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Practice Areas

- Banking & Finance
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Restructuring

Honors

- *Best Lawyers* in Germany: Banking and Finance Law
- Recognized as “notable practitioner” for banking & finance by *IFLR1000*

Education

- LL.M., The University of Waikato, 2009, *first class honors*
- Second State Examination, Higher Regional Court Zweibrücken, 2008
- First State Examination, University of Mannheim, 2006

Christine is dedicated to help her clients in achieving the financings that best meet their business needs and provide flexibility for future developments. Christine provides her clients with comprehensive legal advice combined with a deep understanding of the economics of the deal and actual needs. Clients benefit from her long-standing transaction experience and deep market insights.

Christine’s work is focused on Banking and Finance. She advises on complex national and international financings in private equity transactions and in particular on acquisition financings and re-financings. Christine has also advised on a considerable number of financial restructurings.

Her clients mainly include large private equity firms as well as their portfolio companies from various industries.

Christine is being recognized for her banking & finance work by national and international publications such as leading German business daily *Handelsblatt* or *IFLR1000*.

Christine studied law in Heidelberg, Passau and Mannheim and obtained her Master’s Degree (LL.M.) at the University of Waikato/New Zealand.

Representative Engagements

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- Advising Bain Capital and Cinven on their EUR 5.4 billion public takeover of German pharmaceutical group STADA, the largest private equity transaction in Germany*;
- Advising the coordinating committee of first lien lenders of Jack Wolfskin on the comprehensive financial restructuring*;
- An international sponsor in the refinancing transactions of its various portfolio companies*;
- Advising the US-borrower and its German subsidiary on the amendment and accession to a NY-law-governed loan agreement;
- Advising the sponsor on the acquisition financing of leading German medical supply companies;

- Advising as part of a multi-jurisdictional (incl. US and UK) cross-border team on the German aspects of a €850 million senior secured facilities agreement on behalf of the sponsor;
- Advising the sponsor on the financing agreement in connection with the acquisition of one of the leading full-service providers of facility management and technical building services in the southern German market;
- Advising the sponsor on the financing in connection with the acquisition of a German mechanical engineering company and its various foreign subsidiaries.

*matter handled prior to joining Orrick

Admissions

- Germany