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OVERVIEW

Dr. Patricia Prelinger is a counsel and a member of the Corporate practice. She provides comprehensive advice in the area of venture capital and emerging growth companies. Patricia accompanies start-up companies and advises on the structuring of employee stock options plans as well as on the conclusion and implementation of financing rounds and convertible loans, both on the founder's and the investor's side. She also advises national and international companies on corporate law, in particular corporate restructurings, mergers and acquisitions and limited liability company law.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Patricia joined the firm in January 2013. She started her legal career in 2001 at an international law firm where she focused on M&A. Following she joined a Berlin boutique law firm with a concentration on corporate law and real estate transactions.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, Webinar series: '*How does it work in...*', Italian Tech Alliance for Italian startups aiming for growth in Europe (Germany, France and the UK), 2024

EDUCATION

- Second Legal State Exam, Berlin, 2001
- First Legal State Exam, Free University of Berlin, 1996
- Dr. iur., Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

LANGUAGES

- English

- German

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Venture Capital Advice: the Convertible Loan Agreement at a Company with Limited Liability (GmbH)," BB 26.2016, p. 1538 et seq., 27 June 2016
- Contractual Agreements within Limited Liability Companies – on the Principle of Separation between the Shareholders and the Company, Peter Lang Verlag 2004 (German book)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 28 April 2026, K&L Gates Advises Rock Rail and John Laing on Procurement and Lease Financing of 61 Battery Trains for Northern Westphalia Network
- 16 December 2025, K&L Gates Advises Therme Horizon on Acquisition of Wund-Thermen
- 17 March 2025, K&L Gates Receives Excellence Award for Representation of Wabtec in Acquisition of Bloom Engineering
- 16 December 2024, K&L Gates Advises Therme Group on the Acquisition of Therme Erding
- 19 December 2023, K&L Gates Advises Balderton Capital on Investment in Scalable Capital
- 16 March 2021, K&L Gates Advises Continental AG and Tokyo Century on Series-D Financing of Volocopter GmbH
- 14 May 2020, K&L Gates Advises Vintage Investment Partners on €27 Million Series-B Fundraising for Software Company Zeitgold
- 22 November 2019, K&L Gates Advises Arena Holdings on Celonis Series C Financing

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "GÖRG advises GreenCom Networks shareholders on sale to Enphase Energy," *RWS Verlag*, 27 September 2022

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised Arena Holdings on its investment in Celonis SE as lead investor in the USD 290 million Series C financing round of Celonis SE.
- Advised Digitalplus GmbH and Digital+ Partners (as co-lead investor, together with lead investor Bain & Company) in a €25m Series B Financing into Price f(x).
- Advised SMACC GmbH with regard to a Series A financing round.
- Advised Beijing Singularity Power Investment Fund L.P. (SPC) in its investment in ALCAN Systems GmbH aslead investor together with SES and Merck, in a Series A financing round of EUR 7.5 million.
- Advised a global nonprofit foundation in its investment in CureVac in the amount of US$52 million.
- Advised Doctorbox GmbH on a Series A financing round including the conclusion and implementation (conversion) of convertible loans.
- Advised Little Sun GmbH on the foundation and a co-investment in Little Sun PAYG GmbH together with a Danish investor.
- Advised Medium-sized company group in a number of different strategic investments in early stage start-up companies (convertible loans, financing rounds).
- Advised Arena Holdings on its investment in Celonis SE as lead investor in the USD 290 million Series C financing round of Celonis SE.
- Advised Ipsos SA on the acquisition of parts of GfK's Custom Research division as a complex carve-out process in 25 countries.