

Our speakers

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Opening remarks and overall moderation



Prof. Dr. Thomas Klindt

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Prof. Dr. Thomas Klindt as Head of Defence & Security at Noerr has extensive experience in product compliance and works as co-head of the Product Regulations Group. His nearly 30 years of professional experience have been marked by a large number of international product recalls, product liability lawsuits at court and disputes with authorities, competitors and suppliers regarding technical regulations. Technical compliance also has an impact on contractual specifications, quality assurance agreements and insurance arrangements. In the defence sector, he has handled major product recalls from all NATO armies, has defended product liability lawsuits against German arms manufacturers, has clarified European CE conformity in the EMC area of naval armament and helped to establish internal product compliance structures for a large defence contractor. As Head of Defence and Security, Thomas Klindt also coordinates networking in the market and knowledge transfer among partners for the entire law firm: he represents us as a member company in the industry association BDSV, moderates our annual Legal Summit Defence & Security and serves as co-editor of the new legal journals 'European Defence & Security Law & Policy Quarterly' (EDSeQ) and 'Rüstung, Sicherheit und Recht' (RüSiR). He also teaches European product and technology law at Bayreuth University and serves as co-editor of the 'Zeitschrift für Product Compliance' (ZfPC) and as a member of the editorial board of the 'Zeitschrift für Innovations- und Technikrecht' (InTeR).



Treacherous Waters? Navigating Transatlantic Export Controls and ITAR Exposure – Current Issues and Best Practices



Jahna Hartwig

Partner | Wilson Sonsini Goodrich &
Rosati

Jahna Hartwig is a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where she advises domestic and foreign companies on compliance with international trade laws.

Jahna has over 25 years of experience advising clients on international trade compliance issues as both in-house and outside counsel. She has developed and implemented international trade compliance programs at a Fortune 50 aerospace company, as well as other companies in the high technology and defense industries, a consulting firm, and a university-affiliated research center. She has advised clients on a variety of issues related to export controls on commercial and “dual-use” technologies under the Export Administration Regulations, military and intelligence technologies under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, various economic sanctions programs administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Controls, and Customs regulations. She has conducted internal investigations, filed voluntary disclosures, developed and delivered training, prepared commodity jurisdiction and classification requests, submitted license applications, and worked with government regulators on a variety of issues. She has significant experience advising clients on export controls related to fundamental research and public domain information.

Workshop 1: Success drivers in corporate finance



Dr. Nikolai Warneke

Partner | Noerr
Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer)

Dr. Nikolai Warneke advises credit institutions, alternative lenders and borrowers on national and international financing transactions. One focus of his activities is acquisition and corporate financing as well as the restructuring of financing. He also advises clients on the acquisition and sale of loan portfolios and has legal expertise in peer-to-peer lending.



Tillmann Völker

Head of Structured Solutions &
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Tillmann Völker is a senior banking executive with extensive experience in corporate banking, structured finance, corporate finance advisory, and banking transformation. Currently leading the Structured Solutions & Products division at NORD/LB, bringing together product structuring, advisory capabilities, and financing expertise to support corporate clients and savings bank partners. He has a proven track record in organizational transformation, product development, relationship management, and the delivery of complex financing solutions for mid-sized and large corporate customers.

Workshop 2: Commercial Space and the Defence Industry



**Dr. Laura Yvonne Zielinski, LL.M.
(Columbia)**

Associated Partner | Noerr
Attorney-at-law (New York)

Dr. Laura Yvonne Zielinski is an Associated Partner at Noerr. She has over a decade of experience in international commercial and investment arbitration. She represents both States and investors in proceedings before international tribunals and has particular expertise in the space sector. She works in English, French, Spanish and German and is admitted to the bar in New York, Paris and Mexico City.



Dr. Laura Lißner-Hölschermann

General Counsel | OHB SE

Dr. Laura Lißner-Hölschermann is General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer at OHB SE. She joined OHB SE in 2019 as Legal Counsel and, in that role, was primarily responsible for providing legal support to the companies in the Group's Aerospace division. Since 2021, Dr. Lißner-Hölschermann has also served as Compliance Officer for several Group companies and is responsible for modernizing and further developing the Group's compliance management system. Since 2023, she has served as General Counsel of OHB SE and is responsible for the areas of legal affairs, corporate governance, and compliance. Prior to joining OHB, she worked as an attorney at the international law firm Göhmann.

Investments in AI-heavy Defence Technology



Dr. Florian Becker

Partner | Noerr
Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer)

Dr. Florian Becker is a specialist in complex transactions and reorganisations. He works from London and Munich, has advised on more than 120 successfully closed transactions in the last 20 years and takes a leading role in advising national and international clients on cross-border M&A projects. He has a strong focus on the areas of technology (incl. defence), financial services and restructuring. Florian also frequently advises in growth capital and distressed M&A transactions.



Dr. Thomas Thalhofer

Partner | Noerr
Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer)

Dr. Thomas Thalhofer is an expert in legal issues related to the digitalization of business, specializing in contract drafting and legal project consultancy for complex national and international IT projects, cloud initiatives, and IT outsourcing. His additional areas of expertise include corporate transactions within the technology sector, IT conflict resolution and litigation, as well as software licensing law, IT security law, and data and AI law. He serves as co-chair of the Committee on Outsourcing, Cloud, and IT Projects for the German Society for Law and Informatics and is a member of the IT Law Working Group at the German Bar Association.

Keynote:

Jurisdictional Fragmentation in the Defence Sector – How to Deal with Regulatory Hurdles for Cross-Border Transactions



Dr. Bärbel Sachs, LL.M

Noerr | Partner

Head of International Trade & Investment Controls as well as Head of Regulatory & Governmental Affairs

Dr. Bärbel Sachs heads the international trade & investment controls and regulatory & governmental affairs practice groups at Noerr. She has been advising clients in all areas of German, European and international trade law, including export controls, sanctions and customs law since 2006. Bärbel's practice focuses on advice concerning trade compliance programmes and investigations of complex matters in the past. She also advises on foreign investment reviews by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy of Germany.



Workshop 3: Key challenges in cross-border investigations



Dr. Maximilian Ohrloff

Partner | Noerr
Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer)

Maximilian Ohrloff specializes in white-collar criminal defense and compliance. He advises and represents companies and their executives in all areas of white-collar crime, regulatory offenses, and compliance. Many of his matters have involved cross-border proceedings, often with FCPA and DOJ/SEC implications. In this context, Maximilian conducts internal investigations and advises on the implementation and enhancement of compliance management systems. Developing strategies and measures to mitigate liability risks arising from corporate decision-making represents another key focus of his practice.



Dr. Katja Stadelmann

General Counsel | Hensoldt

Dr. Katja Stadelmann spent 23 years at the Siemens Group in various management roles. Among other things, she spent 2.5 years in India as General Counsel for South East Asia; she subsequently took responsibility for legal affairs across the EMEA region and the Services division; and, from 2018, as Group DPO and Head of Data Privacy, she established the data protection management system at Siemens Healthineers. Since 2023, she has been General Counsel at HENSOLDT AG, where she is responsible for the Legal, Compliance, Data Protection and Export Control departments.

Workshop 4: Launching and developing a European Space-Start-Up



Felix Blobel, LLM

Partner | Noerr
Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer) and notary

Felix Blobel advises investors, growth companies and founders on a regular basis regarding equity financings, acquisitions and exit transactions. He regularly deals with complex M&A transactions, with a special focus on tech companies and the real estate industry. Felix also has special expertise in stock corporation law. He is also admitted as a notary in Berlin.



Salomo Ortega Sawal, Mag. iur.

Senior Associate | Noerr
Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer)

Salomo Ortega Sawal is a member of our Regulatory & Governmental Affairs and Energy & Infrastructure practice groups based in the firm's Dusseldorf office. Salomo's practice covers the whole range of public (commercial) law, with a special focus on law of politics. He has special expertise in the areas of constitutional, administrative, gambling and public procurement law. Apart from this, he also advises on public construction law and complex regulatory issues involving energy and climate change law.

IoT patents in the defence sector - the connected defence



Dr. Ralph Nack

Partner | Noerr
Rechtsanwalt (Lawyer)

Dr. Ralph Nack is an expert on complex issues of patent law. He advises German and international clients primarily in patent litigation and in nullity and opposition proceedings. He is a leading international expert in patent licensing, especially regarding standard-essential patents (SEP FRAND licensing). His practice focuses on the areas of electronics, telecommunications, mechanical engineering and pharmaceuticals.



Valentin Schmidt

Legal Counsel | KNDS

Valentin Schmidt works as a Legal Counsel at KNDS Deutschland specializing in IP, contract, and procurement law. Previously an attorney-at-law with Noerr, he advised national and international clients on complex patent, trade secret, and employee invention matters. He litigated national and international patent infringement, nullity, and opposition proceedings, and advised on technology disputes and standard-essential patent (SEP) licensing.