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Education

LL.M., University College London, 2000
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Languages

English
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Bar Admissions

Frankfurt am Main
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Thorsten Goetz has wide-ranging experience in European Union and international merger control cases, as well as cartel enforcement, abuse of dominance and compliance matters.

Mr. Goetz advises clients on antitrust aspects of complex cross-border M&A and joint ventures. He has worked on numerous transactions requiring international antitrust merger control approvals both in Europe and worldwide. Mr. Goetz is recognized as a leading antitrust lawyer in the Germany edition of *Best Lawyers 2021*, and has been regularly included in *Who's Who Legal's* list of Competition Future Leaders. Mr. Goetz shares his time between the firm's Brussels and Frankfurt offices.

Representative matters include, among others:

- **Stryker Corporation** in its pending acquisition of Wright Medical Group N.V.;
- **SCP Group** in its:
 - acquisition of the Real Group from Metro AG; and
 - pending sale of Real supermarkets to various German retailers;
- **Cisco Systems, Inc.** in its acquisition of Acacia Communications, Inc.;
- **Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.** in its acquisition of 66.67% of the issued share capital of Silversea Cruises Holding Ltd.;
- **Amadeus IT Group, S.A.** in its acquisition of TravelClick, Inc.;
- **CME Group Inc.** in its acquisition of NEX Group;
- **Keurig Green Mountain Inc.**, a subsidiary of JAB Holding Company, in its acquisition of the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group;
- **Esterline Technologies Corporation** in its acquisition by TransDigm Group Incorporated;
- **Corning Incorporated** in its acquisition of substantially all of the Communication Markets Division of 3M;
- **E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company** in its merger of equals with The Dow Chemical Company;
- **I Squared Capital** in its acquisition of PEMA from Société Générale;
- **Cardinal Health Inc.** in its acquisition of the patient care, deep vein thrombosis and nutritional insufficiency businesses of Medtronic;
- **Intel Corporation** in its acquisition of Mobileye N.V.;
- **SanDisk Corporation** in its acquisition by Western Digital Corporation;
- **Nokia Corporation** in its acquisition of Alcatel-Lucent;
- **XL Group plc** in its acquisition of Catlin Group Limited;
- **Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.** in its acquisition of Bausch & Lomb Holdings Inc.; and
- **Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company** in its acquisition by Mars Incorporated.

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Mr. Goetz also advises clients in cartel cases, as well as on competition law issues relating to vertical agreements and dominance. He has represented clients in Article 101 investigations in relation to cartels, strategic alliances, distribution arrangements and other vertical agreements, and in Article 102 investigations before the European Commission, the European courts and national competition authorities.

Mr. Goetz's nontransactional experience includes:

- representing a company in relation to online sales and pricing restrictions in several EU member states, avoiding formal allegations being raised against the company;
- assisting companies in obtaining conditional immunity with the European Commission and other competition law agencies;
- representing a pharmaceutical company in one of the first investigations by the European Commission of a reverse payment patent settlement and subsequent representation before the General Court and the EU Court of Justice; and
- representing a leading computer chip manufacturer in an Article 102 investigation before the European Commission.

Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Goetz worked in the London office of a leading U.K. firm.