

Terms and conditions

HANSALAWYERS Kretschmar von Teuffel Leverkus & Partner provide legal advice and services in accordance with the Standard Terms of Contract for Clients set out below. Unless otherwise expressly agreed with the client, fees will be charged at the rates of remuneration stipulated in the Federal German Remuneration of Lawyers Act (RVG), which vary according to the financial amount involved.

Remuneration Agreement (Vergütungsvereinbarung) and Standard Terms of Contract of HANSALAWYERS Kretschmar von Teuffel Leverkus & Partner lawyers.

1. The lawyers accept as free, self-employed and independent advisers to render legal advice to the clients and/or represent them in court pursuant to the following conditions, which will also apply to subsequent retainers if any. In addition, the German statutory provisions will apply.
2. Unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing by the parties, the lawyers will be remunerated according to the RVG. Out-of-pocket expenses are also charged to the client. It is expressly emphasized that the lawyers' fees vary according to value of the subject matter involved.
3. Both the lawyers and their clients are entitled to cancel the appointment if there is a good cause. This will not affect the lawyers' remuneration already earned.
4. The lawyers liability is limited to an amount of EUR 1,000,000.00 (in words: one million euros) per loss event, unless it can be shown that the lawyers have acted with intent or with gross negligence or the loss or damage results from a person's death, bodily injury or health impairment. The lawyers confirm that they have taken out a corresponding pecuniary damage liability insurance at least for this amount. As the lawyers are members of a partnership, compensation claims can only be filed against the partner responsible for the relevant case.
5. The lawyers are under no obligation to institute legal proceedings or seek legal remedies for a client until instructed by the client in writing.
6. The client is aware that the lawyers can only give binding legal advice on questions relating to German law. Unless otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract, any statements made by the lawyers on foreign law are not binding.

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7. As the lawyers do not practise tax law, tax and tax law aspects of clients' contracts are excluded from the brief in all cases. Clients are strongly recommended to seek professional advice from a person qualified in tax law. The lawyers' brief does not extend to questions relating to the profitability of the relevant transactions and excludes, in particular, any assessment of whether the amount payable is proportionate to the services provided.

8. Correspondence relating to all contracts is in the German language. The lawyers bear no responsibility for errors or misunderstandings in translation.

9. The client hereby and forthwith assigns to the lawyers accepting his brief all financial claims against his opponent, the court, the depository and any other third parties against whom he holds compensation claims, including any claims for refund of costs as from the time when these arose, as security up to the amount of the lawyers' outstanding fees and expenses. At the time of signature of the contract he will also sign a declaration authorising the lawyers to receive such monies on his behalf and to deduct the amount of their outstanding claims from monies thus received.

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