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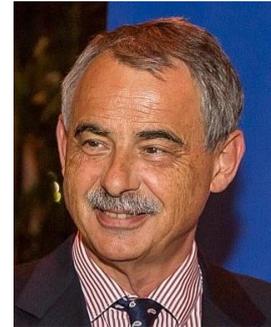
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## ABOUT

RUMPF RECHTSANWÄLTE is an internationally oriented business law firm with its headquarters in Stuttgart. For more than 30 years, the name RUMPF has been representing a particular specialization in German-Turkish business and legal relationships. Our clients are medium-sized companies and large-scale enterprises from the most important sectors such as the automotive industry, banks, insurance, textiles, real estate, the plant construction industry and energy companies. Ministries and top institutions in Europe, Germany and Turkey seek our support.

## PROFILE

The firm has unique know-how of German-Turkish as well as international business and legal relationships which is being continually expanded upon by the team lead by senior partner **Prof. Dr. Christian Rumpf**. Our experience benefits clients both large and small from all over Europe and the US, including big businesses in the automotive industry, banks, insurance companies, the plant construction industry and power companies - not only in the firm's core business area but also in other fields of international business. German and international law firms in Europe and the US turn to us with specific questions concerning our areas of expertise so they can better help their own clients.



## AREAS OF PRACTICE

### *Arbitration*

Arbitration is an excellent way to settle disputes outside of state courts without causing a stir or drawing unwanted attention. Arbitration proceedings are typically faster than a state trial with many authorities, although every arbitration proceeding can be connected to state legal trials in one way or another if the defeated party does not voluntarily comply with the arbitral award.

But the challenge can actually begin with selection of the correct proceeding or institution with whose support the trial will be carried out. Formulating the appropriate arbitration clause is an art unto itself. There are too many details which have to be taken into consideration when formulating an arbitration clause. This is especially true with international contracts. A poorly chosen or incorrectly formulated arbitration clause can call the meaning of the contract into question in case of a conflict.

We counsel our clients in choosing and formulating the appropriate arbitration clause and are available as attorneys in case of a dispute - nationally and internationally. Furthermore, Prof. Rumpf has profound experience as an arbitrator and expert in international arbitration cases.

### *Litigation*

Our law firm is specialised in litigation especially in Germany and Turkey, but also in other countries, e.g. USA. We support domestic and foreign companies in collecting outstanding receivables in Germany and other countries. Our German clients rely on our skills to manage and supervise proceedings not only in Turkey, but also in other foreign courts.

### *Commercial Law*

Trade between Germany and other countries, where we have a focus on Turkey, has increased considerably over the last few years. Stricter demands are made on the creation of transnational agency agreements, sales contracts and distribution agreements than is usually recognizable. Which law do I apply? Which place of jurisdiction should we agree on? Is there a law on general terms and conditions applicable? If so, which one? Do consumer protection regulations have to be considered?

Land, sea and air transport are all forms of trade. Practical experience has made us alert to particular problems which we solve together with our team and the specialists in our network. In Turkey, Germany and Europe. And, if requested, in other parts of the world.

### *Corporate Law*

Anyone who invests or does business do so with the aid of a subsidiary in another country instead of a transnational cooperation. The choice of the right subsidiary depends on the objective. In most countries, various types of establishment of subsidiaries are provided, such as liaison offices, non-independent subsidiaries and capital companies (limited companies or public limited companies) are possibilities.

We provide specific skills to support our clients in Germany and Turkey. With our partners around the world we are able to give advice to our clients also in other jurisdictions.

### *Real Estate law*

Real estate is an important factor in foreign investment. Whereas in Germany there are very view restrictions as to the acquisition of real estate by foreign individuals or companies, other countries such as Turkey, Switzerland, Poland or Spain provide limitations to the acquisition of land by foreigners. Our experience in real estate law in Germany, Turkey and other countries has gained considerable importance for clients investing in foreign countries.

### *Intellectual Property*

We counsel and support our clients in the registration and defence of their property rights in Germany, Turkey and all over Europe as well - we work as your registered representative at the European Union Office of Harmonization in Alicante, Spain.

### *Other Areas of Law*

Our law firm does not claim to be specialized in any area of law in the world. However, we have developed experience in areas such as inheritance law in Turkey, including extensions to Germany, Spain or other countries. We have provided expertise in cultural heritage law and compliance issues to companies all over the world.

## **NETWORK**

The source of the power of our small team is our network.

The core of our network are our law firm in Stuttgart/Germany and our consulting firm RUMPF CONSULTING in Istanbul/Turkey. We have an excellent standing in Switzerland with an office of our own.

Further, we work together successfully with lawyers in a number of Turkish cities such as Ankara, Antalya, Bursa, Denizli and Izmir. We are forming teams for our clients with counsels of well renowned law firms in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Poland and in other countries. We work with reliable tax consultants and notaries in Germany and Turkey. In every case we remain the reliable contact for our clients.

## REFERENCES

We don't advertise with the names of our clients, although this has become widespread practice of larger German and international law firms. However, we are proud to be called for the resolution of legal problems without respect to the challenge. We work for the largest companies as well as for individuals, courts, arbitral tribunals including ICSID-arbitration, national and international political and nongovernmental institutions.

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