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Studies and traineeship

- Studied law at the University of Bayreuth (1st state examination 2011)
- Legal clerkship in the district of the Higher Regional Court of Bamberg (2nd state examination 2013)

Professional career

- Admission to the bar (Germany, 2013)
- Doctorate (Dr. iur.) 2018
- Petersen Hardraht Partnerschaft von Rechtsanwälten und Steuerberatern mbB (Attorney-at-law) – 01.12.2013 – 31.12.2020
- MORGENSTERN Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH (Shareholder and managing director) – 01.01.2021 – 31.12.2024
- Attorney at **petersen**partners (formerly PETERSEN HARDRAHT PRUGGMAYER) since 01.01.2025
- Partner at **petersen**partners since 01.07.2026

Consulting focus

- IT- and data protection law
- Trademark law
- Competition law

Main areas of activity

- Nationwide advice to companies and public clients on all IT and data protection issues as well as in connection with IT security issues
- Auditing, designing and monitoring the data protection structures of various companies, groups of companies and public clients as data protection officer or advisor to the data protection officer
- Publications in the field of data protection and new technologies (including Bitcoin and blockchain)
- Lecturer for various training providers on various data protection and IT law topics (training courses for HR and IT managers as well as managing directors and data protection officers of companies and public clients; providing evidence in accordance with Art. 37 and 38 GDPR), currently e.g. implementation of the Whistleblower Directive / Whistleblower Protection Act and the associated procurement
- Lecturing and lecturing on data protection issues in general and the tasks of a data protection officer in particular (issuing certificates in accordance with Art. 37 and 38 GDPR and the Specialist Lawyers' Act)

- Advising companies and groups of companies (national and international) on the implementation and design of data protection regulations, advising bodies and committees on the data protection-compliant design and introduction of new (cloud) technologies and SaaS solutions (software as a service) such as Microsoft 365

- Reviewing and drafting software contracts, outsourcing contracts and company guidelines, particularly with regard to digitalization processes
- Advising companies and executive bodies (management boards, specialist departments and supervisory boards) in connection with digitalization projects and processes
- Direct contact and advisor to management bodies in connection with data protection and IT security issues relating to digitalization processes

Special strengths and awards

- Employee motivation and team leadership
- Pragmatic and always goal-oriented approach
- National and international negotiation skills and internal and external communication skills
- Strong understanding of purchasing and business processes, modern technologies and social contexts as well as new IT technologies
- Law firm of the year for medium-sized companies 2020 (Juve)

Publications:

- Stinnertz/Karnapp, SanB 01/24, “If you know the mail server, you know the company”
- Karnapp, Knut: *Successfully managin whistleblower systems*, Online-Modul, WEKA Media GmbH & Co. KG, Kissing, 2023

Foreign language

- English
- German