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Gerd advises enterprises and entrepreneurs in corporate and capital market matters, including advice in takeovers, critical shareholders' meetings, public and private M&A transactions and restructurings. He advises stock listed corporations as well as family owned businesses such as companies of the so called German "Mittelstand". Sassenrath advises a wide range of clients which are active in various sectors such as energy, raw materials, production, trade and distribution, and services.

In recent years, he has represented a major stock listed company in its transformation from a production company into a mere holding company. This transformation included major public capital increases on various levels of the group, refinancings, as well as the coordination of the defence in major commercial and penal law litigation.

Recently, he successfully advised a major stock listed company in its defence against a cash offer by a strategic bidder. He also advised a stock listed target in its defence against a mandatory bid in the form of an exchange offer. In addition, he advised a stock listed company against the attempt of a strategic shareholder to obtain control below the level of a mandatory offer.

In M&A, he advised family owned businesses in their disinvestments to private equity investors as well as strategic investors. He has also advised strategic buyers in their continuous rounding off of specific markets, shareholders, creditors as well as potential acquirers in restructurings.

Career

Admitted to bar 1990

University of Bonn (Dr. jur.)

Université de Lausanne

Law firm in Los Angeles, 1991

Recent Work

Hengeler Mueller advises Sonepar on acquisition of the German electrical wholesale trade business of Solar group

Hengeler Mueller advises BackWerk founders on sale of majority stake in BackWerk to EQT

Hengeler Mueller advises DIA on acquisition of Schlecker stores in Spain and Portugal

Publications

Co-author: Westermann, Handbuch der Personengesellschaften