



Katja Garvey

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Katja focuses her practice in privacy matters and international business and trade. As a German native, Katja brings a unique perspective on matters ranging from complex international transactions to global privacy compliance. Her experience and counsel bridge the gap that often exists from a legal and cultural perspective.

Katja has worked with international businesses on a number of transactional matters. She routinely advises clients on matters related to cross-border transactions, contract negotiation and entity formation. She also has experience guiding business owners as they wind down their businesses.

Katja's robust privacy and data security experience serves clients domestically and abroad. As a Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe (CIPP/E), Katja has created and managed policies and procedures to ensure clients are in compliance with the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). She also has experience serving her clients as an external data protection officer (DPO).

Clients rely on Katja for her dedication to client service and creative approach to problem solving – even with the most nuanced legal issues. She advises clients with regard to buying and selling businesses, analyzing risk and facilitating appropriate due diligence. She regularly assists companies of all sizes with negotiating commercial agreements between domestic and international parties.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

PRESENTATIONS

- "Professional Growth in the Everchanging 'New Normal,'" American Bar Association, June 28, 2021
- "Identifying and Counteracting Bias," AIJA Women Network, Aug. 25, 2020
- "ILS Practitioners Panel," The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law International Law Society, Nov. 8, 2016

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law, LL.M., 2012

Juristische Fakultät der Universität Passau, law degree, 2011

LANGUAGES

- German, *native*

SERVICES

International Business & Trade

- International trade and customs regulation and compliance
- Sales representation, distribution and licensing agreements

Privacy & Data Security

- Data security and breach notification
- U.S. and international privacy regulation
- Records management and privacy policies

- “Piercing the Corporate Veil,” Friedrich Graf von Westphalen & Partner in Freiburg, Germany, June 23, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

- “How can I help my client respond to a data incident?” Columbus Bar Association Legal Connections, *Columbus Business First*, April 17, 2020
- “The advantages of a secondment: Forget your FOMO,” *American Bar Association Young Advocates Committee Winter Newsletter*, Feb. 17, 2020
- “Earning an LL.M. shaped my career,” *Columbus Bar Association Lawyers Quarterly*, Fall 2019
- “Out of the office: Progressive policies improve employees’ work/life balance,” *Columbus Bar Association Lawyers Quarterly*, Winter 2018
- “Legal challenges for international corporate groups – An overview about freedom of scope and its limitations in six counties,” *Neue Wirtschafts-Briefe*, Aug. 1, 2015

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, International & Graduate Affairs Advisory Council, Co-Chair
- International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), KnowledgeNet Co-Chair, Columbus Chapter
- German Bar Association, Extra-ordinary Member (not admitted to practice law in Germany)
- German-American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest
- Ohio State Bar Association, Advisory Council on Diversity Initiatives (ACDI) Committee
- Columbus Bar Association, International Lawyers Committee

CERTIFICATIONS

- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe (CIPP/E), 2020

HONORS | AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law and Technology Law, 2021 - 2022
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, Rising Stars Edition, 2017–2018

COMMUNITY

- Supreme Court of Ohio Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentoring Program, Mentor

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Business Growth & Operation

- Business transactions
- Business succession planning

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Transaction structuring
- Due diligence

Securities