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## Education

Second State Exam, Dusseldorf Higher Regional Court, 2010

LL.M., Fordham University School of Law, 2008

First State Exam, University of Giessen, 2007

## Bar Admissions

Frankfurt am Main

## Languages

German

English

French

Caspar Schmelzer focuses primarily on capital markets transactions, advising clients in a variety of industries, including technology, automotive, consumer goods, financial and manufacturing. In recognition of his capital markets work, Mr. Schmelzer has been repeatedly named to *Best Lawyers* and most recently honored as a Rising Star by *IFLR1000*.

Since joining Skadden, Mr. Schmelzer's experience includes advising:

- **Jefferies** as financial advisor to Northern Data AG in connection with the proposed acquisition of Northern Data AG by Rumble, Inc.
- **CureVac N.V.** in its all-stock acquisition by BioNTech SE that values CureVac N.V. at US\$1.25 billion
- **Axian Telecom** in its acquisition of 19.7 million ordinary shares from Jumia Technologies AG, representing 8% of Jumia's outstanding share capital
- **MorphoSys AG** in its:
  - €2.7 billion sale to, and public takeover by, Novartis and the simultaneous disposition of the worldwide marketing rights of its antibody drug Monjuvi to Incyte Corporation
  - cash capital increase with gross proceeds of approximately €102.7 million
  - US\$1.7 billion acquisition of Constellation Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its related US\$2 billion financing from Royalty Pharma plc
  - U.S. IPO and dual listing of American depositary shares on Nasdaq
  - issuance of a US\$300 million development funding bond
- **Armira** in its €30 million anchor investment as part of a €60 million private placement of new shares in tonics SE
- **Medigene** in its global cancer immunotherapy collaboration with BioNTech
- **Silver Lake** in its strategic partnership and investment in German publicly listed company Software AG via the purchase of €344 million aggregate principal amount of subordinated unsecured convertible notes. This is the first PIPE by any U.S. technology investment firm in a German public company
- Berenberg as sole global coordinator and joint bookrunner and Stifel as additional joint bookrunner in connection with a capital increase of **Pacifico Renewables Yield AG**
- **SIGNA Sports United GmbH** in connection with its US\$3.3 billion initial public offering on the New York Stock Exchange as a result of the de-SPAC merger with Yucaipa Acquisition Corporation. The merger also included the acquisition of WiggleCRC Group
- the joint bookrunners, including Deutsche Bank and J.P. Morgan, in the €842 million private placement of ordinary bearer shares and listing on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange of **ABOUT YOU Holding AG**

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Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Schmelzer worked in the Frankfurt office of another law firm. His experience prior to joining Skadden includes advising:

- **Siemens** in the spin-off and listing of Siemens Energy
- **BAWAG Group** in its initial public offering
- the underwriters in the listing and offering of **JOST Werke** by way of a private placement
- **Schaeffler AG** as issuer's counsel in the listing and offering by way of a private placement
- **Sixt Leasing AG** in its initial public offering
- the underwriters in the initial public offering of **KION Group AG**
- **VTG** in its €280 million rights offering
- **Adidas** in its €500 million equity-neutral convertible bond
- the underwriters in the €8 billion rights offering of **Deutsche Bank**
- **thyssenkrupp** in its €1.4 billion capital increase
- **Diebold** in its public takeover of Wincor Nixdorf AG
- **Vonovia SE** in the placement of secondary and primary shares with a total volume of €500 million
- **Deutsche Wohnen** in its public takeover of GSW Immobilien AG
- **Deutsche Annington Immobilien SE** (now: Vonovia) in its initial public offering