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Prof. Dr Robin van der Hout, LL.M.

Robin advises companies as well as the Federal Government of Germany, the federal states and municipalities on specialises questions of EU law, in particular EU state aid law and EU internal market law. Key practice areas include legal representation before the EU courts, representation in proceedings of the European Commission and providing assistance in EU legislative procedures. He also advises on foreign trade law and EU sanctions law. Robin provides advice in German, English, Dutch and French.

What others say

„Cited as often recommended for state aid and antitrust law - 'very committed and clear in his arguments', client; 'very experienced and knowledgeable', competitor“

JUVE Handbook 2024/25

„Often recommended for advice in the transport sector“

JUVE Rankings 2025

„One of the leading partners for state aid law, recommended lawyer for antitrust law; 'good political intuition and excellent connections with the EU institutions‘“

Legal 500 Germany 2022 and 2025

„Listed as one of the leading specialists for state aid law in Belgium as well as 'Future Leader'“

Who's Who Legal: Competition 2022

„One of the two lawyers for European and international law most frequently recommended by in-house counsels“

kanzleimonitor.de 2016/2017 des Bundesverbands der Unternehmensjuristen

„Recommended as a leading expert for cartel and competition law in Belgium“

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Recent work

- Advising several German commercial airports on issues relating to EU state aid law, *inter alia* in the EU Commission's main examination procedure
- Advising financial service providers operating throughout Europe on issues relating to EU regulation, in particular regarding the Payment Services Directive
- Advising the importer in EU anti-dumping proceeding AD 585 Pipe fittings, from China and other places
- Advising the Federal Republic of Germany, providing legal representation before the European Court of Justice in infringement proceedings C-556/10 on railway liberalisation
- Advising the European Commission, ongoing representation in legal proceedings before the General Court and the European Court of Justice, *inter alia* on document access and EU subsidy law
- Paint and coatings manufacturers: representing clients in two proceedings before the General Court and the subsequent appeal proceedings before the Court of Justice concerning the classification of a substance under the CLP Regulation (joined cases C-71/23 P and C-82/23 P)

Curriculum vitae

- Studied law at Saarland University, Germany and the University of Exeter, UK 1993 to 1999
- Master's in "European Integration" at the Europa-Institut at Saarland University (LL.M.), 1999 to 2000
- Hans Werner Osthoff Prize (for Master's thesis), 2002
- Legal clerkship at the Higher Regional Court of the Saarland, 2000 to 2002
- Research assistant at the Europa-Institut at Saarland University (Prof. Dr. Torsten Stein), 1999 to 2005
- Visiting Lecturer Exeter Law School, UK, 2004
- PhD on European law and the law of international organisations, 2006
- Lawyer in Brussels law firm Kemmler Rapp Böhlke – EU Law Office, focusing on competition law, international commercial law, general European law, European procedural law, 2005 to 2009
- German lawyer since 2005, Belgian advocaat (EU-list) since 2006, at Kapellmann since 2009

Further qualifications and memberships

- Honorary professor for European Business and Procedural Law at the Europa Institut of Saarland University
- European law seminars for public authorities as well as in-house training courses for companies
- Member of the Antitrust Law Study Group (Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht)
- Editor for the journal Zeitschrift für Europäische Studien (ZEuS)
- Lectures and publications in the field of EU law

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