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## Practice Group: Dispute Resolution/Litigation

Business activities involve both financial and legal risks. Disputes cannot always be avoided, even with the best contracts. In the worst-case scenario, companies have to consider their options to resolve a dispute carefully and choose the best solution for the specific problem. Ultimately, costs, time and reputation are the decisive factors. They define the best way forward, may it be a civil proceedings in the ordinary courts, arbitration or mediation. Our particular expertise in putting technical issues into a legal context is

one of our key strengths. We consider ourselves as mediators between companies and the courts. When working with our clients, we consciously consider matters from all perspectives: The members of our team are involved in international consultancy networks and have previous experience as in-house lawyers. Many have dual qualifications and experience in business administration or civil engineering. Some members of our team have also management experience.

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### Key Areas

- Representation at court (litigation)
- National and international arbitration proceedings (arbitration)
- Alternative dispute resolution and mediation (ADR)
- Prevention and risk management
- Dispute resolution in the course of ongoing project

### Industry Knowledge

- Plant construction
- Construction and infrastructure
- Real estate
- Mechanical engineering
- Media and entertainment
- Food, beverages and tobacco
- New technologies
- Private Foundations
- Regulated industries

### Work Highlights

- We cover a broad range of civil, corporate and public law disputes. We work with renowned plant construction firms, contractors, utility companies, retail chains, consumer goods producers, foundations, management consultants and associations.
- One key focus is constructive advice on all phases of a project and dispute resolution in connection with construction and infrastructure projects. Numerous property developers, project developers as well as private and institutional property owners, investors and suppliers rely on our expertise. We help to minimise risks due to construction delays, changes in the scope of work, defects, invoice problems or cost overruns.
- As one of only a few Austrian law firms, we consider ourselves as mediators in contentious foundation law and focus on out-of-court dispute resolutions. Numerous founder families, who have mandated us with the representation of their interests during a restructuring in connection with a change of generations, value this approach.
- Intellectual property – we represent our clients in court proceedings in connection with the infringement of intellectual property rights. We also advise our clients in opposition and cancellation proceedings before the patent office as well as in disputes in connection with unfair competition (Unfair Competition Act, UWG).
- We have a reputation as “courageous out-of-the-box thinkers”. We owe this to our interdisciplinary approach and our commitment in leading cases both before national supreme courts and at a European level.
- We work as local counsel on complex mandates across several jurisdictions and work together with a tried-and-tested international consultancy network.

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