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■ EXPERTISE AND PRACTICE

Maximilian Weiss is the founder and managing director of WEISSWERT. He exclusively advises on matters involving banking law, capital markets law, and antitrust law as they pertain to the financial markets. His main focus is on achieving conflict resolution in complex disputes, which often have a cross-border dimension. His practice areas include shareholder disputes, claims for improper investment advice, cases of investment fraud, as well as asset tracing and asset recovery.

Max is experienced with mass actions and the legal instruments of collective legal recourse. In particular, he has handled several proceedings brought under the Capital Markets Model Case Act (KapMuG), each of which involved disputed amounts in the billions of euros.

His clients include both companies and private individuals, particularly institutional, private investors and bank clients.

Max is a native German speaker and fluent in English and Spanish.

■ PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Advised and represented hundreds of institutional investors against an exchange-listed automobile manufacturer and its listed holding company for allegedly publishing false capital market disclosures; total amount in dispute: roughly 5 billion euros.
- Advised and represented institutional investors against an automobile manufacturer for allegedly publishing false capital market disclosures; total amount in dispute: roughly 1 billion euros.
- Advised and represented investors against an exchange-listed payment service provider, an auditing firm, and the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) in connection with balance sheet manipulations that had gone undetected for years, thereby causing damages in excess of 14 billion euros.
- Advised a foreign maritime shipping company on the relevant points of German substantive law to help defend against a claim asserted by a German bank as part of court proceedings in an offshore jurisdiction (common law).
- Advised and represented investors in multiple proceedings against a major Spanish bank in connection with a post-IPO accounting scandal involving allegations of false primary and false secondary market disclosures and several million euros in claims.

■ PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)

- Advised and represented German and foreign shareholders against an exchange-listed, internationally active furniture group in the context of various class actions in multiple jurisdictions (Germany, Netherlands, South Africa) involving allegations of false or omitted capital market disclosures.

■ CAREER

Prior to founding the WEISSWERT law firm in 2022, Maximilian Weiss worked for a boutique legal firm specializing in capital markets law (from 2015) and later as a partner in a Stuttgart-based law firm. Then as now, Maximilian Weiss' practice has consistently focused on representing investors in complex disputes involving banking and the capital markets.

■ EDUCATION

- University of Tübingen (1st state law examination)
- Higher Regional Court of Stuttgart (2nd state law examination)
- Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Chicago (LL.M.)
- IE Business School, Madrid
- Instituto de Enseñanza Superior en Lenguas Vivas Juan Ramón Fernández, Buenos Aires

■ PUBLICATIONS

- Securities Litigation against VW and Porsche - The 10 Billion Euro Marathon Walk, in: Beate Gsell/Thomas M.J. Möllers (eds.), Enforcing Consumer and Capital Markets Law - The Diesel Emissions Scandal, Intersentia, Cambridge/Antwerp/Chicago, 2020, pp. 449 et seqq.
- Die Prospektpflicht für Edelmetall-Investments kommt - Ende einer Branche?, in: Finanzwelt, issue 6/2020, p. 42 et seq.
- Wirecard-Bilanzskandal – Amtshaftungsklage gegen die BaFin, in: bank intern Spezial (special supplement to issue 32/2020)
- Nach Wirecard-Bilanzskandal – Erweiterung des Musterverfahrens, in: bank intern Spezial (special supplement to issue 27/2020)
- Musterverfahren gegen Wirecard – Was Aktionäre jetzt wissen müssen, in: bank intern Spezial (special supplement to issue 22/2020)
- Haftungsfalle Coronavirus: Was Finanzvermittler jetzt wissen müssen, in: Finanzwelt, issue 2/2020, p. 6 et seq.
- Verjährung von Schadensersatzansprüchen wegen der Verletzung von Ad-hoc-Pflichten, in: Zeitschrift für Wirtschafts- und Bankrecht (WM), 2016, pp. 914 et seqq.

■ LECTURES

- 59th International Young Lawyers' Congress, 25 August 2021, Zurich, Switzerland: "Innovative Claims and Proceedings"
- Banking law practitioners' seminar, organized by the University of Bonn, Germany, 29 October 2020: "Skandal rund um Wirecard"
- DRRT Global Investor Loss Recovery Webinar 2020, 29 October 2020: "Wirecard - The Enron of Germany"
- International Legal Institute for MTMP Webinar "Mass Damage & Access to Justice: New National Solutions", 10. September 2020, "Collective Redress in Germany"
- IPA Conference "Loss Recovery tra Class Actions e Processi Penali", 22 November 2019, Bergamo, Italy: "Il caso VW"
- Houthoff Class Action Seminar, 12 September 2019, Amsterdam, Netherlands: "Collective Redress in Germany - overview and recent developments"
- International conference "Enforcing Consumer and Capital Market Law in Europe", 23 May 2019, Augsburg University, Germany: "Panel Discussion - Practical Experiences with Dieselgate"
- DRRT's 11th Annual Global Investor Loss Recovery Conference, 4 April 2019, Frankfurt, Germany: "Steinhoff: The Enron of South Africa"
- ISLG Institutional Investor Conference, 30/31 October 2018, Johannesburg, South Africa: "The German Steinhoff litigation"
- ISLG Institutional Investor Conference, 29 October 2018, Cape Town, South Africa: "The German Steinhoff litigation"

■ MEMBERSHIPS

- AIJA – International Association of Young Lawyers
- IBA – International Bar Association
- Arbeitsgemeinschaft Bank- und Kapitalmarktrecht im Deutschen Anwaltverein (Banking and Capital Markets Law Working Group of the German Bar Association)
- Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht (Antitrust Lawyers Association)
- Phi Delta Phi Tübingen e.V.