

PRACTICES:

- Environment, Energy & Product Regulation
 - Chemicals, Pesticides and Product Regulation
 - REACH
 - EU Environmental
- International
 - Brussels
 - EU Competition
 - EU Environmental
 - EU Food Law
- Public Policy and Regulatory Affairs
 - Drugs
 - Food

INDUSTRIES:

- Chemicals



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Experience

Ursula Schliessner is the managing partner for the Firm's Brussels office. Her practice focuses on European Community regulatory law, with an emphasis on environmental, food, biotech, workers' health & safety and product safety regulatory matters.

Ms. Schliessner advises companies on regulatory compliance issues, product authorizations, circulation and labeling across the European Union. Ms. Schliessner represents individual corporations and trade associations across numerous industry sectors, including food, chemicals (REACH), biocides, minerals, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, electronics, medical devices, textiles and toys. Her practice includes specific counseling and advice on borderline product issues, including in the area of food, biocides, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and personal protective equipment.

Ms. Schliessner has over 18 years experience in EU regulatory matters. She also handles product recalls, assists in the environmental aspects of acquisitions, and assists in advocacy strategies.

Law Directory recognitions

- *PLC Which Lawyer?* (2008/2009): highly recommended for EU Environmental Law (European Union) and highly recommended for EU Life Sciences: Regulatory (European Union).
- *European Legal Experts* (2008/2009): expert in EU and competition (Belgium).
- *PLC Life Science Cross - Border Handbook* (2007/2008): highly recommended for EU Life Science: Regulatory.
- *Chambers Europe* (2006/2007): lead partner responsible for the success of the firm's Regulatory and Public Affairs practice group in Brussels.
- *Global Counsel 3000* (2003/2004): Belgium, EU, Life Sciences section; one out of three Leading Individuals for Life Sciences.
- *The European Legal 500* (2001): Belgium, EU section, in particular recommended for Food and Drugs.
- *European Counsel Life Science Industry Report* (2003) one out of three leading for Life Sciences: Regulatory; (2004/2005 and 2005/2006), one out of four leading for Regulatory.
- *Euromoney Legal Media Group Guide to the World's Leading Environment Lawyers* (2000 and 2005).

Notable Engagements

- Two successfully completed EU marketing authorizations of genetically modified corn under Directive 90/220 (now 2001/18).
- Several successfully concluded EU notifications and authorizations of novel foods under the EU's Novel Food Regulation 258/97.
- Manages several REACH consortia including styrene, ethyl benzene, UPR/VER, and gluconic acid and its derivatives.

+ Publications:

- "REACH Revisited: The New EU Chemical Regulation in Full Swing," *PLC Cross-border Environment Handbook 2009/10*, (October 2009).
- "Sectoral Report on Food Safety - Adjudication and Rulemaking," European Union Administrative Law Project, American Bar Association, (July 12, 2007).
- "Comitology-The New Recipe for Food," *Epsilon E-Zine*, (March 2007).
- "EU Regulation of Genetically Modified Enzymes," *PLC Cross-border Handbook, Life Sciences 2005/2006*, (January 2006), co-authored by Ruxandra Cana.
- "EU environmental policy - what's next?" *Guide to the World's Leading Environment Lawyers*, (October 2005).
- "European Social Dialogue-Achieving Successful H&S Regulation," *Industrial Minerals*, No. 437 (74-77), (February 2004).

+ Seminars And Presentations:

- "Konsortialvertraege und Konsortialmanagement", REACH-Seminar-SIEF und Konsortialvertraege, organized by Lexxion Verlagsgesellschaft mbH, Frankfurt/Main, (June 9, 2009).
- European Panelist at Session I: U.S. and European Approaches to Environmental Regulation in Symposium on Law and the Environment: Designing a Transatlantic Agenda, organized by The Atlantic Council of the United States and LexisNexis, New York, (January 7, 2009).
- "Impact of REACH on company and sector product stewardship efforts - Some predications for the future", The 6th International Conference, RubberChem 2008, Prague, Czech Republic, (December 3-4, 2008).
- "REACH - Consortia Formation and the Legal Considerations of Cost and Data Sharing" (joint presentation with Flavia Distefano), 8th Annual REACH

- Designed, drafted and negotiated the Social Dialogue Agreement on Good Handling of Silica ratified by 15 European industry associations and two European Employee federations (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2006:279:0002:0008:EN:PDF>, <http://www.nepsi.eu/>).

Education

- Albert Ludwigs University Freiburg i. Br. (Germany), 1980-1983.
- Ludwigs-Maximilians University Munich (Germany), 1983-1986; First State Exam 1986.
- Second State Exam Bavaria (Germany), 1989.

Admitted

- Düsseldorf
- Brussels Bar (E-List)

Conference, Overcoming the Challenges of Complying with the Evolving European Chemicals Regulations, Brussels, (November 27-28, 2008).

- "Registration / Pre-registration / Consortia under REACH, Part IV of International Chemicals Regulation: There's More Just Beyond our REACH," ABA Section of International Law, 2007 Fall Meeting, London, (October 3-6, 2007).
- "How to Comply with REACH and what are the Special Issues for Non-EU Companies," ChemCon of The Americas 2007, Montreal, (September 18-21, 2007).
- "JPMorgan Minutes: Groupe Danone - How focus on Health and Nutrition can Become a Competitive Advantage," JP Morgan Danone Investors Briefing, Paris, (October 24, 2006).
- "EU Regulatory Policy on Food-Business Challenges and Opportunities," JP Morgan Investors Meeting, Paris, (October 2, 2006).
- "EU Health & Safety Legislation Now and Tomorrow," General Assembly on The European Cement Industry: A Health Perspective, Stockholm, (June 13, 2006).
- "Liability and Regulatory Compliance Considerations for Companies Facing the Obesity Debate," 2nd Annual Obesity Europe Conference - Developing a Long-Term Strategy for Health and Wellness, Brussels, (June 6-7, 2006).