### Beissenhirtz

business law



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#### qualifications

German Qualified Lawyer ("Rechtsanwalt")

Certified Turnaround Professional (EACTP)

PhD in law (University Halle Wittenberg)

Master of Laws (London School of Economics)

#### awards

Handelsblatt – Germany's Best Lawyers since 2017

Corporate INTL – Company Turnaround Law Firm Germany 2014, 2016

# personal profile

German attorney-at-law and turnaround professional with over twenty years of relevant professional experience

before founding own firm in 2013, work at leading German and international law firms, specializing in business recovery, insolvency, forensic services and corporate law with a broad experience in cases involving several jurisdictions

economic background and experience

regular lectures and publications on the subject of corporate crisis

# experience

cooperative: Interim board member in the aftermath of extensive criminal investigations, stabilization

charity start up: CRO in charitable company empowering handicapped persons

luxury goods producer: Non-executive board member, monitoring financial restructuring, establishing corporate governance structures, business & competitive intelligence

recycling group: advising management on the financial restructuring

plastic foil manufacturer: Advising the CRO throughout the (successful) turnaround process

solar energy group: advising / representing insolvency administrator, stabilizing and selling the US operations within a Chapter 11 procedure (363 sale), achieving recognition of the German insolvency procedure in a Chapter 15 procedure

aluminum producer: lead advisor for management of a multinational group of companies in its financial restructuring including successful completion of a Chapter 11 procedure also for the German companies in the group

fashion retail chain: lead advisor on planning and implementation of restructuring through an insolvency plan procedure

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### memberships

German and Berlin Bar Association

German and UK Chapter Turnaround Management Association

European Association of Turnaround Professionals

#### engagement

Member of the Board, European Association of Certified Turnaround Professionals

Founding member of the Berlin bar association team advising lawyers in financial difficulties

#### languages

German, English, French

# publications

Chapter on International Insolvency Law in *Paulus/Knecht*, "Handbuch Gerichtliche Sanierung", 2018

"Der Blick hinter die Glaskugel" ("The view behind the glass bowl"), ZInsO, 2020, 1673

Since 2016: "Cassandras Blick in die Glaskugel" ("Cassandra's look into the glass bowl"), annual forecast for ZInsO, latest: ZInsO 2020, 1333

"ESUG-Evaluation – und nu?"("ESUG evaluation – what now?"), ZInsO 2019, 180

"Plädoyer für ein Gesetz zur vorinsolvenzlichen Sanierung von Unternehmen" ("pleadings for a pre-insolvency restructuring mechanism for enterprises"), ZInsO 2011, 57

# speeches

Lecturer in law & economics since 2014, lecturing on insolvency & turnaround and negotiation tactics

"Die Glaskugel" - oder "Prognosen sind schwierig - Teil II", Webinar im Rahmen des Unternehmerabends "Halbsieben", München, 22. Juni 2020

"Restructuring & Turnarounds - Dealing with the upsurge", Webinar/Podiumsdiskussion, DDC - Global Debt & Economy Investment Summit 2020, 3. Juni 2020

"Anforderungen an Aufsichtsratsmitglieder in gemeinnützigen Organisationen" ("Requirements for members of the non-executive board in charities", speech to the advisory board of a charity, Berlin, 12 April 2019

## press

"Wirecard's Shares Are Still in Demand Despite Insolvency", Bloomberg, 30 June 2020

"Das müssen Unternehmer jetzt wissen, wenn ihr Betrieb zahlungsunfähig ist" ("What entrepreneurs need to know now if their business is unable to pay its debt", Tagesspiegel, 25 March 2020

"Air Berlin – was bedeutet die Eröffnung des Insolvenzverfahrens?" ("Air Berlin – what does the commencement of insolvency procedures mean?"), Interview, RBB-Inforadio, November 2017