

Steffi Bigeschke

Fully Qualified German Lawyer (Volljuristin) — Employment Law · Social Security Law · International Law

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Fully qualified German lawyer with a strong foundation in German employment and social security law. Practical experience advising international professionals, coordinating cross-border employment arrangements, and independently managing complex cases. International experience in Cairo, with particular expertise in immigration and residence law. Structured, precise, and highly self-directed working style.

Experience

May 2023 - Sep 2025	Relocation Expert Goethe-Institut Cairo — "Living and Working in Germany" pre-integration programme - Advised international professionals on employment, social security and residence law - Independently planned and ran an international networking conference — stakeholder management, budget, press and travel logistics - Organised a German-Egyptian video project with an international team - Developed and delivered workshops, including on LinkedIn and employment law
Aug 2022 - Mar 2023	Career Break Recovered from a long-Covid illness
Apr 2022 - Aug 2022	Global Mobility Expert Terrassign GmbH - Independently handled immigration cases: visas, work permits, social security certificates - Advised on international assignments, including Covid-19 travel restrictions worldwide
Sep 2021 - Apr 2022	Career Break Stayed in Cairo for Arabic-language study and cross-cultural exchange
Jan 2021 - Sep 2021	Fully Qualified Lawyer KPMG AG (via Perconex GmbH) - Independently reviewed complex applications for state Covid relief funds, with grant sums reaching into the tens of millions of euros - Built structured knowledge-management processes and onboarded new team members - Worked fully remote in an interdisciplinary team

Earlier Experience

May 2018 - Nov 2020	Legal Traineeship (Referendariat) Kammergericht Berlin Stations: local civil court · Berlin public prosecutor's office · Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs · Gleiss Lutz (employment law) · Deutsche Rentenversicherung Bund
Sep 2017 - Apr 2018	Project Lawyer, Compliance Gleiss Lutz Hootz Hirsch PartmbB - Contributed to an internal investigation for an international car manufacturer, commissioned by its supervisory board (now publicly known as the "Dieselgate" proceedings) - Assessed liability implications of extensive documentation in German and English - Prepared employee interviews as part of internal corporate investigations
Apr 2007 - Dec 2007	Caseworker, Unemployment Benefits (SGB II) Federal Employment Agency, Berlin Mitte
Jun 2006 - Dec 2006	Caseworker, Rehabilitation Benefits Federal Employment Agency, Berlin Süd

Education

2018 - 2020	Second State Examination in Law Kammergericht Berlin
2010 - 2017	First State Examination in Law Humboldt University of Berlin Focus: civil-law structuring — national and international employment law, contract drafting
2008 - 2010	Vocational Abitur OSZ Wirtschaft und Sozialversicherung
2002 - 2006	Apprenticeship, Social Insurance Clerk Deutsche Rentenversicherung Bund

Skills

Employment Law (Germany)	Project Management
Social Security Law	German — native
Immigration & Residence Law	English — fluent
Cross-Border Employment	Arabic — basic
Compliance	