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Vera advises German and international companies on all aspects of public and regulatory law, especially in areas relating to environmental law and product compliance, foreign trade law/trade sanctions, data protection, social security law, public duties and levies, AML compliance, administrative procedural law and litigation, compliance and internal investigations.

Her most recent environmental and product compliance matters include advising an international chemicals company on the remediation of several, large-scale instances of PFAS pollution in soil and groundwater, encompassing aspects of German waste management and landfill law, (since 2017) and on the legal framework applicable to the use and disposal of certain chemical substances (since 2020), advising an industrial company on the legal requirements for demolishing, remediating and decommissioning production facilities (since 2023), advising a hazardous goods warehouse on requirements under hazardous incident law and obtaining immission control approval (since 2021), advising an industrial company on concluding a long-term remediation of an instance of large-scale groundwater pollution (2021), and advising an international machine manufacturer on the regulation of products that come into contact with drinking water (since 2021).

In matters relating to foreign trade law, Vera is currently (since February 2022) advising several entities from different sectors on the Russia sanctions, in particular on the goods- and service-related sanctions and financial sanctions, as well as on reviewing compliance processes and establishing compliance organizations and reviewing business policies, on investigations of past deliveries and on administrative and investigative proceedings. In addition, Vera has advised an asset manager (since 2021) and an energy services provider (2021) on sanctions screenings, a middle-market machine manufacturer on exports to Iran as well as on the EU Blocking Regulation and its application on US secondary sanctions imposed on Iran (2020), a financial services provider on the account closure of an Iranian customer as well as on the EU Blocking Regulation (2019) and several other entities on notification requirements under foreign trade law and the voluntary disclosure for violating such requirements. Vera also has many years of experience in investment

Career

Admitted to bar 2006

University of Saarbrücken (Dr. iur.)
and Cologne

Université de Paris V (René
Descartes)

Law firm in London, 2010-2011

Publications

Interne Compliance-Maßnahmen
bei Sanktionen – Achtes
Sanktionspaket der EU gegen
Russland, ZCG Zeitschrift für
Corporate Governance 6/2022
(gemeinsam mit Dr. Anouk Ludwig)

The risk-based approach in the
GDPR, ZD 12/2022,
Jungkind/Koch

Die neue EU-Trinkwasserrichtlinie,
UPR 2022, 121 ff., Jungkind/Plötz

Beck'sches M&A-Handbuch,
Datenschutz in

Unternehmenstransaktionen
(together with Dirk Uwer),
Compliance Due Diligence
(together with Constantin
Lauterwein), 2nd ed. 2022

Unternehmensverantwortung in der
Lieferkette, Der Konzern 11/2021
(gemeinsam mit Carolin Raspé und
Simone Terbrack)

BeckOK Datenschutzrecht, 38th ed.
(1.11.2021), Art. 40, 41 and 48
GDPR

Liebers/Hoefs, Formularbuch
Arbeitsrecht, Datenschutz,
7th ed. 2023

Künstliche Intelligenz, Recht und
Praxis automatisierter und

review procedures in various industries, including critical infrastructure and high-tech.

Examples of further public-law matters she has handled include advising an energy services provider on the compatibility of the amendments to the German Heating Cost Ordinance and German Metering Point Operation Act with European and constitutional law and advising a bank on know-your-customer requirements under the German Anti-Money Laundering Act.

As regards data protection law, Vera has considerable expertise in advising international clients on data protection in M&A transactions, merger control procedures and internal investigations, as well as on data protection breaches and regulatory data protection proceedings. Recently, for instance, she has advised a debt collection service provider and other financial industry players on telephone and video recordings as well as on the legal bases for data processing, including administrative proceedings (2023), a media group and an insurance group on information access requests from data subjects (2023), a food delivery service in relation to an official request for information regarding data erasure and international data transfers (2022) and a grocery retailer on the analysis of customer data for a purpose other than that for which the data was collected (2021). In corporate transactions, Vera has provided assistance to a bank on the sale and restructuring of a credit card debt portfolio, including data migration and outsourcing of the processing of services (since 2022).

Her work on matters in the area of compliance and internal investigations has included, in particular, an internal investigation into personnel administration and payroll issues at a company in the real estate sector (since 2023); she has worked on behalf of a globally operating industrial company, investigating the suspected supply of products to the Russian arms industry before the 2022 Russia sanctions entered into force (since 2022), and has advised an insurance group on internal investigations into the social security status of outside personnel ('false self-employment'), including proceedings conducted by state authorities (since 2019). In many of the internal investigations performed by Hengeler Mueller, Vera advises on intersecting aspects of data protection law, such as the permissibility of data screenings (including the use of artificial intelligence), information and disclosure duties, the handling of private data and the transferring of data to authorities and parties to disputes.

autonomer Systeme, (§ 4 Medizin/Gesundheit – G. Datenschutz), 2021 (together with Susanne Koch)

Die jüngste Novelle des Investitionsprüfrechts – Europäisierte Verschärfung, M&A Review 2020, pp. 412 et seq. (together with Carsten Bormann)

Die Novelle des Außenwirtschaftsrechts – Europäisierte Verschärfung des Investitionskontrollverfahrens, Der Konzern 2020, pp. 369 et seqq. (together with Carsten Bormann)

Risikoanalyse und zusätzliche Maßnahmen – Konzerninterner US-Datentransfer nach „Schrems II“, NZG 2020, pp. 1056 et seqq. (together with Carolin Raspé and Michael Schramm)

Verschärfung des Außenwirtschaftsrechts vor dem Hintergrund der COVID-19 Pandemie, NZG 2020, pp. 619 et seqq. (together with Carsten Bormann)

Interne Compliance-Programme als Instrument der Exportkontrolle, AW-Prax 03/2020, p. 103 (together with Carsten Bormann)

Beschränktes Boykottverbot nach § 7 Satz 2 AWV neu – Freie Fahrt für die Geltung ausländischen Sanktionsrechts für deutsche Unternehmen?, AW-Prax 09/2019, p. 354 (together with Tobias Winkler)

Datenschutz in der Unternehmenstransaktion, Der Konzern 2019, pp. 429 et seqq. (together with Thomas Ruthemeyer)

Gemeinsame Verantwortlichkeit nach Art. 26 DSGVO zwischen Konzerngesellschaften als Bestandteil der DSGVO-Compliance, Der Konzern 2019, pp. 289 et seqq. (together with Thomas Ruthemeyer and Anna Eickmeier)

The Foreign Investment Regulation Review, Germany, 6th ed. 2018 (together with Jan D. Bonhage)

Boykott-Verbot versus Sanktionslisten-Screening, AW-Prax 12/2016, pp. 417-420 (together with Philipp Cramer)