

Dr. Lucas de Ponte

General information

Lead legal counsel with a strong international background and over twelve years of experience both in-house and at several international law firms. Admitted as a German lawyer with a further license in Spain.

Head of Legal at Total Specific Solutions, an international software conglomerate based in the Netherlands part of Canadian listed software conglomerate Constellation Software Inc. Main focus on leadership tasks, investment decisions, international M&A transactions, compliance, litigation and general commercial contract and employment matters.

End-responsible for legal and compliance matters in a variety of jurisdictions across Central, Northern and Eastern Europe. Team player with a business-oriented approach, capable of proactively identifying problems, driving projects and providing pragmatic and risk-mitigating legal and business solutions in a dynamic and fast-paced environment.

Work Experience

January 2021 – today

Utrecht, The Netherlands

Head of Legal at TSS Europe B.V. Member of Leadership Team

October 2021 – today

Ballerup, Denmark

Member of Board of Directors of Forsikringens Data Center A/S

June 2020 – December 2020

Parental leave

September 2018 – May 2020

Hamburg, Germany

Senior Legal Counsel M&A at Körber AG (global technology group headquartered in Hamburg) Advising as in-house counsel on corporate / M&A transactions and general commercial matters.

June 2016 – August 2018

Hamburg, Germany

Senior Associate at Taylor Wessing (Anglo-German tier two law firm). Advising on corporate / M&A transactions and general commercial matters.

October 2015 – April 2016

Barcelona, Spain

Secondment at SEAT, S.A. and Volkswagen-Audi España, S.A., subsidiaries of Volkswagen AG. In charge of crisis management, litigation, civil and administrative matters.

May 2015 – April 2016

Barcelona, Spain

Associate at Cuatrecasas (Spanish tier one law firm). Member of the German Desk. Advising DACH corporates on M&A transactions, financing and restructurings.

May 2013 – November 2014

Berlin, Germany

Professional support lawyer at Gleiss Lutz (German tier one law firm). Advising on M&A transactions and corporate matters.

June 2011 – March 2013

Berlin, Germany

Legal traineeship at the Higher Regional Court of Berlin, with stages at the public prosecutor's office, the German Foreign Office (*Auswärtiges Amt*), Linklaters LLP and Cuatrecasas.

February 2011 – June 2011

Berlin, Germany

Legal traineeship at K&L Gates LLP (US tier two law firm).

Education

Doctor of Law (*doctor iuris*)

July 2017 – February 2022

Doctoral thesis in the field of corporate restructuring and insolvency under the laws of Germany, Spain and the European Union, supervised by Prof. Dr. Christoph G. Paulus, LL.M. (Berkeley), Alexander von Humboldt University of Berlin – *magna cum laude*

Admission as Spanish lawyer (*abogado*)

May 2015

Admission following state exam at the Ministry of Justice in Madrid, Spain

Admission as German lawyer (*Rechtsanwalt*)

May 2011 – May 2013

Admission following two-year legal traineeship (*Referendariat*) at the Higher Regional Court of Justice in Berlin, Germany, with a second state bar exam score of 7.8 points

Master's degree Law and First State Bar examination

October 2004 – December 2010

Studies of Law at the University of Trier, Germany, with a first state bar exam score of 9.2 points. Major in corporate law with a score of 11.7 points

Skills

Languages

- German: native language
- Spanish: native language
- English: fluent in speech, writing and reading
- French: proficient in speech, competent in writing and reading

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