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Matthias Wissmann's practice focuses on the liberalization and deregulation of markets and industries and on legal counseling in Germany and elsewhere in Europe. For nearly 11 years, until the end of February 2018, he was President of the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA). Before that, he served as member of the German Parliament for more than 30 years. Most recently, Mr. Wissmann held the chair of the Committee of European Affairs. He previously served as Federal Minister of Transport in the German government and as Federal Minister of Research and Technology. He also was President of the European Council of Transport Ministers. His efforts to liberalize the transportation sector culminated in the German-American "open-skies" agreement, which opened the American air traffic market to German air carriers. He also has significantly advanced the fundamental Rail Reform in Germany and the privatization of Deutsche Lufthansa. Mr. Wissmann has been a member of the firm since 1999.

Professional Activities

Mr. Wissmann was President of the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers OICA (Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles) from 2016 - 2019.

Solutions

Aviation

German Antitrust and
Competition Merger Control

German Financial Services

Public Policy and Legislative
Affairs

Germany

Public Policy

German Compliance and
Corporate Governance

Crisis Management and
Strategic Response

German Corporate Law

German Public Commercial
Law

Germany

Cross-Border Transactions

Experience

- Mr. Wissmann advises and represents international companies in their major transactions and is a legal advisor on regulatory affairs.

Recognition

- Grand Order of Merit of Germany
- Grand Order of Merit of Austria
- Grand Cross of Chile
- Chevalier dans l'Ordre national de la Légion d'Honneur de la France

Credentials

EDUCATION

Second State Exam, University of Stuttgart, 1978

First State Exam, Universität Bonn and Tübingen, 1974

ADMISSIONS

Berlin

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

German Parliament: Chair, Committee of European Affairs

Federal Minister of Transport

Minister of Research and Technology

LANGUAGES

German

English

Spanish

French