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Constantin advises and represents companies, executives and board members in all areas of white-collar criminal law, administrative offenses and corporate compliance.

His clients include entities, companies and their managers faced with government investigations or enforcement actions as well as businesses that have suffered damage caused by criminal conduct. He has extensive experience representing clients before prosecutors, regulators and courts.

The prevention of liability risks connected with business decisions in crisis situations is a key aspect of his practice.

He conducts and supports internal investigations and advises on the implementation and improvement of compliance programs.

In addition to investigating and defending cases concerning fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, tax evasion and corruption, in recent years he has been engaged in matters pertaining to product compliance and liability, international financial sanctions (OFAC), money laundering prevention as well as disputes related to management liability in connection with allegations of criminal conduct.

Career

Admitted to bar 2013

Munich School of Political Science (diploma in political science)

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (Dipl.-Jur., Dr. jur.)

University of Sydney (LL.M.)

International law firm in Berlin und New York 2006-2018

Rankings and Awards

JUVE (2026/2027): Recommended for White-Collar Crime: Advising Companies (*“one of the best among the large law firms, smart, fast, reliable,” “technically precise, extremely collegial and very dedicated,” “brilliant”*)

JUVE (2026/2027): Recommended for Compliance Investigations (*“very thorough, far-sighted, team player”*)

Chambers Germany (2026): Recommended for white-collar crime – corporate advisory (“C*onstantin Lauterwein is very quick in understanding not just the legal part of the topic but what it means in commercial terms and in relation to our business model.” “He is very diligent, fast, proactive and drives things forward. He is solution-oriented, pragmatic and able to adjust to company culture”)*

Chambers Germany (2026): Recommended for Compliance (*“He finds unbelievably practical solutions for us.“ “ He has a particularly practical and direct understanding of our tasks and*

challenges. Our collaboration is always constructive and very pleasant.“)

Legal500 (2026): "Leading partner" in white collar crime – corporate advisory

Leaders League (2026): Highly recommended for white collar crime

WirtschaftsWoche (2025): top lawyer for compliance

JUVE (2018): "40 under 40" corporate lawyers in Germany

Publications

Lutter, Transformation Act (Umwandlungsgesetz), sections 346-350, 2023

beck-online.GROSSKOMMENTAR, comprehensive commentary on the Act on Limited Liability Companies (GmbHG), sections 82 et seqq. (criminal and administrative offenses), 2023

Beck M&A Handbook (Beck’sches M&A-Handbuch), Compliance Due Diligence (together with Vera Jungkind), 2nd edition 2022

The injured party’s right to access the files - theory, practice and reform (Akteneinsicht für den Verletzten - Theorie, Praxis und Reform), in: Abraham/Bublitz/Geneuss/Krell/W (eds.), Injured parties in criminal law (Verletzte im Strafrecht), 2020

Co-author: Esser/Rübenstahl/Saliger/ Tsambikakis, White Collar Criminal Law including Tax Offences and Procedural Law. A Commentary, 2017 (financial statement fraud and related offences)

The rights of aggrieved persons, private persons and other bodies to access or obtain information from the records: sections 406e and 475 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Akteneinsicht und Auskünfte für den Verletzten, Privatpersonen und sonstige Stellen – §§ 406e and 475 StPO), 2011

The Limits of Criminal Law: A Comparative Analysis of Approaches to Legal Theorizing, 2010

Symbolic Legislation. An Analysis Taking Criminal Law as an Example (Symbolische Gesetzgebung, Eine Untersuchung am Beispiel Strafrecht), 2006

Recent Work

GOLDBECK: Representation and internal investigation regarding embezzlement to the detriment of the company

adidas: Corporate defense in an investigation by the European Public Prosecutor's Office and internal investigation

SAP SE: Assessment and advice regarding potential cases of corruption in foreign countries

Industrial company: Investigation and advice regarding allegations of corruption abroad

Hengeler Mueller assists Vonovia SE with internal investigation

Healthcare company: Global investigations into product compliance

GRENKE AG: internal and external investigations in connection with negative statements by a short seller

Deutsche Börse AG: internal investigation

Medical device company: corporate defence in a proceeding concerning fraud

Technology company: investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice into suspected corruption in several countries

Bank: corporate defence in a proceeding concerning insider trading