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Professional career

- Since 2017, Partner at Austmann & Partner, Düsseldorf
- 2014-2016, Associate, Kapellmann und Partner Rechtsanwälte mbB, Mönchengladbach
- 2012-2014, Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Düsseldorf

Academic career

- Second state examination (Zweites Staatsexamen), Germany, 2011
- Doctor of law (Dr. iur.), Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany, 2011
- First state examination (Erstes Staatsexamen), Germany, 2008
- Law studies at Rheinische-Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany, and University College London, England

Memberships

- Corporate Lawyers Association (Gesellschaftsrechtliche Vereinigung, VGR)
- Düsseldorf Law Society (Rechtsanwaltskammer Düsseldorf)
- German Council of Economic Advisers (Wirtschaftsrat Deutschland), Berlin
- Indo-German Chamber of Commerce

Languages

- German, English

Publications

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