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Gabrielle H. Williamson, J.D., was born in 1952. She studied law at the University of Virginia School of Law, U.S.A., from which she received a Juris Doctor Degree in 1976, and the University of Exeter, England (EU studies). She holds B.A. Degrees, *summa cum laude*, in international politics and German, from George Mason University, U.S.A. She has practiced law for over 30 years in the U.S.A. and Europe, the last 20 in Düsseldorf and Brussels. Before this, Mrs. Williamson worked in Washington, D.C., in private practice and as Assistant General Counsel of the then U.S.A. Chemical Manufacturers Association (now American Chemistry Council). Gabrielle Williamson is fluent in German and English (both at mother-tongue level) and French. Mrs. Williamson is a member of the Virginia and District of Columbia Bars and the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, and is a Solicitor in England and Wales, as well as a member of the Düsseldorf, Germany, and Brussels, Belgium Bars.

Focus of Legal Advice and Memberships

Gabrielle Williamson specializes in EU and German competition law, merger control, and State aids; EU and WTO international trade law; and EU and German environmental, health and safety regulation, including product regulatory matters. She also advises on these areas of law in European M&A transactions and privatizations. She has published extensively on these subjects as well.

Mrs. Williamson is the immediate past Chair of the International Bar Association's (IBA's) Section on Public and Professional Interest and a former member of the IBA's Management Board, as well as a member of the Editorial Board of Business Law International and BNA's Antitrust and Trade Regulation Reporter. She is a former Senior Vice-Chair of the IBA's Antitrust and Trade Law Committee and has chaired the IBA's Environmental Law Committee and the IBA Women Lawyers' Interest Group (WIG), as well as having served on various high level Councils of the IBA. She is also the Co-Chair of the IBA's Presidential Task Force Against Human Trafficking and a member of the Advisory Board of the Rule of Law Forum. She founded and chairs the European Environmental Lawyers Association (EELA), an organization of over 150 practitioners of environmental law in Europe. She is also a member of the German Environmental and Competition Law Societies.

Recent Honors

- Chambers (2012) Environment: "Clients respect Mrs. Williamson's practical, reasonable and reliable counselling"
- Listed in Chambers Global (2014) under Competition and Environmental Law
- Listed in Chambers Global (2015) under German and EU Competition and German M&A Law
- In the Expert Guides of the Legal Media Group (London), she is listed among the "Best of the Best 2011" in environmental law for the fourth year
- Gabrielle Williamson was nominated and appears regularly in the publications The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers – Environment, and Women in Business Law – Environment

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