

Partner, Frankfurt

Private Equity; Mergers and Acquisitions



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Education

Dr. jur., Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, 2018

Second State Exam, Higher Regional Court of Duesseldorf, 2013

First State Exam, Higher Regional Court of Hamm, 2010

LL.B., Bucerius Law School, 2009

Admissions

Frankfurt am Main

Languages

German

English

Chinese

French

Polish

Dr. Matthias Schudlo focuses on advising private equity and corporate clients on complex cross-border M&A transactions and joint ventures. He also counsels on corporate governance matters, corporate restructurings, intra-fund transfers, venture capital/growth transactions and capital markets-related issues.

Dr. Schudlo has been one of the most active law firm partners of his generation in Germany in transactions involving private equity sponsors, handling both large-cap and mid-cap deals. Numerous legal publications have recognized him as a leading lawyer for private equity and corporate M&A, including *JUVE*, *Best Lawyers* and *The Legal 500*. Clients have described Dr. Schudlo as a “pistol in negotiations” and a “true expert in corporate matters.”

He has counseled on a broad range of matters in the technology, industrials, automotive, infrastructure, transportation, consumer goods and health care industries.

His representations prior to joining Skadden include advising:

- CVC on, among others, its acquisitions of:

- a stake in Sunday Natural, a leading brand of premium vitamins, minerals and supplements
- a majority stake in The Quality Group from founders
- Bosch’s packaging technology business unit, one of the leading suppliers of process and packaging technology (now rebranded as Syntegon)

- Sebia, a CVC portfolio company, on the acquisition of ORGENTEC Diagnostika from Water Street Healthcare Partner

- ARDIAN on, among others, its sales of:

- Gantner Electronics to SALTO Systems
- ADA International to Moonlake Capital

- Gantner Electronics, an ARDIAN portfolio company, on, among others, its acquisitions of:

- Contidata, a German market leader for cashless payment systems in company canteens
- Syx Automations NV

- a private equity fund on its fund-to-fund transfer of software assets and subsequent add-on acquisitions

- Bregal Milestone on, among other matters:

- an investment in Productsup
- its Series C investment in uberall, a SaaS provider

- Lagardère Travel Retail on the acquisition of the Marché restaurants from Mövenpick

- Schaffhausen Institute of Technology, an international educational and research institution based in Switzerland, on the acquisition of Constructor University, formerly Jacobs University Bremen

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- various stakeholders on the dissolution of a joint venture and a settlement of a multiparty commercial dispute
 - shareholders on the sale of El-Cab, a manufacturer of wire harnesses, to Amphenol
 - Grillo-Werke AG on the sale of its intellectual property and know-how regarding methanesulfonic acid to an international chemical company
 - CIECH on the reorganization of its German business
 - Groupe Mérieux on its acquisition of Sinnex group
 - sellers and Solaris Bus & Coach, a European manufacturer of public transportation vehicles, on its acquisition by multinational transportation group CAF
 - 3i on the sale of ATESTEO, an international drivetrain testing specialist, to IHO Holding GmbH & Co. KG, a holding company of the Schaeffler family
 - Railpool on a development and manufacturing agreement for the production of hybrid locomotives with Toshiba Corp.
 - PAI Partners on its investment in Refresco, the Dutch-listed leading independent bottler of soft drinks and fruit juices
 - Cirtec Medical, a 3i portfolio company, on the acquisition of Vascotube GmbH
 - IK Investment Partners on the acquisition of Bretèche Industrie
 - UKA Meissen on its wind farm development projects in the U.S.

Publications and Lectures

Regular lectures to financial sponsors and corporate clients on developments in corporate law, M&A and private equity

Schudlo/Kemper, Vorvertragliche Aufklärungspflichten und deren Erfüllung im Rahmen von M&A-Transaktionen, BB 2024, 137-144

Schudlo/Bock, Das MoPeG — Auswirkungen von Beteiligungen einer GbR an Kapitalgesellschaften, BB 2023, 2051-2056

Schudlo/Kammerer/Urban, Das neue Kaufrecht — Schwerpunkte M&A und Due Diligence, BB 2022, 2759-2764

Schudlo/Kersten, Kenntnis im Haftungssystem des Unternehmenskaufs, BB 2021, 1154-1159

Schudlo, The Liberalization of Foreign Exchange in China, 2018