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#### SUMMARY PROFILE

Dr. Gunne Bähr heads the German Insurance & Reinsurance Group of DLA Piper and is based in the Cologne office. He specialises in insurance law, insurance regulatory and corporate law. His clients comprise domestic and international insurance and reinsurance companies, brokers and policyholders whom he assists in regulatory and corporate issues, policy wording and litigation/arbitration.

Over the years, Gunne Bähr has developed particular expertise in the regulatory area of insurance and reinsurance companies. He advises on insurance regulatory and corporate matters, inter alia, in insurance-related M&A projects, authorisation procedures to conduct insurance business in Germany and throughout Europe, "fit and proper" approvals for managers, outsourcing of special services to a non-insurance company, transfer of portfolios, international insurance programs and general corporate matters.

Gunne Bähr has represented (re)insurance companies and their managers in high profile insurance litigation and regulatory matters vis-à-vis the German Financial Services Supervisory Authority ("BaFin"). Gunne Bähr also has broad experience in high-value D&O cases.

The respected English publisher Chambers & Partners has ranked him second tier of insurance lawyers in Chambers Europe 2009. The publication said that he is "a creative thinker who adds value on complex problems, forging new ground and finding innovative solutions."

Prior to joining the Cologne office in 2005, Gunne Bähr worked for a major law firm in Germany (2001-2005) and as a research fellow at the Institute of Insurance Law in Hamburg (1996-1999). He is the joint author of Fahr/Kaulbach/Bähr, "Insurance Regulatory Law", now published in the fourth edition. He also lectures on insurance regulatory issues at the University of Münster and is a frequent speaker at insurance and reinsurance conferences. Gunne Bähr is the General Secretary of the working group state supervision of the "Association Internationale de Droit des Assurances" (AIDA).

#### Key experience:

- Advising insurance companies from EC countries on the introduction of products on the basis of the freedom to provide services (Austria, Liechtenstein et. al.).
- Representing various insurers in D&O-matters, inter alia, one of the biggest D&O cases in Germany.
- Advising a Swiss insurance company on the legitimacy of international insurance programs.
- Advising an international life insurer on product developments (variable annuities) re insurance regulatory and insurance contract laws.
- Advising an international reinsurance company regarding the purchase of a reinsurer in

Germany.

- Advising managers of insurance companies on regulatory issues vis-à-vis BaFin.
- Advising reinsurance companies regarding portfolio transfers.
- "Fit and proper" approvals re managers of insurance companies.
- Advising several insurance companies in outsourcing of insurance functions.
- Advising a branch of a British insurance company on the brokerage market in Germany.
- Advising a branch of a British insurance company on regulatory issues with regard to so-called "provisions of general good".
- Advising a Korean insurance company on the foundation of an insurance agency in Germany.
- Advising an international insurance group on ART.

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