



Energy needs expertise

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About us

Advisory house

Law firm

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Our law firm in numbers

450

participants from associations, NGOs and the political sphere at the German Energy Law Day 2023

Partners have more than

130

years of combined experience in various positions in the energy industry

80

percent of our clients have been with us for more than 15 years

Organiser of the German Energy Law Day for over

20

years

Representation in more than

100

landmark regulatory model proceedings for the industry before the Higher Regional Court of Düsseldorf and the Federal Court of Justice

Just

9

months after its foundation, the firm was named one of the leading law firms in the area of 'regulated industries' (JUVE), and has since regularly been featured in rankings

18

lawyers specialising in energy law

Energy law

One can
never
know
enough

Energy law is a complex area of expertise – primarily because it encompasses many areas of law, is constantly evolving and is increasingly driven by current geopolitical changes and major long-term challenges such as the energy transition. In addition, energy law issues can rarely be considered in isolation and almost always require that economic, technical and social aspects be taken into account. We take an interdisciplinary approach when representing our clients. Because it is only when you see the big picture and understand the interactions between the energy industry, the political sphere and society that you can develop well-founded legal recommendations for action. Our lawyers have a range of different backgrounds, which helps them in their work as advisors. They not only have excellent professional expertise, but have also gained experience at legal institutions or corporations. They look at any situation from a number of different perspectives. This expertise is valuable when assessing a mandate, developing strategies and contracts, in corporate transactions and, ultimately, in guiding legal disputes.

“ I specialised because there is no alternative in energy law.”

Christina Will, Lawyer, Managing Partner





The essence of who we are

The right size for good advice

“ A good adviser stands out both in terms of professional expertise and personal integrity.”

Dr Peter Rosin, Lawyer,
Managing Partner

Trust is essential when it comes to matters of legal or strategic advice. We have been advising many of our clients for many years. Only in this way can a relationship of mutual trust and a deep understanding of the other party's situation develop. We want to take time for our clients and make space for personal discussions. We provide advice based on our outstanding expertise and passion for the matter at hand, but we also know how important friendly interactions on a day-to-day basis can be for the success of a mandate. We believe that this works best when we have lean structures and a transparent working environment characterised by mutual respect. We will continue to adhere to this approach, even as our firm grows. We are convinced that personalised advice makes a big difference.

Sustainability

Responsibility is also always an obligation

The awareness that our legal advice and recommendations can sometimes have a political and social impact gives rise to a special responsibility. We try to meet this challenge on several levels - by setting the highest standards when selecting our employees when it comes to legal expertise and integrity, by providing extensive training and continuing professional development for all business professionals, by ensuring respect, team spirit and equal opportunities in our day-to-day work, and by promoting diversity, also at top management level (more than 50 per cent of our Managing Partners are women). We are engaged in our region as well. For example, Dr Peter Rosin is an active member of the Hydrogen Advisory Board of the City of Essen. We also support the women's team of Bundesliga football club SGS Essen, further evidence that we promote talent, equity and equal opportunities.



**“ Only those who take on responsibility
can really effect change.”**

Jana Michaelis, Lawyer, Managing Partner

Our expertise

Knowledge

Dialogue

Profound solutions



The energy transition is one of the greatest challenges of our time. Four experts from Rosin Bündenbender discuss what this upheaval means for society and the economy, to what extent the energy transition is changing energy law, and what the primary task of a good law firm should be in times like these.

Debate

“The energy transition will change many things – probably including us, too!”



DR PETER ROSIN—You get the feeling that almost everyone is thinking about energy these days. Whether I’m talking to politicians, business people or students, or just chatting with my neighbour, within two minutes we get into energy. Do you think this is alarming or actually a good thing?

DR KRISTIN SPIEKERMANN—It simply shows that it is the one topic that concerns everyone across society. Everyone wants or needs to take a stand. And that’s a good thing at the moment.

DR THOMAS BRUNN—It certainly also has to do with the fact that the energy transition is only making slow progress. And that’s what people are writing and talking about: That the political plans are not fully developed. That the approval procedures take a long time. That the grid expansion is faltering and so on.

JANA MICHAELIS—It’s not just the fault of politics. The energy transition has an ambitious timeline, but at the same time the subject matter is complex, many things have to be regulated or legally redefined, and that takes time.

DR PETER ROSIN—Do you feel like we are still on schedule?

JANA MICHAELIS—If you look at the overarching goal – climate neutrality by 2045 – then it sounds far away and you think: we’ll definitely make it by then. But the experiences of the last few years show that some things, approval procedures for example, take much longer than expected.

DR KRISTIN SPIEKERMANN—The energy transition will change a lot of things, probably including us. Everyone has to

adapt, and that alone will take time. There are questions today that didn't come up in the past. Take the area of "regulation". Just think of the number of test cases we have conducted!

JANA MICHAELIS—It also makes it obvious that there can be no clear roadmap in the sense of: We'll do this first and then that. For example, supply security must always be a given, regardless of what the focus is at any specific time.

DR THOMAS BRUNN—Nevertheless, we need a hierarchy for implementation. First of all, government must provide guidelines, otherwise there'll be a vacuum. And these guidelines must be clear and provide a reliable legal framework, otherwise companies hold back on investments.



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There are questions on the table today that didn't come up in the past.”

Dr Kristin Spiekermann

DR PETER ROSIN—Yes, companies are holding back, and what's more, many people still massively underestimate the amount of financing required. We need a reset, a common understanding of the magnitude involved.

JANA MICHAELIS—Another reason why so much financing is needed is that it's not

just about strategic issues, but that there are also technical challenges. Take hydrogen, offshore or geothermal energy, for example – there are opportunities for companies in these areas, but they will have to break new ground to take advantage of them .

DR THOMAS BRUNN—Yes, many don't realise that virtually every company will have to reinvent itself for the energy transition or at least reexamine its business model.

JANA MICHAELIS—Established companies are also increasingly facing new players from the sustainability and tech sectors. As a company, you first have to be able to position yourself in relation to them. These new players have already changed the structure of the market.

DR THOMAS BRUNN—I actually don't think companies are opposed to new players. Quite the opposite. They understand the opportunities the energy transition offers and are actively looking for partners to work with and transaction opportunities. But again, the big step forward will only come when the foundation, i.e. the guard rails, which must come from government, is sound.

JANA MICHAELIS—There's another aspect I'm thinking of, and it's not just

government that is responsible. I think the energy transition often has a communications problem.

DR PETER ROSIN—Do you mean it has an image problem? That the market and people don't believe in it?

JANA MICHAELIS—I actually mean within the industry. We have so many tasks, so many players, so many different

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Many people still massively underestimate the amount of financing required.”

Dr Peter Rosin



interests. If you look at the industry you see at best companies working in parallel on many projects. And I think that is far too little in view of the goals that have been set.

DR PETER ROSIN—Yes, that is absolutely crucial! It may sound obvious to say that

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Competent authorities must provide guidelines, otherwise there will be a vacuum.”

Dr Thomas Brunn



the energy transition is a joint effort, but in practice it's what makes the biggest difference.

DR THOMAS BRUNN—The more cooperation, the more investment.

DR PETER ROSIN—Yes, that brings us back to financing. The companies and their partners need to coordinate their investments and align them with a common goal, and then everyone will be successful.

DR KRISTIN SPIEKERMANN—And I believe that it is more important than ever for us to support this process.

DR THOMAS BRUNN—Really? In practice, we are not lobbyists for the energy transition, but rather representatives of interests within the scope of our mandates.

DR PETER ROSIN—Interesting! For which mandates are those mutually exclusive? Or, to put it another way: Shouldn't we as lawyers always take a positive basic approach towards the government-mandated energy transition, to which there is no alternative?

DR KRISTIN SPIEKERMANN—We do that! We have been organising the German Energy Law Day for many years. We

bring industry professionals together, address the issues and host the discussion.

JANA MICHAELIS—We don't just communicate once a year. We work every day at the interfaces with government, with companies and indirectly with end users. Perhaps our task is also changing in the sense that, within the scope of our mandates, we are more likely to take a broader view of a successful energy transition.

DR THOMAS BRUNN—I don't know. I would still like to start by providing my clients with very good legal advice, which tends to be detailed work.

JANA MICHAELIS—I'll rephrase that: I believe that the more we reason in terms

of the big picture, the better our work will be in the details.

DR PETER ROSIN—We'll take that as a final word. *(laughs)*

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Jana Michaelis



Highly specialised, yet comprehensive

We advise on the entire value chain of the energy industry: generation, transport, trading, sales and consumption. Our services cover the full spectrum in all areas – from strategic and legal advice on all aspects of energy law, to the drafting of contracts and assistance with transactions, to legal representation in court proceedings. It is important to note that we do not see legal advice as an isolated task, but always consider the legal issues against the backdrop of strategic considerations and the political context. Our aim is to help our clients succeed.

Our areas of expertise

Electricity and heat – planning, construction, connection, generation, operation and marketing

Heat transition – energy efficiency, building energy law, heat planning

Local and district heating

Energy Crisis Law – Energy Security Act

Renewable energies and combined heat and power – direct marketing, funding

Transactions

Hydrogen – planning, construction, connection, generation

Competition law, antitrust law, state aid law

Power plant regulation – coal phase-out, grid reserve, power plant strategy

Grants and subsidies law

Energy procurement/energy trading – exchange trading, OTC, REMIT

Public law

Network regulation for electricity, gas, hydrogen and the transformation of gas networks

European law

Concession law for electricity and gas grids

Electric mobility

Heat networks – easement agreements

Property law

Energy distribution law for electricity, gas and district heating; general terms and conditions for households, trade and industry

Focus 1

Regulation



Dr. Kristin Spiekermann
Lawyer, Managing Partner

“ We understand the challenges faced by network operators. We would like to help create a legally secure environment for them, and contribute to the success of the energy transition by providing legal advice and supporting regulatory model proceedings.”

The energy industry is currently experiencing fundamental upheavals that require restructuring at all levels of the value chain. The stated goal is to push ahead with the energy transition to achieve the climate targets. Implementing a power plant strategy and a future-proof electricity market design, as well as the future structuring of a grid regulation system that encourages investment, are just some of the challenges that our clients are facing. To achieve this, it is essential to revise and redesign the regulatory framework. “The energy transition is taking place in the grid” – this quote has been an integral part of the political discussion about the appropriate regulatory framework for energy supply networks for several years now. The massive expansion of renewable energies, the associated fluctuation in feed-ins, the increase in decentralised generation structures and, last but not least, the foreseeable need to convert the natural gas supply networks to make them hydrogen-ready require a capital-intensive expansion and conversion of the energy supply networks. In the face of constantly increasing complexity, the legal framework for this must create both legal and investment security as well as offering the flexibility to make any adjustments that may be needed at short

notice. These aspects are crucial for market participants and will be decisive to the success of the energy transition. With our extensive experience and in-depth industry knowledge, we support our clients in precisely these challenges. We have long-standing and trusting partnerships with many of them.

80 euros

Total flat-rate reduction
in grid fees per grid
operator
(Federal Network Agency, 2024)

12.2

minutes: average
electricity supply
interruption per grid
consumer in 2022
(Federal Network Agency)

5 years

Duration of each
regulatory period
(Incentive Regulation Ordinance)

Our areas of expertise: Providing advice on regulatory issues is the main focus of our work. This includes all aspects of grid fee and grid access regulation under the existing and future legal framework. We have conducted all model proceedings before the Higher Regional Court of Düsseldorf and the Federal Court of Justice, which have been groundbreaking for the development of the grid fee regulation system. Our expertise goes beyond providing advice and support around network fee regulation matters. We also provide comprehensive advice in the areas of access regulation and unbundling/certification, drawing on our extensive knowledge and experience in advising gas storage facility operators on regulation and compliance. We also advise on the laws governing concession charges and cross-border interconnectors.



Wiegand Laubenstein
Lawyer

“Our job is to provide legally sound advice to companies in times of upheaval.”

References

- Representation of numerous network operators in model proceedings before the Higher Regional Court of Düsseldorf and the Federal Court of Justice regarding cost-regulated fees, revenue caps, efficiency comparisons, capital interest rates and general factors affecting productivity in the sector.
- Long-term advice (including to a gas storage operator) on unbundling issues
- Advising an energy trading company on issues related to balancing group management
- Advising various municipalities on the establishment of a grid company and on taking over electricity, gas and water concessions
- Secondments at transmission and distribution system operators

Glossary

GRID LOAD

The total electrical power used by all consumers on a power supply network. This is often shown over time (peak load vs. medium load vs. base load).

INCENTIVE REGULATION

Regulatory instrument to set incentives to reduce costs in natural monopolies.

EFFICIENCY COMPARISON

Determination of the relative cost efficiency of a network operator

Focus 2

Heat transition

Since almost 40 per cent of all CO₂ emissions in Germany come from the heat market, the heat transition is crucial to achieving climate targets and climate neutrality by 2045. If the heat transition is to succeed, it must be approached comprehensively, starting with energy savings, increasing energy efficiency and decarbonising heat generation in local and district heating networks. In addition, coordinated and continuous interaction between the stakeholders is required, for example in heat planning in municipalities and the rapid implementation of decarbonisation at the local level. Measures to implement the heat transition primarily relate to expanding renewable and decarbonised gases, using heat pumps in combination with energy-efficient building renovation, constructing and expanding local and district heating networks, and repurposing existing gas infrastructure for hydrogen-based solutions.



Jana Michaelis
Lawyer, Managing Partner



Christina Will
Lawyer, Managing Partner

“The legal framework is constantly changing, and is becoming ever more complex. It is our job to make this evolution manageable for companies.”

“To successfully meet the challenges of the heat transition, the parties involved must develop new solutions and coordinate their approach. We see ourselves as supporters and facilitators of these processes.”

43%

Share of private households in total heating demand (D, 2022)

21_m

Number of buildings affected by the heat transition in Germany

63%

Share of residential buildings constructed before the first Heat Insulation Ordinance of 1979 and which have particularly high efficiency potential

Our areas of expertise: The heat transition requires legal advice in numerous ways. With our experience, we provide support in almost all areas, for example in connection with the transition to sustainable energy sources, fuel switching and the construction of new power plant capacities. This especially involves advising on the construction, connection and operation of new power plants to the gas/heat network, as well as on the construction and expansion of local and district heating networks and the consolidation of such networks (approval law, funding, financing, marketing of property utilisation rights/permission agreements, grid connection contract design, transfer of transformation costs). Another area of expertise includes the transformation of gas distribution networks (rededication of gas infrastructure to hydrogen pipelines, concession contract law, dismantling obligations in the event of decommissioning/after concession contracts have expired). Finally, we advise within the context of decentralised solutions, site development, site repurposing and neighbourhood solutions (contract law, funding regimes, contracting models, approval law, requirements under the Building Energy Act).

Glossary

HEAT TRANSITION

Transformation of the current fossil-fuel-dominated heat supply to buildings and industry to a climate-neutral heat supply by 2045.

HEAT MARKET

Generic term for space heating, hot water, cooling and process heating/cooling in business and industry.

References

- Advising district heating providers on matters related to the conclusion of permission and easement agreements
- Representing EnBW in proceedings against the City of Stuttgart (“Fernwärme Stuttgart”)
- Advising the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action on renewable energies and measures to manage energy crises
- Supporting power plant projects and advising power plant operators
- Judicial and extrajudicial advice for district heating providers in connection with various legal issues of the heat transition and on passing on the costs of the heat transformation
- Advising district heating providers in connection with the design and implementation of price adjustment clauses in heat supply contracts in the B2C and B2B sectors
- Advising on the development and implementation of heat solutions for residential and commercial neighbourhoods
- Drafting and negotiating marketing contracts/sales models for district heating providers
- Advising housing associations
- Co-author of the scientific study “A new regulatory framework for natural gas distribution networks”, conducted on behalf of Agora Energiewende and in collaboration with BET
- Analyses and options for an affordable transformation that is compatible with climate targets, with a focus on municipal heat and infrastructure planning and the regulatory framework for gas network operators

The energy transition and the opportunities and challenges it brings with it are changing the business models of the energy industry. At the same time, many market participants are now seeing themselves differently – moving away from an established role (e.g. as a supplier) and towards a new, multi-layered corporate identity. To make this transfer successful, energy companies are reviewing their strategy, focusing on their profitable business areas and considering entering into partnerships with new players from outside the industry. They are open to transactions in the energy market to optimise their portfolio and generally strengthen their position. To do this, they need in addition to comprehensive strategic advice legal expertise to support and execute these often complex corporate processes.

25%

Share of energy sector transactions in the global M&A market (PitchBook, 2023)

40%

Europe's share of global M&A activity in the energy industry (McKinsey, 2023)

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Average enterprise value multiplier vs. EBITDA in renewables M&As worldwide (McKinsey, 2023)

Focus 3

Transaction advice



Dr. Thomas Brunn
Lawyer, Managing Partner

“Even large energy companies will struggle to manage the energy transition alone. Partnerships are inevitable.”

Our area of expertise: Advising energy companies on restructuring in the energy sector is an area in which we have very comprehensive expertise. We provide strategic and legal advice on all conceivable transactions, from mergers, acquisitions, demergers and joint ventures to asset deals. In particular, we offer support on issues related to the acquisition or sale of wind farms, solar parks and grids of all kinds.



Dr Peter Rosin
Lawyer, Managing Partner

“**The financial needs the energy transition are enormous. Pooling financial resources is the order of the day. The legal framework must be right for investors to provide financing.**”

Glossary

TENDER PROCEDURE

A structured, competitive process, usually with the aim of maximising sales proceeds.

CARVE-OUT

The carving out of a corporate division or a part of a company and the formation of a legally independent unit that is then sold.

References

- Advising the “Südwestkonsortium” on the acquisition of shares in Transnet BW GmbH
- Advising E.ON Energie Deutschland GmbH on solar transactions
- Advising the City of Essen on the establishment of a grid company
- Advising STEAG GmbH on the establishment of a district heating joint venture
- Advising French project developer Qair on the acquisition of numerous wind and solar projects from the insolvency administrator of Munich-based project developer Green City AG
- Advising Commerz Real AG on the acquisition of shares in Amprion
- Carve-out of a number of group subsidiaries, including the grid companies of a major German energy provider
- Advising EQT and GETEC Energie Holding on their sale to JP Morgan’s infrastructure fund IIF
- Advising a bidder in the tender process for the acquisition of STEAG GmbH and IQONY GmbH

The dynamics of the energy transition are giving rise to a multitude of legal issues for companies, institutions and municipalities. Our legal advice is always comprehensive – not only do we consider energy law as such, but also public law, with a focus on planning and licensing law. We are able to master a wide range of challenges by combining these disciplines. Energy law, private law and public law issues often overlap. In such cases, interests must be carefully weighed and interdependencies taken into account. The legislator has determined that renewable energies are in the overriding public interest, which should also accelerate their expansion. This requirement means that renewable energies will take precedence over other concerns in the future when it comes to weighing up decisions in the context of planning and approval law.

Focus 4

Public law



Prof Dr Johann-Christian Pielow
Lawyer



Christian Wolicki
Lawyer

“ When legal issues from different branches of the law intertwine, experience is crucial.”

“ The government has prioritised renewable energies. The need for legal advice has increased significantly as a result.”

Our area of expertise: We advise on the planning and sale of project companies (e.g. wind and solar parks) in the field of renewable energies – in particular on issues relating to public and energy law reviews. We provide support with questions regarding grid connections, funding under the Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG), electricity supply contracts and general contractor agreements. We also provide expert opinions in planning, approval and environmental law. In the broader context of public law, we advise on legal issues in mining law, construction and immission control law, monument protection law, as well as road and right of way law.

References

- Advising a power plant operator on the coal phase-out and grid reserve
- Advising on solar farm project planning
- Reviewing public law issues in major M&A transactions
- Advising on geothermal energy – Preparing studies on national approval procedures
- Preparing studies on national approval procedures
- Advising on accelerating approval procedures (hydrogen, distribution grid, offshore)
- Representation of a major energy provider in mine subsidence claims
- Advising the Federal Ministry of Education and Research on the preparation and support in creating a progress report in accordance with Section 99 of the Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG) and on legal issues related to the energy transition in the electricity sector

Focus 5

Competition law, antitrust law, state aid law

Fair competition remains a fundamental requirement for a prosperous energy industry and a functioning security of supply, also in the context of the energy transition. The current momentum in the industry ensures that the legal requirements for regulating competition and preventing the formation of cartels take on a special significance. This is because the decarbonisation and digitalisation of the energy industry is attracting new players from outside the industry into the market – as competitors, but also as business partners. The risk of unintentionally infringing competition law, even as an established market participant, has increased. At the same time, however, the changing market environment offers a multitude of business opportunities. We provide strategic advice in this area, with a focus on legal compliance.



Nadia Simon
Lawyer, Managing Partner

“ It is becoming increasingly important to highlight opportunities and point out risks when providing legal advice in a competitive environment.”

Our area of expertise: We advise on all strategic and legal issues related to competition, antitrust and state aid law. Our aim is to sensitise our clients to the legal requirements, but also to identify potential opportunities that may arise for them from the legal framework and case law. Time and again, we address the various challenges in this area. For example, we advise on differentiated pricing in the basic supply. Or we support companies in establishing different forms of cooperation that are permissible under competition law, for instance in the hydrogen sector. In addition, we represent companies should they be audited by national or EU competition authorities.

References

- Advice provided during the sector inquiry into district heating by the state competition authority of North Rhine-Westphalia
- Representation of a company in the ongoing audit by the state competition authority of North Rhine-Westphalia regarding price spreads in the basic supply
- Representation in court proceedings regarding a request for price adjustments
- Implementation of a merger control notification for the acquisition of a shareholding by a banking consortium in Transnet BW
- Advising on the design of a partnership in the H₂ sector

The energy transition is a considerable challenge, both for market participants as well as for energy supply companies in particular. On the one hand, they have to succeed as companies within a dynamic market environment and find their way into a new, broader role, and on the other hand, they need to fulfil the demands of the market and consumers for new, modern and affordable products.

In addition, these companies are often used by legislators to process levies that serve to finance the energy transition. Developing and implementing new products in this environment is a business opportunity. However, the sales process is also accompanied by a multitude of strategic and legal issues.

Focus 6

Energy distribution law for electricity, gas, district heating and hydrogen

References

- Conducting numerous landmark court proceedings on sales law issues before the Federal Court of Justice and the European Court of Justice
- Comprehensive drafting of sales contracts (electricity, gas, district heating, hydrogen, water)
- Secondments at large energy utilities
- Advising on how to communicate legal matters

- Advising on unfair competition matters and representing energy utilities in legal proceedings
- Review and drafting of purchase, commission, work and service contracts for energy utilities
- Advice within the context of developing B2B and B2C products in the area



Christina Will
Lawyer, Managing Partner

Our area of expertise: In energy distribution law, we benefit from our many years of work for utility companies, whose internal workings we are familiar with thanks to secondments. We provide strategic and legal advice throughout the entire process of developing and implementing products and customer retention. One focus is the design of contracts, terms and conditions and customer communications, along with advice on the creation of online ordering processes and customer portals. We also focus on our expertise in questions of price adjustment and the design of price adjustment clauses, as well as the increasingly important questions around how to pass on cost increases and levies. Finally, we

“ In distribution law, familiar issues often arise in a different guise and in a new sector. Experience is worth its weight in gold here.”

have extensive and long-standing experience in court and arbitration proceedings on these issues.

Hydrogen has the potential to play a key role in the energy transition, at least in certain areas. It can be used in a variety of ways: as fuel for vehicles, as a raw material for industry or to run heating systems. Hydrogen makes it possible to significantly reduce emissions from industry, power plants and transport, and could be used wherever the direct use of electricity or renewable energies is insufficient. Not only does hydrogen contribute to security of supply, but a lucrative market is also being created around this energy source, in which Germany is seeking to play a pioneering role globally. The National Hydrogen Strategy, updated in 2023, aims to accelerate the market ramp-up for hydrogen and to create all the regulatory conditions necessary to implement a domestic market for the production and use of hydrogen as soon as possible. Now that the European gas package has been signed, it will need to be implemented. Developing the national legal framework and moving ahead with projects are both an opportunity and a challenge for all stakeholders in this still young market.

Focus 7

Hydrogen



Dr Peter Rosin
Lawyer, Managing Partner



Dr Kristin Spiekermann
Lawyer, Managing Partner

“ The European legal framework is in place. The first IPCEI funding approvals are also in place. Now we have to see if the market will take off.”

“ So far, in Germany we have only produced paper in terms of H₂, while in other countries the projects are being realised. This should now change with the rapid implementation of the gas package.”

Our area of expertise: We provide advice on all strategic and legal issues related to hydrogen. We are very familiar with the regulatory framework and provide support on legal issues related to the conversion of existing (grid) infrastructure and the regulation of pure hydrogen grids. Our portfolio also includes dealing with legal issues related to electrolysis, imports and certification. We provide strategic and legal advice on the use of hydrogen in the industrial, transport, traffic and heating sectors, as well as on funding.

References

- Advising various transmission system operators (TSOs) on hydrogen in relation to the gas package
- Advising the Federal Ministry of Science and Research on the basis of a framework agreement on energy crisis law
- Advising on IPCEI funding notifications for H₂ projects
- Support with the approval procedure for converting a gas storage facility into a hydrogen storage facility
- Advising on hydrogen unbundling
- Advising on electrolysis equipment
- Drafting of contracts for hydrogen infrastructure



Our team

Dedicated advisers

Trusted experts

Real people

The team

The whole is greater than the sum of its parts

It takes time for a good team to come together. It also takes trust, sensitivity and, without a doubt, some luck. It goes without saying that we value excellent specialist knowledge and a good track record, but we also appreciate a friendly nature and the ability to work with others selflessly. Because ultimately, that is how we aim to make a difference for our clients – by offering something more than the combined expertise of our employees, namely, a team that you can work with for many years in a spirit of mutual trust.



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At the office

A special place to work

It is no coincidence that we are located in a classic old villa in the city centre of Essen and not in a more functional office building. We believe in creating an environment in which our employees feel comfortable, and we take it as a compliment that our clients sometimes stay a little longer than planned. We wanted to promote a place that offers space for confidential discussions and concentrated work on the one hand, and that is spacious enough to enable teamwork and brainstorming in larger groups on the other hand. Where your desk is located may not seem relevant at first glance, but when it comes to performing at your best every day, even the smallest things become important. Welcome to Semperstrasse!







Public relations

Commitment means thinking beyond the everyday

Our firm has existed since 2020, but our involvement in energy law goes back further. For more than 20 years, we have been organising the German Energy Law Day, which has developed into an important industry get-together. We discuss current and future challenges in energy law with well-known representatives from companies, NGOs and politics in panels and workshops. This commitment gives us important impetus for our day-to-day work with our clients. And it has also helped us to gain recognition within the industry as a reputable law firm. Just nine months after our foundation, JUVE already ranked us as a leading law firm in the “Regulated Industries” sector. Since the energy transition has increasingly become a topic of public debate, our lawyers have been repeatedly asked for their opinions and assessments on current topics by specialist and opinion-making media channels.

Contact

How to find us

Our office is located in a quiet side street not far from the city centre of Essen.

ARRIVING BY CAR

The Essen-Zentrum (A 40) exit is about 1.5 kilometres away, and parking spaces can be arranged directly at the office.

ARRIVING BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Essen Central Station is about 1.5 kilometres away. Public transport (Semperstraße station/Bus 105 from Essen Central Station) is in the immediate vicinity.

We look forward to your visit!

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