



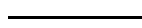
# Christian Ruoff

**Partner**

**Tax**



One of the best tax lawyers in Germany



Competitor testimony, JUVE Handbook Tax 2019

**Primary practice**

**Tax**



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# About Christian Ruoff

**Christian specialises in the tax structuring of acquisitions, corporate reorganisations, private equity and real estate transactions as well as providing tax advice to family-owned businesses.**

He is known for developing creative and innovative structures that minimise tax and tax risk, while protecting against tax authority challenges.

Clients turn to him when they have large-scale mandates requiring cutting-edge tax advice often in the context of multijurisdictional transactions.

Part of his skill is his ability to integrate tax structuring advice seamlessly – even in the most complex of transactions.

Christian speaks German and English.

## Recent work

- Advising Continental AG on complex reorganisations (inter alia, relating to the separation of the Vitesco business) from a tax perspective.
- Providing tax advice to Merck on the sale of its consumer health business to Procter & Gamble. (≈ EUR 3.5 bn)
- Advising Takata on the tax structuring and other tax aspects of the EMEA part of its worldwide restructuring.
- Providing tax advice on Maersk's acquisition of Hamburg Süd. (≈ EUR 3.5 bn)
- Advising Boehringer Ingelheim on the swap of its consumer health care business with the animal health business of Sanofi. (≈ EUR 18 bn)
- Advising on the tax structuring of various complex reorganisations of several family-owned groups of companies.

# Qualifications

## Education

- University of Munich, Germany (Dr. jur.)
- Duke University, US (LLM)

## Professional qualifications

- Tax advisor, Germany
- Tax lawyer, Germany
- Attorney-at-law, Hamburg, Germany and New York, US

## Professional memberships

- Advisory board of the Hamburg Forum for Enterprise Taxation, Germany (chairman)

## Additional responsibilities

- Chairs a panel on corporate/transformation tax at the annual conference of the Hamburg Forum for Enterprise Taxation at Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany
- Lecturer on corporate tax law at Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany

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