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A community event powered by the Foreign Trained Lawyers in Germany (FTLG) Network

Welcome to Legal Lounge Frankfurt!

I founded FTLG because I knew what it felt like to be talented, qualified, and invisible in a system that was not built with you in mind. Everything we have built since then - this community, our mentorship program, and the room you are sitting in today - Legal Lounge, and every single program, event and idea still to be launched, is the answer to that feeling.

Welcome to Legal Lounge Frankfurt 2026, I wish you a pleasant experience.

Majekodunmi Abayomi
Founder, FTLG.





About FTLG

The FTLG Network is a professional community – and a non-profit movement – that connects, supports, and empowers lawyers who earned their qualifications outside Germany and now live, study, or work in Germany. We exist to support newly migrated lawyers through mentorship, community, career guidance, and visibility, while advocating for a simpler, fairer licensing pathway in dialogue with institutions and policymakers.

Legal Lounge is FTLG's annual flagship conference, bringing together foreign-trained lawyers, German legal professionals, law firms, in-house teams, academics, policymakers, and diversity advocates for a day of inspiration, learning, and open exchange.

In 2025, Legal Lounge launched in Berlin, welcoming over 75 participants from Big Law, corporate legal teams, the Rechtsanwaltskammer, and universities. This year, a similarly diverse community of legal professionals converges in Frankfurt, for our most ambitious edition yet.





Legal Lounge

On 18 September 2026, the Foreign Trained Lawyers in Germany (FTLG) Network gathers in Frankfurt am Main for our annual flagship event – the most significant moment in our calendar.

Legal Lounge Frankfurt brings together foreign trained lawyers, German legal professionals, academics, policymakers, and diversity advocates under one roof. It is an evening built for inspiration and learning, for genuine exchange and connection, and above all for the kind of actionable dialogue that moves our profession forward.

Whether you are newly arrived and finding your footing, well-established and ready to give back, or shaping the institutions that decide who gets to practise – there is a seat for you at this table

**FTLG is more than a
network. It is a movement.**



Panel Session

Practitioner-led conversations across the fields where internationally trained lawyers are building careers in Germany. Move between rooms, ask the questions that matter, and leave with contacts and clear next steps.

01

ARBITRATION

PANEL TOPIC

German Arbitration v. International Arbitration in Germany

How cross-border disputes are run in and from Germany – and why international training and multiple legal cultures are an asset, not an obstacle, in arbitration practice.

02

DATA PRIVACY & AI GOVERNANCE

PANEL TOPIC

Operationalizing AI Compliance: Aligning the GDPR, EU AI Act and German Supervisory Authorities' Guidelines without Slowing Innovation

The fast-moving frontier of data and AI regulation – one of the most accessible, in-demand entry points for foreign-trained lawyers into the German market.



Panel Session

03

CAREER, INTEGRATION & JOB READINESS

Navigating licensing, recognition, and life in the German legal ecosystem, paired with a candid, practical clinic on CVs, applications, interviews, and the unwritten rules of the German legal job market –honest guidance on building a career and a sense of belonging. Bring your questions



Event Agenda - Lounge 1 (Arbitration)

 **Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer**
Arbitration Lounge • Doors open 11:30

01

11:30

Doors open – Arrival & Lunch

Participants arriving at Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer

Guests proceed directly to lunch on arrival after registration

02

12:00

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Patricia Nacimiento – Senior Partner & Head of Dispute Germany,
Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer,

Majekodunmi Abayomi – Founder, FTLG Network



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12:20

Doors open – Arrival & Lunch

Tribenest – Co-Founder & CEO, Tribnest • 5 minutes

Brief spotlight from our event partners – what they do and how they support the FTLG community.

Pandektes Presentation

How Legal Analysis is Shifting from Curated Knowledge towards Dynamic Interpretation Powered by AI

Casper Laursen – Co-Founder & CEO, Pandektes • 10 minutes

04

13:00

Arbitration Lounge Session

German Arbitration v. International Arbitration in Germany

Dr. Carsten Wendler – Partner, Freshfields

Carla Meza Caballero – Legal Counsel, Kia Europe

Dr. Adilbek Tussupov – Senior Associate, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer

Allison Torline – Partner, Busse Disputes

Mark Demitry – Senior Legal Counsel, LEONI

Daria Karman – Research Assistant, Freshfields (Moderator)

Full 60-minute panel session with audience Q&A



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14:00

Session closes – Transfer to Dentons

Participants who wish to continue to main event proceed to Dentons
Founder & CEO, Pandektes . 10 minutes



Event Agenda - Lounge 2 (Data Privacy & AI Governance)



Sponsored by **Pendektes**

Doors open – Arrival & Lunch

All participants – those arriving from HSF Kramer and those joining the main event directly

01

14:30

Doors open – Arrival & Lunch

Dentons Frankfurt - Opening welcome on behalf of the host - Oliver, Office Managing Partner

Majekodunmi Abayomi – Founder & CEO, FTLG Network – FTLG's Vision: Building a More Inclusive Legal Market & Invitation to Partner Toheeb (Wale) Adeagbo – Community Manager, FTLG Network – Join the FTLG Community

Dentons opens the main event, followed by the FTLG Founder sharing the network's vision and inviting organisations to join or partner with FTLG, and the Community Manager extending an open invitation to all attendees to join the FTLG community.

02

14:50

Keynote Address

Using Policy to Shape a More Internationally Competitive Legal Sector in Germany: The Journey Towards the Recognition of Cross-Border Legal Qualification

Awet Tesfaiesus MdB – Member of the German Bundestag, Justice Committee



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15:05

Using Policy to Shape a More Internationally Competitive Legal Sector in Germany

Awet Tesfaiesus MdB – Member of the German Bundestag

Yanki Pürsün MdL – Member of the Hesse Landtag, FDP – Digitalisation & Education

Dr. Jonela Hoxhaj – Lawyer & Honorary Consul, Government of Albania

Dott.ssa Marilena Bacci – Italian and German Lawyer, Board Member – RAK Frankfurt

Birgit Bartosch – Deputy Chairwoman – RAK Frankfurt

Oghenefega (Fega) Ogbe – (Moderator)

75 minutes including audience Q&A

04

16:20

Break • Refreshments • Networking

Informal networking between sessions – 15 minutes



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16:35

Launch: Find a Foreign Lawyer – FTLG Network

Diamond Hogans – Partnership Manager, Special Projects, FTLG Network

10 minutes Official launch of Find a foreign Lawyer - FTLG's new directory connecting individuals and organisations with internationally trained legal professionals across Germany.

06

16:45

Partner Spotlight - Pandektes, Tribenest & Bixy Konzept

Tribenest - Victoria Odedoyin, Co-founder & CEO, Tribenest . 10 minutes

Pandektes - Casper Laursen, Co-founder & CEO, Pandektes

BixyKoncept - Principal Consultant, Jerry Brown



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16:35

Personal Branding Session

Rock your LinkedIn Profile

Gaby Wasensteiner – Career Expert & Senior Brand Manager DACH, LinkedIn

15 minutes

08

17:15

Data Protection & AI Governance Lounge

Operationalising AI Compliance: Aligning EU AI Act, GDPR and other Digital Laws without Slowing Innovation

Dr. Julia Möller-Klapperich – Academic Director, MBL – Freie Universität Berlin

Fabian Schuster – Senior Specialist, Data Privacy, Information Security & AI Governance – GIZ

Sharon Robinette – Group Legal Counsel – GETEC Group

Johnson C. Ezeokoye – Legal Compliance Manager – Cognitec Systems GmbH

Casper Laursen – Co-Founder & CEO – Pandektes

Raja Sudhagani – Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, Leipzig University (Moderator)

60-minute session with audience Q&A



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18:15

Break

Stretching Break before the last panel sessions – 5 minutes

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18:20

FTLG Spotlight – Participate in Our Social Research

Find a Foreign Lawyer: Dr. Naghme Javadpour

Dr. Naghme Javadpour - Partnership Manager, Events

A brief invitation to participants to contribute to FTLG's ongoing social research on the experience of foreign-trained Lawyers in Germany



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18:30

Panel Session – Career & Integration

Charting Your Path: Navigating the German Legal Market, Building Networks, and Exploring Alternative Careers

Sarah Lemoine - Counsel - Clifford Chance / International Arbitration

Diana Machingaidze – International Attorney – White & Case LLP | Debts & Finance

Miroslav Duric – Senior Associate – Taylor Wessing | M&A, Finance & Private Equity

Robert Michels – Partner – Dentons | Structured Products & Tokenisation

Oshoma Ayo Aduku – Privacy and Data Governance Specialist – Zeiss Group | Data Privacy & Governance

Eva Angeline Trinidad – Moderator

60-minute panel with audience Q&A

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19:30

Closing Remarks

Recognising partners, sponsors, speakers, and volunteers who made this evening possible

19:40

Networking, Drinks

official programme close 19:30 . Venue available until 22:00





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MAJEKODUNMI ABAYOMI

Majekodunmi is a lawyer and social entrepreneur with nearly a decade of legal experience spanning dispute resolution, commercial law, investment law, private equity, M&A, and regulatory compliance. He currently serves as Privacy Counsel, where he advises on GDPR and global data privacy compliance. His work includes reviewing tools, drafting and negotiating privacy notices and data processing agreements, shaping data retention policies, and providing practical strategies to mitigate privacy and contractual risks.

Beyond his legal practice, Majekodunmi is passionate about advancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession in Europe. He founded the Foreign-Trained Lawyers Network, a social enterprise dedicated to amplifying the skills of internationally qualified lawyers and supporting their integration into new jurisdictions across Europe. Through networking events, mentoring opportunities, and collaborative initiatives, he fosters connections between internationally trained and locally trained lawyers, building an inclusive and diverse legal workforce.



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ROBERT MICHELS

Robert Michels is a leading voice in capital markets law and financial innovation, bringing over two decades of experience at the intersection of traditional securities practice and emerging technology. As Partner at Dentons, he advises listed companies on compliance and post listing obligations, guides issuers through complex structured product offerings, and has become one of Germany's most recognized authorities on Blockchain, Distributed Ledger Technology, and the tokenization of securities and digital assets.

From 2016 to 2021, Robert served as Office Managing Partner of Dentons' Frankfurt office, and he continues to shape industry dialogue as a member of Deutsche Börse's Issuer Markets Advisory Committee and the European Crowdfunding Network's Blockchain expert committee. He is consistently ranked among Germany's top capital markets lawyers by Chambers Global, FLR1000, and Best Lawyers Germany, with clients praising his ability to identify problems early and navigate regulators and exchanges with precision.





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AWET TESFAIESUS

Awet Tesfaiesus is a Member of the German Bundestag representing Werra-Meißner-Hersfeld-Rotenburg in Hesse, where she serves on the Committee on Legal Affairs (Rechtsausschuss) and as spokesperson for Culture and Media for the Green Bundestag group. Born in Asmara, Eritrea, she came to Germany with her family as a child and grew up near Heidelberg. She studied law at Heidelberg University, qualified as a Rechtsanwältin in 2006, and spent the following fifteen years running her own practice in Kassel focused on asylum and social law before entering the Bundestag in 2021 as the first Black woman ever elected to the body.

Her path building a legal career in Germany from the ground up and now helping shape legislation from within the Rechtsausschuss gives her a distinctive vantage point on migration, integration, and access to the legal profession. It makes her a compelling voice for FTLG's conversation on policy reform toward recognition of foreign legal qualifications and on the broader question of how Germany positions its legal system to attract and retain international talent, keeping it competitive as a jurisdiction and legal market on the world stage.



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CASPER LAURSEN

Casper Laursen is the co-founder and CEO of Pandektes Raised across Denmark and Germany, with stints in London and China, he brings a distinctly international perspective to building European legal technology. Having spoken with more than 1,000 legal professionals across Europe, Casper has developed a deep understanding of how technology is reshaping legal research and the wider legal industry





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DR ADILBEK TUSSUPOV

Dr Adilbek Tussupov is a member of the dispute resolution team of Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LLP, based in Germany. He focuses his practice on international dispute resolution matters, with a particular emphasis on investment and commercial arbitration. Adilbek has experience representing governments, sovereign wealth funds, multinational companies and diplomatic missions in arbitration and litigation.

Adilbek obtained his doctorate in law (Ph.D.) in the field of investment arbitration from the same university.

Adilbek is admitted as a solicitor of England & Wales and as a legal consultant of the Astana Chamber of Legal Consultants. Adilbek holds the position of the Adjunct Assistant Professor at the KAZGUU University (Kazakhstan) and regularly lectures at the Saarland University (Germany), the Heidelberg University (Germany) and the Tashkent State University of Law (Uzbekistan).

Adilbek is a Russian and Kazakh native speaker, is fluent in English, and has working knowledge of German.



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MARITZ PROMNY

Moritz Promny is a member of the Hessian State Parliament and serves as the Free Democrats' spokesperson on domestic and education policy in the Hessian State Parliament. He works as an attorney and also has many years of entrepreneurial experience as a business owner in the construction industry. In addition to domestic and education policy, his parliamentary work focuses in particular on the digitization and modernization of the education system, as well as on creating a contemporary political framework for innovation, economic dynamism, and social progress.





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RAJA SUDHAGONI, LL.M

Raja Sudhagoni is an early-career researcher with an interdisciplinary background in law, business, and technology. She is currently employed as a Research Assistant at the Chair of International Business Law, Faculty of Law, Leipzig University, and is a prospective doctoral researcher (from October 2026) at the same faculty. Her research focuses on the governance of emerging artificial intelligence technologies, particularly sustainable AI governance, digital regulation, and the legal implications of AI-driven socio-technical systems. Her broader research interests include platform governance, digital markets, ESG, technology regulation, and the evolving relationship between law, innovation, and society.

Raja is a qualified lawyer enrolled with the Bar Council of India. She holds an LL.M. in Intellectual Property and Data Protection Law from the Technical University, Dresden and an LL.M. in International Trade and Economic Laws from Osmania University, Hyderabad. Alongside her academic work, she has experience in business development and entrepreneurship, bringing practical insights into her research on emerging technologies.



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DARIA KARMAN

Daria Karman is a Research Assistant in Freshfields' International Arbitration Group, based in Frankfurt. Her work focuses on commercial and investment arbitration across a broad range of industries and sectors. Daria is a Ukrainian lawyer and is currently qualifying as a Solicitor in England and Wales.





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OGHENEFEGBA (FEGBA) OGBE

Oghenefega (Fega) Ogbе is a jurist and doctoral candidate in comparative law, whose work bridges legal theory and social impact, with a focus on the Nigerian and German legal systems.

Born and raised in Germany and shaped by her Nigerian heritage, Fega brings a bicultural lens to her legal scholarship and professional ambitions. She is currently on the path to qualifying as a licensed lawyer in Germany, combining academic expertise with practical legal impact.

Alongside her academic work, she is deeply committed to legal advocacy, visibility, and representation. As part of her broader engagement, she serves in leadership roles and contributes to initiatives that empower jurists of African descent and foster a more equitable legal culture in Germany.

Fega is a legal changemaker, driven by a clear vision: to advance equity, excellence, and meaningful representation within the legal field. Through her leadership and advocacy, she continues to shape spaces where diverse legal voices are not only heard, but valued and empowered.



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EVA ANGELINE MANUEL

Eva Angeline Manuel Trinidad is a licensed lawyer from the Philippines, with experience in litigation, corporation and taxation law, the civil service, and legal mentorship. She finished her bachelor's degree in Broadcast Communication before undertaking her Juris Doctor degree at the University of the Philippines. She obtained her LL.M. in Transnational Law from Universität Bremen. She specializes in AI and consumer law.





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MIROSLAV DURIC

Miroslav is solicitor and attorney at law at international law firm Taylor Wessing where he advises financial institutions and non-financial entities across a wide range of topics in the financial services sector. Admitted as a lawyer in multiple jurisdictions (England & Wales, Ireland and Germany), he is regularly advising clients operating at international level on complex cross-border legal matters related to international expansion, cross-border operation and fundraising as well as in the course of strategic projects like establishment of regulated entities and investment vehicles (e.g. investment firms, payment institutions, crypto-exchanges), roll out of new products and services and structuring and closing of cooperation arrangements and strategic acquisitions in the EU and the UK.

He is highly experienced in advising FinTech companies and incumbent financial institutions on legal questions related to the application of new technological solutions in finance (crypto-assets, DeFi, Artificial Intelligence, Cloud computing etc.). Miroslav is a trusted advisor of financial investors (private equity and venture capital funds) and fintech companies that rely on his advice in the course of M&A transactions and VC fundraising rounds in the financial sector



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DIANA MACHINGAIDZE

Diana Machingaidze is a South African- and Zimbabwean-qualified lawyer who built her legal career in South Africa before moving to Germany to pursue an LL.M. in Law and Finance. She is an International Attorney in the English law Debt Finance practice at White & Case in Frankfurt, where she advises on complex cross-border financing transactions.

Having successfully navigated the challenges of relocating, transitioning between legal systems, and building a career across multiple jurisdictions, Diana is passionate about sharing practical insights from her own journey, in particular helping internationally trained lawyers understand the opportunities and challenges of practising abroad, drawing on the lessons she has learned while establishing a career to-date



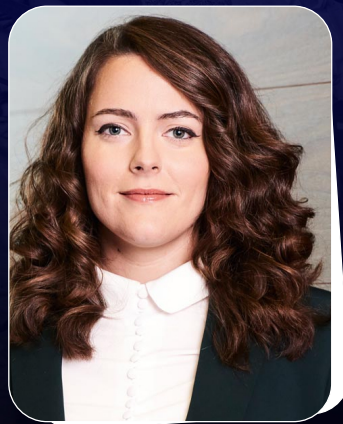


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ALLISON TORLINE

Allison Torline is Partner at Busse Disputes, a boutique disputes firm based in Frankfurt, Germany. A U.S.-trained lawyer who is fluent in German, Allison is an established practitioner in the German and European market with a decade of experience in international arbitration. Allison represents clients from all parts of the globe in commercial arbitration proceedings as well as in investment arbitration cases. She is also an experienced arbitrator.

Allison's work spans the gamut of major industry sectors, with a particular emphasis on M&A, construction, infrastructure, energy, and pharmaceuticals. She has also represented clients in several specialized matters such as CISG and FIDIC disputes.



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SHARON ROBINETTE

Sharon Robinette is Group Legal Counsel at GETEC Group, where she advises on M&A, corporate governance, and commercial legal matters. With experience across private practice and in-house legal teams, she brings a commercial perspective to complex legal and strategic challenges.

She is particularly interested in the transformation of in-house legal functions through AI and legal technology, with a focus on how legal teams can integrate emerging tools into their day-to-day operations while maintaining effective governance and compliance.

Sharon is also an advocate for greater diversity within the legal profession and actively supports initiatives that expand opportunities for foreign-trained lawyers in Germany.





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JOHNSON C. EZEOKOYE

Johnson C. Ezeokoye is a Legal Counsel, admitted to the Nigerian Bar in 2016. After practicing law in Nigeria for 5 years, he moved to Germany for his masters in IP/IT Law at Technical University, Dresden. He worked with a notable German insurance company and a law firm where he focused on data protection law, IP law and contracts law. Currently, he works as a Legal Compliance Manager at Cognitec Systems GmbH, a tech company offering facial recognition software and products. He develops strategies and advises on the GDPR compliance, implementation of Information Security Management System (ISMS) and contracts.



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CARLA MEZA CABALLERO

Carla Meza Caballero is Counsel Legal at Kia Europe, the European headquarter of the Korean sustainable mobility solutions provider, where she provides legal advice across various internal departments and guides and supports the legal functions of Kia's entities in Europe.

Prior to joining the in-house team, she built a strong foundation in international dispute resolution, working in the fast-paced departments of leading firms such as White & Case, Clifford Chance and Morgan Lewis Bockius. Carla Meza handled high-value investment disputes between investors and states in the real estate, construction and renewable energy sectors, representing clients before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in Washington D.C.

With this extensive background, she has brought valuable expertise to her in-house role at Kia Europe, applying her experience in cross-border legal challenges and complex dispute resolution to support the company's European operations.





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Carsten Wendler is a partner in Freshfields' international arbitration practice, advising clients in complex commercial and investment treaty disputes across Europe and Latin America. He has extensive experience in proceedings under ICC, DIS and ICSID rules, as well as arbitration-related court proceedings. Carsten speaks German, English and Spanish and regularly publishes on international arbitration.



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Fabian Schuster is a Senior Specialist and team lead for Data Protection, Information Security and AI Governance at GIZ in Eschborn, Germany. As a legal expert in the fields of development cooperation he advises customers on implementing digital rights, human-centric AI as well as human rights based data strategies. Working for a global company with HQ in Germany and project offices all over the world ensuring legal compliance with different national, international and EU standards is at times a key challenge. Before joining GIZ he worked as a human rights lawyer in Tanzania and volunteered for NOYB-European Center for Digital Rights. Fabian holds an LL.M. in Digital Law and Technology from the Catholic University of Lyon and a law degree from University of Vienna, with a focus on international law, human rights, and digital regulation.





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Sarah Lemoine is a counsel in the Disputes team at Clifford Chance. Her practice focuses on international commercial and investment arbitration. She has dealt with disputes in a number of sectors, most prominently the energy sector. She routinely represents large multinational, States, and State-owned companies in international arbitration proceedings under a variety of rules. Sarah is a qualified solicitor in British Columbia, Canada, and in England and Wales and has practiced as a foreign-qualified lawyer in Germany since 2013.



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DR. JONELA HOXHAI

Dr. Jonela Hoxhaj is a German-Albanian lawyer based in Frankfurt am Main. She holds an LL.M. from Georg August University Göttingen (DAAD scholarship, distinction) and a doctorate awarded summa cum laude from the same institution, for which she received the Science Prize of the Society for Law and Policy in Healthcare.

Her career spans international law firms including Baker McKenzie, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, and Taylor Wessing, as well as a senior role at the American investment firm Barings LLC, where she served as Chief of Staff overseeing Legal, Compliance, and HR across five German branches. She has been practising as an independent Rechtsanwältin and consultant since 2021.

Since December 2020, Dr. Hoxhaj has served as Honorary Consul of the Republic of Albania for the state of Hesse, and since 2024 as First Chair of the German-Albanian Lawyers' Association (DALJV e.V.). She is also admitted to the Tirana Bar Association.





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Mark Demitry is a Senior Legal Counsel at LEONI, a global Tier-1 automotive supplier headquartered in Germany, where he advises on complex commercial disputes, contract negotiations, and cross-border legal matters involving major OEMs across Europe, the MENA region and the US.

Before joining LEONI, Mark was a Senior Associate in the International Dispute Resolution team at Noerr (Frankfurt), representing States, financial institutions, and multinationals in ICC, ICSID, and LCIA arbitrations. Prior to that, he spent over six years with the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris and Abu Dhabi, where he administered hundreds of arbitration cases from the MENA region and Europe and assisted the ICC Court in the scrutiny of numerous awards.

Mark holds law degrees from Cairo University and Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University, including an LL.M. in International Arbitration and International Trade Law. He is admitted to the Paris Bar and the Cairo Bar and serves on the Advisory Committee of the Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA). His working languages are English, French and Arabic.

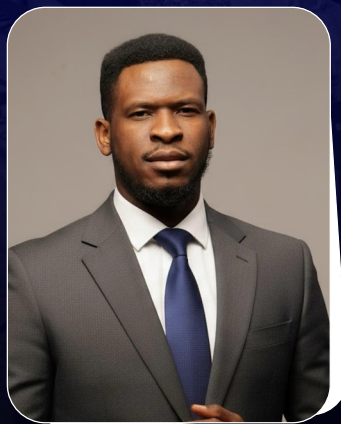




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OSHOMA AYO ADUKU

Oshoma Ayo Aduku is a foreign-trained lawyer from Nigeria who pursued Masters degree studies in Germany and has since built a strong career in data privacy. He is a Privacy and Data Governance Specialist at Zeiss Group, focused on data privacy, compliance, and risk management. He designs governance frameworks, conducts privacy assessments, and supports organizations in managing data in a compliant and accountable way.



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Gaby Wasensteiner is a Senior Brand Manager and Career Expert at LinkedIn. With a background in brand marketing, strategic partnerships and personal branding, she helps professionals build their visibility, grow meaningful networks and turn LinkedIn into real career opportunities. In her Rock Your Profile workshops, she shares practical tips and insights to help people make the most of their professional presence.





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DR. PATRICIA NACIMIENTO

Senior Partner & Head of Dispute Germany,
Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer

Dr. Patricia Nacimiento leads the German dispute resolution team and the EMEA international arbitration team at Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer. With more than 25 years of experience, she specialises in public international law, investment disputes and complex international arbitration, acting as counsel in proceedings under the rules of major institutions including ICC, ICSID, SCC, CIETAC, DIS, LCIA and ICDR, as well as in ad hoc proceedings. She has been appointed by the German government to the ICSID list of arbitrators since 2007 and also has extensive experience in arbitration-related court proceedings, including the enforcement of international awards. Alongside her practice, she teaches investment disputes at the Universities of Berlin, Heidelberg and Saarland and is an editor of leading commentary on arbitration in Germany and the New York Convention.



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OLIVER DREHER

Office Managing Partner,
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Oliver Dreher, LL.M. (King's College), is office managing partner in Dentons' Frankfurt office and Head of the Debt Capital Markets (DCM) practice group in Germany. His main areas of expertise include corporate, bank and sovereign bonds, MTN-, CP- and structured issuance programmes, structured finance products, Schuldschein loans and registered bonds (Namensschuldverschreibungen), derivatives and advising on financial infrastructure, such as the clearing and settlement of financial instruments. In recent years, Oliver has also been involved in most major financial restructurings involving bonds governed by German law or promissory note loans (Schuldscheinanleihen).



Find a Foreign Lawyer Launch

Today, FTLG Network is officially launching Find a Foreign Lawyer, our dedicated directory connecting individuals, businesses, and organisations with internationally trained legal professionals based in Germany.

If you are a foreign-trained lawyer, your profile belongs in this directory. Listed lawyers advise clients based on the laws of their home jurisdiction, connecting you with the clients who need exactly what you offer.

Are you looking for a lawyer with international expertise? Search the directory at



<https://www.ftlg.de/find-lawyers-in-germany>





Who Is In The Room?

Legal Lounge Frankfurt 2026 has brought together one of the most diverse gatherings of legal professionals in Germany this year. In this room today are foreign-trained lawyers at every stage of their journey, partners and associates from leading international law firms, in-house counsel from global companies, academics shaping the next generation of legal thinking, policymakers with the power to change the system, and the institutions that regulate it. What unites everyone here is a belief that the German legal profession is stronger when it reflects the world it serves.

Whether you are newly arrived and finding your footing, well-established and ready to give back, or shaping the institutions that decide who gets to practise – there is a seat for you at this table

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