

schönherr regulatory

a short overview of schoenherr's regulatory practice

schoenherr attorneys at law

schoenherr is a leading full service law firm in Central Europe. Operating in a rapidly evolving environment, we are a dynamic and innovative firm with an effective blend of experienced lawyers and young talent. As one of the first international law firms to move into CEE/SEE, we have grown to be one of the largest firms in the region. With 12 offices and several country desks, our comprehensive coverage of the region means we can offer solutions that perfectly fit the given industry, jurisdiction and company.

team regulatory

schoenherr's regulatory expertise and longstanding experience is recognised as the standard bearer for regulatory-related advice. By providing a wide-ranging and consistently reliable service, the regulatory practice group, consisting of more than 20 lawyers, has successfully advised leading players in the infrastructure, energy (electricity, oil, gas), waste, pulp, paper, mining, steel, automotive, glass, food, utilities, entertainment, pharmacy and research sectors. The team also advises stakeholders and public authorities on the current legislation and implementation of EU Directives. The practice group's expertise guarantees comprehensive first-rate legal advice in all matters of constitutional and administrative law, particularly with respect to environmental, energy, life science, privacy and telecommunications law, as well as privatisations, public private partnerships and public procurement.

environment

The regulatory practice group is highly specialised in the field of environmental and infrastructure law and advises clients on all license-related matters. It has expertise with respect to energy and infrastructure projects (hydropower, biomass, wind parks, natural gas, landfill gas and biogas, motorways, railways, airports) and the licencing of large industrial and commercial infrastructure. It provides advice with respect to special industries, including steel, mining, au-

tomotive, waste, pulp, paper, food, glass, utilities, entertainment, energy and utilities. The team further specialises in emission trading issues (including JI/CDM), clean-up proceedings, public environmental liability, environmental criminal law and comprehensive due diligence.

energy

Another core business is providing clients with a full range of services in energy regulatory matters, covering electricity utilities (power generation, transmission, distribution including legal unbundling, third party access and interconnection issues) and oil & gas (exploration and production, transmission and distribution). In the field of renewable energy the regulatory team specialises in the multitude of legal issues that arise in the rapidly growing renewable energy field, from projects involving hydropower plants to wind turbines and biomass. This includes ongoing legal advice on renewable energy projects ranging from the preparation of administrative procedures (including EIA-procedures) and support mechanisms (e.g. grants and feed-in tariff and subsidies) to all the legal aspects of operating the respective plants.

life science

Regulation of hospitals and pharmacies is crucial for the stability and efficiency of any public health care system. schoenherr's regulatory lawyers are specialised in hospital infrastructure and related social security law, as well as market regulation of pharmacies, thus providing the full range of services in the public health sector.

privacy

The regulatory team assists its clients in the booming area of privacy law by advising them on all aspects of data protection, including international data transfers, the setting up of global databases, implementation of whistleblowing systems, safeguarding adequate data security standards and providing immediate legal assistance in case

of data loss or misuse. Our regulatory lawyers also frequently represent clients in matters before the Austrian data protection regulator.

public procurement & public private partnerships

Having worked in recent years on some of the largest procurement and public private partnership projects in CEE, schoenherr's regulatory lawyers have broad experience in advising clients (including government departments, state and semi-state bodies, local authorities and private sector clients) in all stages of procurement procedures. Our regulatory lawyers address public procurement issues arising under EU and national law and support clients in all stages of procurement procedures, from the initial commercial assessment to the final award and performance of the contract, including structuring procurement procedures, preparing suitable strategies for dealing with the rules, providing clear, structured advice and anticipate and addressing potential issues and representation before the appeal authorities.

telecommunications

Another core area is supporting clients in a variety of telecommunications regulatory matters, such as frequency allocation, set up of telecommunications infrastructure, call number allocation and network interconnection. We represent clients in all types of proceedings before the Austrian telecommunications regulator. We also advise clients on the implementation of web-based telecommunications services, such as VoIP and Skype.

services

environmental law (including environmental impact assessments, construction, plant licensing and clean ups) ■ infrastructure ■ energy (including renewables and emission trading) ■ telecoms ■ e-commerce and data protection ■ health institutions and pharmacies ■ privatisations ■ public procurement and public private partnerships ■ state aid ■ due diligence

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