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FOCUS AREAS

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EXPERIENCE

Sebastian Thess is an associate in the Brussels office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. His practice focuses on all matters surrounding European as well as German privacy and data protection law and includes advisory, transactional, regulatory, and policy matters. He has a particularly strong focus on helping clients with privacy compliance concerning multi-jurisdictional as well as cross-border data transfers. Additionally, he advises companies on current and upcoming EU regulations concerning digital services, such as the Artificial Intelligence Act and the Digital Services Act.

Before joining the firm, Sebastian clerked at the Berlin Court of Appeals, worked for the German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action as well as the Humboldt University of Berlin.

In addition to German, Sebastian is fluent in English and proficient in Spanish.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- LL.M., Harvard Law School, 2022
- Second Staatsexamen, Kammergericht Berlin, 2019
With Honors
- First Staatsexamen (J.D. equivalent), Humboldt University, Berlin, 2016
With Honors, Award for the best bar exam in the states of Berlin and Brandenburg

Admissions

- Rechtsanwalt, Berlin Bar
- Brussels Bar E-List

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- Co-author, “Network Enforcement Act on Probation” (original title in German: “Netzwerkdurchsetzungsgesetz in der Bewährung”), Nomos, 2020
- Co-author, “Foreign Trade Law” (original title in German: “Außenwirtschaftsrecht”), Second Edition, C. F. Müller, 2020
- Commentary, “Right to be forgotten I, T v Federal Court of Justice, Constitutional appeal, 1 BvR 16/13, ILDC 3071 (DE 2019), 6th November 2019, Germany; Constitutional Court [BVerfG],” in: Oxford Reports on International Law – International Law in Domestic Courts
- Commentary, “Right to be forgotten II, B v Higher Regional Court, Celle, Constitutional appeal, 1 BvR 276/17, ILDC 3072 (DE 2019), 6th November 2019, Germany; Constitutional Court [BVerfG],” in: Oxford Reports on International Law – International Law in Domestic Courts