



# COMMERCIAL CRIMINAL LAW

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## WE ARE BY YOUR SIDE IN THE CONSULTATION AND BEFORE COURT

More than ever, entrepreneurial activity carries the risk of coming into conflict with the law. In all areas of business, the density of regulations is constantly increasing and can only be kept track of by specialists. This requires experienced criminal defence lawyers who will advise you with foresight in order to avoid possible criminal liability in advance and who will accompany you with experience and prudence in pending criminal proceedings.

We have many years of experience in the field of commercial criminal law. Our specialised lawyers and criminal defence attorneys are proficient in all areas of criminal representation, from criminal compliance to criminal due diligence, financial criminal advice and defence, media criminal law, the enforcement of copyright, trademark and competition criminal claims to classic criminal defence.

### Interdisciplinary and international

As our client, you will always be advised by a responsible partner who, depending on your needs, can draw on an experienced team of specialists from the fields of corporate and tax law, banking and finance law or even antitrust law within the firm.

The benefit: In this way, we can quickly and efficiently assess the commercial law issues that are often essential for the further criminal law assessment. We also provide cross-border support in the development of customised solutions and recommendations. A German-speaking contact person is available to you at each of our locations in the international Schindhelm Alliance. In this way, we can represent your interests in the best possible way at all times.

### Three good reasons – what sets us apart:

**Your challenges are our day-to-day business.** Our lawyers combine the full range of skills required to successfully implement your strategic and operational objectives.

**We want to understand your business.** And make every effort to really get to know you. Our aim is to build a long-term partnership with you and work closely with you - side by side with your management teams.

**Locally rooted, nationally and internationally networked.** Our lawyers are familiar with the local legal and economic peculiarities and are at home in the respective cultures. As a team, we develop solutions for you that will take you forward. No matter whether on the national or international stage.



## SELECTED CONSULTATION GOALS

guidelines for your activities and advise you on how to minimise criminal law risks.

### Advice and defence in financial criminal law

Together with chartered accountants, we work out preventive measures to avoid criminal financial offences. If financial criminal proceedings are already threatening, we try to avoid financial criminal proceedings by intervening as early as possible - for example by making a voluntary declaration.

### Enforcement of copyright, trademark and competition law claims

Criminal law is often seen as a tried and tested "means of pressure" to "speed up" the enforcement of civil claims. We work with you to develop strategies for the prosecution of infringements of your IP rights and accompany you in the proceedings before the courts.

### Development of prosecution strategies

We use the multitude of criminal law instruments to actively secure your claims. Our experts support you in the fight against unfair practices through private prosecution, presentation of the facts and, last but not least, by safeguarding your rights as a private party.

### Defence in criminal cases

If the initiation of criminal proceedings cannot be prevented, the defence strategy must be developed at an early stage of the proceedings and implemented in the main proceedings as well as in any appeal proceedings.

### Compliance with criminal law

We examine the processes in your company and develop sector-specific guidelines as well as tailor-made training and control measures. In the event that criminal proceedings nevertheless occur, it can be demonstrated on the basis of the implemented instruction, training and control systems that your company, its executive bodies and senior staff are not at fault.

### Due diligence under criminal law

Our experts will support you in pointing out and minimising possible criminal risks in a company purchase. We screen business transactions for their possible relevance under criminal law and thus provide you with essential support in your decision-making.

### Criminal law support for corporate restructuring

When deciding whether a company can continue as a going concern or whether insolvency proceedings must be initiated, there are numerous liability and criminal law pitfalls to consider. We advise you in particular on all questions of criminal and financial criminal law.

### Criminal media law

In many cases, the reporting of publicised events causes more damage than the event itself. In addition to advising and representing you in all matters of criminal law relating to the media - from the judicial enforcement of a counterstatement request to a claim for compensation under media law - we advise you on how to deal with the media in a professional manner.

### Criminal law advice for decision-makers

Executive boards, managing directors, supervisory boards and public officials are constantly confronted with issues relevant to criminal law. We develop tailor-made



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