata share of the remaining construction capital required to complete the wind projects that are scheduled to come into service at the start of 2020.
- **Canadian VCs:** Advising Canadian VC investors on Series-B equity financing of insure tech company Clark.
- **Numerous growth companies:** Advising numerous growth companies on equity financing rounds, shareholder matters and legal matters in relation to their global expansion.
- **Enbridge Inc.:** Advising leading Canadian energy infrastructure company on the acquisition of a 49.89% stake in the 500MW offshore-windfarm "EnBW Hohe See", one of the largest wind farms in Europe, and the 112 MW offshore-windfarm "EnBW Albatros". The advice also covered all matters relating to the construction and operation of these wind farms.
- **IPO:** Advising the VC investors Ru-Net and Target Global as shareholders in connection with the IPO of Delivery Hero.

- **Innovative energy storage company:** Advising on a joint venture for gravity storage.
- **Data Analytics Company:** Advising on a joint venture with a leading German utility for the joint development of a CO2 portal and data analytics software.
- **Private Equity Investor KKR:** Advising on the acquisition from TUI group of the Travelopia travel businesses.
- **Leading battery manufacturer:** Advising on a joint venture for battery cell production in China.
- **Biotech company:** Advising on the sale of the shares of an innovative biotech company having developed a cure for various orphan diseases. The transaction also involves an indirect listing of the buyer on the London Stock Exchange by way of a reverse takeover.
- **Foodexpress:** Organization of investor process and advice on the sale of the business out of insolvency to Takeaway / Lieferando.
- **Group of investors:** Structuring of and advising on distressed take-over of innovative semi-conductor technology.
- **Insolvency administrator:** Advising on sale of international pharma tech business out of insolvency.
- **London based family office:** Advising on various early stage investments in Berlin based startups.
- **Peaksid Capital:** Advising on the structure and incorporation of an international joint-venture under Czech and Luxembourg law.
- **Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company:** Advising on €330m pre-IPO investment in Rocket Internet.
- **Solibro group:** Corporate reorganization and ongoing advice on corporate and commercial matters.
- **XConnect:** Advising on various corporate acquisitions in Germany.
- **Leading German utility:** Designing of the structure for a management incentive scheme for a corporate venture fund.
- **Technology investor:** Advising on various early-stage VC investments.
- **Tesco/dunnhumby:** Advising on the acquisition of Berlin based ad-tech company sociomantic labs GmbH.
- **Chinese mobile network operator:** Advising on the acquisition of the operator of a German mobile network.
- **Hanergy Holding Group:** Advising on the acquisition of the innovative thin-film solar business from Q-Cells out of insolvency.
- **Project developer:** Advising on the investment structure for investments in the development of classic car centers.

Recognition

- *JUVE* highlights his experience in the technology and energy sector.
- *Best Lawyers 2020* recommends Thomas Schubert for Corporate Law.

Insights

Articles

- “Earth, Wind and Fire: Power Infrastructure in Alberta’s New Age,” *Canadian Energy Law Foundation Annual*

Conference, June 2017

- “Could Solar help avert Greek Tragedy?,” *Renewable Energy Focus*, September/October 2011

Books

- “Projekttablauf und Vertragsverhandlungen,” in: Boewe/Meckert, Leitfaden Windenergie, Stuttgart 2013
- “Taktische und Praktische Empfehlungen für Vertragsverhandlungen (einschließlich Letter of Intent),” in: M. Braun, Logistikverträge, Munich 2009

Interviews

- “Die Energiewende wird rückblickend der Internetrevolution in ihrer Bedeutung in nichts nachstehen,” *Going Public*, published July 2013
- “Vier Fragen an... Thomas Schubert,” *Milk the Sun*, published 2014

Activities and Affiliations

Presentations

- Panellist at 17th Future Congress on “Tomorrowing your brand” concerning the impact of platform economy on the future of trademarks, Wolfsburg, 2018
- Panellist at 10th European Economic Congress on “Renewable Energy Sources – regulations and the market”, Katowice, 2018
- Chairman and moderator, 2nd Project Finance and M&A Forum for Renewable Energy, Berlin, 2017
- “German Renewable Energy Market,” Dentons Renewable Energy Workshop, London, 2017/2016
- “Corporate Startup Collaboration,” D-Raft Corporate Roundtable, Warsaw, 2016
- “Introduction to international trade and corporate law / M&A / joint ventures,” Steinbeis University, 2012
- “Investment opportunities in the German solar industry,” Telephone Briefing, 2012
- Internal lectures on various topics

Memberships

- Member, Bundesverband WindEnergie e.V.
- Member, Berlin-Brandenburg Energy Network e.V.
- Member, GDANSA e.V.
- Founding member, goerlitz21 e.V.
- Member, Boston University alumni network

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons, Berlin, 2015 to date
- Partner, Olswang, Berlin, 2013-2015
- Mayer Brown, Berlin/Düsseldorf/Houston (Texas), 2006-2013

- White & Case, Dresden, 2005-2006

Areas of focus

Practices

- Corporate
- Corporate in Germany
- Venture Technology and Emerging Growth Companies
- Venture Technology and Emerging Growth Companies in Europe

Industry sectors

- Automotive
- Energy
- Energy in Germany
- Renewable Energy
- Technology
- Economic Development
- Automotive in Germany
- Autonomous Vehicles

Issues and opportunities

- Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology
- Global Smart Cities & Connected Communities Initiative and Think Tank

Education

- Boston University School of Law, 2012, LL.M.
- Legal clerkship, 2003-2005, Berlin, Brussels and Dresden
- University of Cantabria, 1999-2000, Legal studies
- Technical University Dresden, 1997-2002, Legal studies

Admissions and qualifications

- Admitted to the bar, Germany, 2005

Languages

- English

- German
- Spanish