

## Lawyers From Germany, the UK and US Combine to Host Roundtable Discussion in Berlin

Lawyers from Germany, the UK and US have jointly hosted a roundtable discussion on the subject of "Managing International Business Contracts and Disputes". The discussion explored the main similarities and differences between dealing with contracts and disputes across the varying jurisdictions of Germany, the UK and the US.

The event took place on 22 June 2016 and was kindly hosted by the British Embassy in Berlin. Co-sponsoring the event were the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany and Ghorfa, the Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The discussion was very well attended by a selection of delegates from various business sectors who had been invited through these Chambers.

Our speakers comprised Dr Tim Wuennemann, Partner (Berlin), Graeme Bradley, Partner (Birmingham), Alex Johnson, Senior Associate (Birmingham) and Dr Alexander Imberg, Partner (San Francisco).

The event created some lively debate as the panel discussed topics such as jurisdiction and choice of law, limiting liability, indemnities, damages (including punitive damages), mediation and alternative dispute resolution and disclosure (including e-disclosure). It was clear that across these topics and in the various jurisdictions there were a number of points of real similarity, but also some key differences of which our clients should be aware when doing business internationally.

A "key points" document summarising the main points to take away from the discussion will soon be available and distributed to the delegates. Given the success of the event, the team are hoping to host further roundtable discussions in the future.

Special thanks to our hosts, the British Embassy in Berlin, and to the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany, the Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the American Chamber of Commerce in Berlin and Dominic Krohne (Research, BD & Marketing Manager, Germany).

Please contact Alex Johnson in the UK if you would be interested in attending future discussions or have any questions about this event, similarly Volker Herrmann for Germany related matters and Alexander Imberg for USA related matters.

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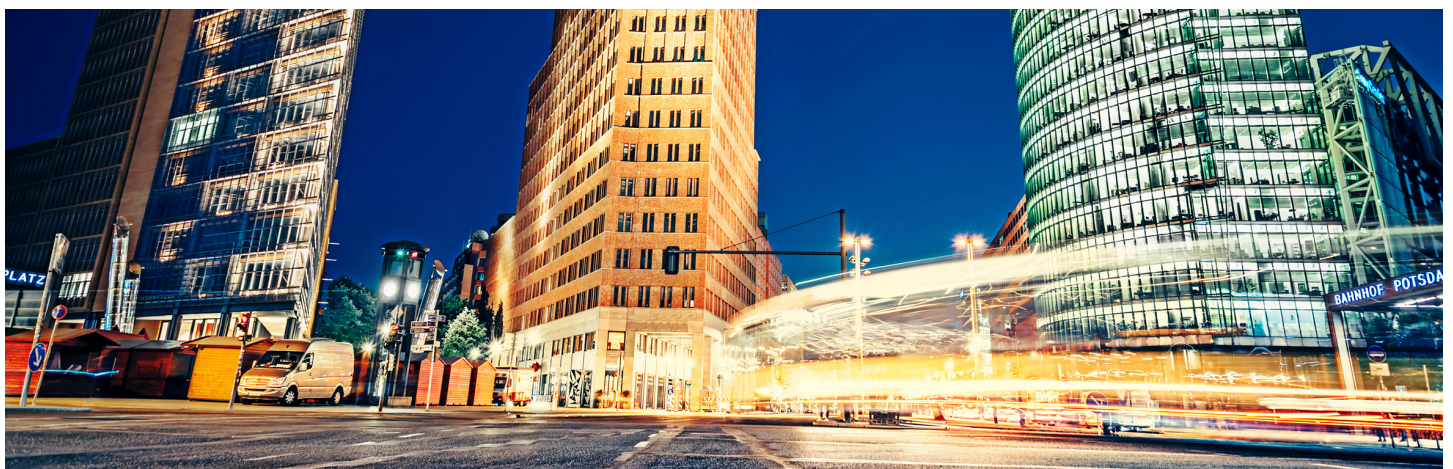
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