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Johannes Zindel, Partner, is highly esteemed due to his experience as counsel and litigator in the areas of unfair competition, antitrust law, media and press law, public procurement and the laws on food and pharmaceuticals. He commenced his legal career as an assistant professor at the Johannes-Gutenberg-University in Mainz. In 1980 he became partner at Gaedertz Rechtsanwälte, one of the leading German law firms in competition and antitrust law at that time. At Gaedertz, he first led the IP practice group, and was appointed Managing Partner in 1995. In his more than 40 years of practice, Johannes Zindel has litigated multiple cases in unfair competition, trademarks and other IP-rights, throughout all court instances up to the highest national and international courts. He has represented clients who have been harmed by trademark piracy and cyber squatting, inside and outside courts, to enforce their rights. Johannes Zindel leads the firm's antitrust and public procurement practice groups and furthermore is the firm's central contact for trademarks, domains and designs.

Specializations

- Patent Court, the Federal Supreme Court and at the European Court of First Instance and the European Court of Justice, advice and representation of brand companies in cases of trademark-piracy including enforcement of damage compensation;
- Representation of bidders and contracting authorities in matters of public procurement at all complaint boards, in appeals to the senates for public procurement matters all over Germany;

- Advice and litigation in area of media and press law, enforcement of claims for revocation and rectification;
- Advice in all areas of antitrust law and representation at national and international authorities with regard to merger projects and other types of cooperation potentially subject to authority approval, advice and representation with regard to discrimination, abusive market behavior and boycott, litigation over claims for damage compensation;
- Advice and litigation in areas of food and nutrition law, counsel to producers and distributors of dietary supplement products, infant nutrition, alcoholic and soft drinks;
- Advice to and litigation for producers of pharmaceuticals and drugs.

Publications

- Co-author of the Beck'sche Collection of standard forms for IP prosecution and litigation;
- Multiple articles and comments to court decisions.

Career/Education

- Founding partner of Klinkert (2010);
- Partner at Jones Day (2001-2009);
- Gaedertz Rechtsanwälte, as associate (1977), after 1980 as partner;
- Assistant professor at the Johannes-Gutenberg-University Mainz 1975;
- Admission to the bar 1976.