

Automotive Connect 2021

Thursday, 30 September 2021

Sofitel Frankfurt Opera, Frankfurt/Main

Hybrid Event: On-Site + Livestream

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Key speakers:



Dr. Christian Kessel
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Anne Federle
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Holly Swanson
ZF Group



Frank Schlehuber
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Benjamin Klein
McKinsey & Company



Dr. Niels Bultink
QBlox



Dr. Thomas Strohm
Robert Bosch

plus:

- *Robert Boyle*
BorgWarner
- *Sheila O'Donnell*
Valeo Powertrain Systems
- *Dr. Karsten Leffrang*
Valeo
- *Dr. Benedict von Saint André*
Valeo Siemens eAutomotive
- *and many more*

Key topics:

- Sustainable Supply Chain Legislation – What Is Intended at EU level and Already (Being) Implemented in Germany, France and Italy
- Vehicles as „Goods with Digital Elements“ Under the New Directives of European Sale of Consumer Goods Law
- Semiconductor Shortages, Steel Shortages, Covid-19 – Successful Legal Strategies, Current Issues and Lessons Learned
- Challenges Facing Legal Counsels of Automotive Suppliers Today and for the Next 3 – 5 Years
- Sustainable Power for EVs: Batteries and Hydrogen – A Risk Comparison
- Access to Repair and Maintenance Information
- New Trends: Alternative Means of Conflict Resolution
- Next Hot Topic: Quantum Computing in the Automotive Industry

From legislative changes and technological developments to economic and environmental factors, the automotive industry is facing a series of important challenges in a continuously transforming technology and business environment. At our „Automotive Connect 2021“ event, we will explore the latest developments and key issues affecting the automotive sector and provide perspectives and solutions through a mix of presentations, panel discussions and fireside chats. Legal experts and industry representatives will share insights into the opportunities and challenges for the automotive supply chain at the crossroads of disruptive technologies, increasing regulation and changing business models.

Program

8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome & Introduction



Dr. Christian Kessel

Partner & Co-Head of the International Automotive Group of Bird & Bird, Frankfurt/Main

9.10 Sustainable Supply Chain Legislation – What Is Intended at EU level and Already (Being) Implemented in Germany, France and Italy



Dr. Matthias Spilker

Partner, Bird & Bird, Dusseldorf



Thomas Oster

Partner, Bird & Bird, Paris



Sara Calamitosi

Associate, Bird & Bird, Milan

- Impact on Contracts in the Automotive Supply Chain
- Practical Implementation
- Risks and Remedies for OEMs and Suppliers in Particular

10.00 Vehicles as “Goods with Digital Elements” Under the New Directives of European Sale of Consumer Goods Law



Ivan Kisely

Counsel, Bird & Bird, Bratislava



Gian Marco Rinaldi

Counsel, Bird & Bird, Milan

- Rising Relevance of Digital Content for OEMs, but also for Automotive Suppliers
- Defining Digital Content
- Requirements of Conformity of the Contents and Liability of Sellers
- National Implementation – Selected Examples
- Thoughts about Wider Implications for the Automotive Sector

10.40 Coffee Break

Time for personal conversations, exchange of ideas and networking

11.00

Semiconductor Shortages, Steel Shortages, Covid-19 – Successful Legal Strategies, Current Issues and Lessons Learned



Dr. Philipp Egler

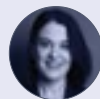
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- The Year of Force Majeure? Global Semiconductor Shortage, Steel Shortage, Plastic Shortage, Renesas Fire, Texas Winter Storms, Suez Canal Blockage
- Contractual Background and General Strategies
- Shortage & Allocation
- Shortage & Contractual Procurement Risks
- Sourcing from Brokers
- Special Freight Costs
- Lessons Learned: Need for a Reform of Contractual Relationships along the Supply Chain?
- Aftermath of the Crisis – Dispute Resolution & Automotive Supply Chain

12.00

Presentation

Results of Bird & Bird’s Sustainability Survey in the Automotive Industry



Maria Carlsson

Partner, Bird & Bird, Helsinki

12.30

Lunch Break

Time for personal conversations, exchange of ideas and networking

13.30

Panel Discussion
Challenges Facing Legal Counsels of Automotive Suppliers Today and for the Next 3 – 5 Years



Holly Swanson

Vice President – Legal, Active Safety Division at ZF Group, Michigan



Robert Boyle

General Counsel – Europe, BorgWarner, Mannheim & Frankfurt/Main

Sheila O'Donnell

General Counsel, Valeo Powertrain Systems Business Group, Paris

Moderator: Anne Federle

Partner, Bird & Bird, Brussels

14.45

Sustainable Power for EVs: Batteries and Hydrogen – A Risk Comparison



Jonathan Speed

Partner, Bird & Bird, London



Russell Williamson

Senior Associate, Bird & Bird, London

- Brief Introduction to Technology
- Risk Events and Areas
- Key Regulatory Responsibilities and Impacts – Product Safety and Environmental Factors
- Liability Issues – Legal Framework

15.30

Access to Repair and Maintenance Information



Frank Schlehuber

Senior Consultant Market Affairs, CLEPA – The European Association of Automotive Suppliers, Brussels



Morten Nissen

Partner, Bird & Bird, Copenhagen

- Does the Type Approval Regulation ensure Sufficient Access to RMI in a More and More Connected World?
- Does Competition Law still have a Role to Play?

16.00

Coffee Break

Time for personal conversations, exchange of ideas and networking

16.15

Fireside Chat

New Trends: Alternative Means of Conflict Resolution



Dr. Karsten Leffrang

General Counsel Germany, Valeo, Bietigheim-Bissingen

Dr. Benedict von Saint André

General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer, Valeo Siemens eAutomotive Germany, Erlangen

- State of Play in the Automotive Industry
- Key Considerations for Tailor-Made Solutions

Moderator: Florian Hoffmann

Counsel, Bird & Bird, Hamburg

17.00

Panel Discussion

Next Hot Topic: Quantum Computing in the Automotive Industry



Benjamin Klein

Expert Associate Partner, McKinsey & Company, Berlin



Dr. Niels Bultink

CEO & Co-Founder, QBlox, Delft



Dr. Thomas Strohm

Senior Expert/Coordinator of Quantum Technologies (CR/ATM), Robert Bosch, Renningen



Moderator: Djazia Tiourtite

Partner, Bird & Bird, Paris

18:00

Concluding Remarks

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Location:

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