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Dr Volker Beissenhartz is a German-qualified lawyer, certified restructuring advisor, and compliance officer with 25 years of experience. He specialises in restructuring & insolvency, civil fraud & asset recovery, and governance, risk & compliance.

Dr Beissenhartz supports companies during crises, offering services that include establishing resilient leadership structures, resolving liquidity issues, and stabilising businesses through formal proceedings. In addition to his work on major domestic self-administration cases, he has led international projects, including US Chapter 11 and UK scheme of arrangement restructurings. One notable example is his advisory role in the multi-billion restructuring of a global commodity firm's liabilities, applying Chapter 11 proceedings to non-US entities.

In cases involving economic crimes, Dr Beissenhartz stabilises companies while leading internal investigations, coordinating with law enforcement, and pursuing civil claims against wrongdoers. For instance, he uncovered and helped resolve a long-standing kickback scheme within a large trading company.

Beyond advisory work, Dr Beissenhartz has held operational roles such as managing director, board member, and supervisory or advisory board member. He currently chairs the compliance committee of a German business association.

His industry experience spans manufacturing, retail, alternative energy, automotive, and the public sector, including high-reliability organisations like the German armed forces (Bundeswehr) and emergency services.

With his deep expertise in corporate crises, Dr Beissenhartz regularly advises leadership and supervisory boards on building crisis-resistant structures within an integrated governance, risk & compliance framework. Prior to his current compliance role, he was on the advisory board of a mid-sized Berlin-based manufacturing company, where he implemented a resilient governance structure.

Languages:

- English
- German
- French

Education:

- Certified Compliance Officer (School GRC)
- Certified Turnaround Professional (EACTP)
- Legal clerkship in Ulm, Speyer & Paris
- Universities of Constance & Lausanne, London School of Economics & Political Science (LL.M.)
- University of Halle (doctorate)

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Dr Beissenhirtz has worked in leading national and international law firms, insolvency administration boutiques, and consultancies, independently establishing new offices and taking on personnel and revenue responsibilities.

He is also a co-founder of professional organisations, including the European Association of Turnaround Professionals (EACTP) and the German Restructuring and Insolvency Court Day (DRIT).

As a lecturer at Landshut University of Applied Sciences and the FOM University of Applied Sciences for Economics and Management in Berlin, Dr Beissenhirtz gained extensive teaching experience. He frequently publishes in professional journals, delivers lectures, and is a sought-after speaker and interviewee.

Dr Beissenhirtz holds a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics and Political Science, a doctorate in insolvency law under Prof Dr Stefan Smid, and certifications in corporate restructuring and compliance.

His practical experience also extends to high-reliability organisations, having served as a firefighter, paratrooper, and reserve officer in a NATO staff role.

Accreditation:



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