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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Fred Bartelsmeyer's practice serves businesses in a wide range of domestic and foreign matters. These clients primarily are U.S., European and Asian companies in connection with their investments and other business activities. He is knowledgeable in business-related aspects of the world's legal systems, as well as in business practices and cultures of many countries.

### **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS**

- World Trade Center St. Louis/Center for International Relations – Director and Past-President
- Chambers USA, Corporate/M&A, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015

- Best Lawyers, Lawyer of the Year, 2023, 2021, 2019, 2017
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Corporate Law; International Trade and Finance Law, M&A Law, 2024, 2023 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- The Missouri Bar
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- Illinois State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- The Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- International Bar Association

## M&A & CORPORATE FINANCE

Mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, technology transactions and other commercial relationships such as licensing, teaming, research and development, distribution and supply are the focus of Mr. Bartelsmeyer's activities. He spends most of his time assisting clients in planning, negotiating, documenting and implementing these transactions, often in conjunction with a team of BCLP lawyers and lawyers from other firms which he has assembled for the specific project. He also advises clients on international antitrust and trade issues. He practices law in both the English and German languages.

Mr. Bartelsmeyer, a partner resident in the St. Louis office, began practicing with Bryan Cave in 1983. He conducted his international transaction practice from the Firm's New York office from 1986 to 1989, having particular emphasis on work for Japanese and European clients. He maintained a European-based transaction practice and managed the Firm's German office for six years beginning when he moved to Frankfurt in 1990. After he returned to St. Louis in 1996, his practice continued in international transactions and trade matters, and in particular since then he has extensively advised clients on matters in Asia, including China, Japan, India, Korea, Singapore and other Asian countries.

Mr. Bartelsmeyer has also been active in firm leadership, having managed at various times the firm's offices in Shanghai, Hong Kong SAR and Paris, in addition to the 6 years he spent in Frankfurt, and being responsible from 2007-2016 for the overall coordination of the firm's practice matters in

Europe. Mr. Bartelsmeyer also served on the firm's Executive Committee from 2008 to 2014, and chaired the committee responsible for promotion of partners.

Mr. Bartelsmeyer is recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of international trade and finance law. He also is listed as one of America's leading lawyers for business in *Chambers USA*. Mr. Bartelsmeyer regularly makes presentations and prepares articles on topics of international trade, transactions, technology investments and business law. He passed the CPA examination in 1979, and he worked on the audit staff of a large public accounting firm before attending law school. He also studied German and European law at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

## **SPOKEN LANGUAGES**

- German

## **ADMISSIONS**

- New York, 1987
- Illinois, 1984
- Missouri, 1983
- United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Missouri and Eastern and Southern Districts of New York  
Authorized to practice as a foreign legal advisor in Germany

## **EDUCATION**

University of Illinois, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1983

University of Illinois, B.S., with high honors, 1979

## **RELATED PRACTICE AREAS**

- M&A & Corporate Finance
- Agribusiness
- Securities Litigation and Enforcement
- Corporate
- Healthcare & Life Sciences
- PropTech
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Technology Transactions

- Private Equity

## EXPERIENCE

- Formed joint venture between a Singapore and U.S. technology company
- Disposition of an Italian manufacturing company
- Acquisition of global chemical concern (primary operations in Germany, France, U.S., Australia and Taiwan) by U.S. client
- Acquisition of global pharma industry supplier (10 countries involved, including in particular the U.K. and Japan)
- Establishment of Chinese WOFE and related agreements for startup subsidiaries of U.S. companies
- Worldwide acquisition of consumer products manufacturer (over 30 countries throughout Europe, Asia and Latin America) by U.S. client
- Acquisition of Chinese distributor for U.S. chemical company
- Acquisition of Irish biotech company for U.S. client
- Documentation of Indian joint venture for U.S. software company
- Greenfield startup operations in Japan for pharmaceutical industry services company
- Disposition of global agricultural seed product line
- Acquisition of Brazilian technology and production company
- Disposition of Korean agribusiness product line

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