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Prof. Dr. Stefan Kirsch, specialist lawyer for criminal law, enjoys an excellent reputation in advising and defending companies and individuals in all areas of white collar crime. In addition, he has more than twenty years of experience in appeals proceedings and international criminal law. He has appeared in three cases as defense counsel before the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague and in another case before the Rwanda Criminal Court (ICC) in Arusha. In addition to the core areas of commercial criminal law such as fraud, breach of trust and corruption, his areas of practice include complex proceedings in a wide variety of areas of criminal law.

Before joining Klinkert Rechtsanwälte, Prof. Dr. Kirsch was a partner at HammPartner Rechtsanwälte. Prof. Dr. Kirsch is an honorary professor at the J.W. Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main and a member of the Criminal Law Committee of the German Bar Association (DAV). He has worked as an expert in projects of the Human Rights Institute (HRI) of the International Bar Association and the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) and is a member of the advisory board of the "International Criminal Law Review".

Specialization

- Defense of individuals at all stages of the criminal proceedings, including the Revision, with regular emphasis on defense in preliminary and interim proceedings with the aim of avoiding a public hearing; exercising the rights of the accused in investigations by public prosecutors, tax inspectors and regulators, including parliamentary committees of inquiry;

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- Advising and coordinating procedures of the company being investigated, in part through internal investigations, coordination of accompanying civil proceedings and possible measures of asset recovery; particular experience in cross-border situations; legal assistance with searches, witness accompaniment; reputation management and press and public relations work with the participation of the press lawyers at Klinkert Rechtsanwälte;
- Representation of companies damaged by economic offenses, initiation and monitoring of private or state investigations, execution of appropriate internal and expert investigations by criminal law experts, consultation and coordination of the accompanying litigation (civil proceedings, asset recovery, labor law); extensive experience in the field of secrecy and know-how protection;
- Advising companies in the area of corporate compliance, vulnerability analysis, development of criminal compliance programs, implementation of control mechanisms, employee training, ombudsman function (industry focus: pharmaceuticals, chemicals, medical devices, energy, automotive, IT).

Clients

When practicing criminal law, public attention should generally be avoided. Even in cases where mandates were the subject of press attention, it is not in the interest of the client to have the cases published again on their lawyer's website. We therefore refrain from mentioning clients and identifiable matters.

Career/Education

- Joined Klinkert Rechtsanwälte 2019;
- HammPartner Rechtsanwälte 1997-2019;
- Admitted to the bar in 1997