

PRIVACY POLICY

With this Privacy Policy, we would like to inform you which personal data we collect when you visit and use our website and when you contact us, e.g. by email or telephone, and how we handle this data.

1. Name and contact details of the controller and the Data Protection Officer

Controller within the meaning of Art. 4 No. 7 GDPR, § 62 BDSG:

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You can contact our Data Protection Officer, **RA (German Attorney at Law) Florian Bewer**, using the contact details provided above or directly by email at:

datenschutz@dts.law

2. Collection and storage of personal data and the nature and purpose of its use

a. Visiting the website

When you visit our website, the browser used on your device automatically transmits the following information to our website's server without your intervention. This information is temporarily stored in a log file and is also automatically deleted:

- Date and time of access
- Name and URL of the requested file
- Message indicating whether the request was successful
- Amount of data transferred
- IP address of the requesting computer
- Web browser and operating system used

- Referrer URL (previously visited page)
- Search term when accessing via search engines
- Host name of the requesting provider

The aforementioned data is processed for the following purposes:

- Ensuring a smooth connection to the website,
- Ensuring comfortable use of our website,
- Evaluating system security and stability
- Administrative purposes

The legal basis for the temporary storage of data is Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR. The processing of data for the provision of the website and temporary storage is essential for the operation of the website. Consequently, there is no possibility of objection.

To ensure the secure provision of the website, we use the widely used, state-of-the-art TLS (Transport Layer Security) procedure. We do not use (third-party) cookies or other means of usage analysis or profiling.

b. Contact by email, fax, contact form, or telephone

If you contact us by telephone, email, or fax using the contact details provided on our website or if you use the contact form, personal data may be processed when you first contact us. For example, your email address will be stored in our inbox, or we will ask for and note your name and telephone number when you contact us by telephone.

If the purpose of the contact is to initiate or execute a contract, we will process your personal data in order to fulfill the respective contractual purpose. For the processing of mandates, our Privacy Policy for client relationships, which we will send you separately upon acceptance of the mandate, apply in addition. When initiating and executing a (client) contract, processing is usually based on Art. 6 (1) lit. b GDPR, insofar as this is necessary for the proper fulfillment of obligations (including pre-contractual and post-contractual obligations) arising from the (client) contract. Insofar as the processing is based on (professional or tax law) storage obligations, Art. 6 (1) lit. c GDPR is the relevant legal basis. If you contact us via our contact form (booking form for seminar booking), we will use the data transmitted for the purpose of processing the seminar and billing your participation (Art. 6 (1) lit. b GDPR). If, when registering for a seminar, you provide personal data that is not strictly necessary for the seminar to take place but is helpful for its organization (e.g., your telephone number), Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR forms the legal basis for processing.

Even when contacting us for purposes other than those mentioned above, it may be necessary to process personal data in order to process and respond to your request. In these cases, Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR forms the legal basis for the processing.

Telephone service provider: Outside our office hours or if we are unable to answer your call, we use the services of Hans Soldan GmbH, Bochoelder Straße 259, D-45356 Essen (“Soldan”) to answer calls. If you provide Soldan with personal data when you call, Soldan will process this personal data on our behalf and forward it to us. This typically includes your name, the company you are calling on behalf of (if applicable), a telephone number, and the details of your enquiry.

Security in email communication: Please note that when sending messages via unencrypted email, the confidentiality and security of your personal data may be compromised. We therefore provide you with our public key on our website for end-to-end encryption of your emails using the GPG method. You can also access this key [here](#). In addition, we use transport encryption according to the TLS protocol on our side of the email communication. Other encryption methods (PGP, S/MIME) are available on request. If you do not use this encryption option and contact us via unencrypted email, we assume that you agree to unencrypted communication unless you object.

c. Data processing in the context of an application to us

If you apply for an open position or send us a speculative application, in particular via the email address bewerbung@dts.law, you may provide us with personal data (e.g., resume, references). We will, of course, treat this data and information as confidential. Only those persons directly involved in the decision-making process will have access to your application data. Furthermore, we only process the data that you have sent us in connection with your application. We do not collect or process any additional data about you without your consent.

The processing is carried out in order to assess your suitability for the position (or, if applicable, other open positions in our law firm) and to carry out the application process. The legal basis for the processing is § 26 BDSG.

d. Storage period and data deletion

Your personal data will be deleted if the respective purpose for processing described in sections a. to c. above no longer applies and further storage is therefore no longer necessary within the meaning of Art. 6 (1) lit. b GDPR, there are no legal retention obligations within the meaning of Art. 6 (1) lit. c GDPR or these have expired (see in particular 6 years in accordance with § 50 (1) sentence 2 BRAO, 10 years in accordance with §14b UStG), you no longer fall within the group of persons covered by § 26 BDSG, further storage is no longer necessary to safeguard our interests within the meaning of Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR, or your interests in having your data deleted outweigh our interests, and you have not consented to the longer-term storage of your personal data in accordance with Art. 6 (1) lit. a GDPR.

3. Disclosure of data

We only disclose your personal data to third parties if (a) you have given your express consent in accordance with Art. 6 (1) lit. a GDPR, (b) this is legally permissible and necessary in accordance with Art. 6 (1) lit. b GDPR for the performance of a contractual relationship with you, (c) there is a legal obligation to disclose the data in accordance with Art. 6 (1) lit. c GDPR, (d) the disclosure is necessary in accordance with Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR to safeguard our legitimate interests and to assert, exercise or defense of legal claims and there is no reason to assume that you have an overriding interest worthy of protection in the non-disclosure of your data.

4. Rights of data subjects

As a user, you have the following rights in particular under the GDPR:

Right of Access by the data subject : According to Art. 15 GDPR, you have the right to know whether and which personal data we store and process about you and for what purposes. You also have the right to request a copy of your personal data, provided that this does not affect the rights and freedoms of other persons. We would like to clarify that your personal data is not subject to automated decision-making within the meaning of Art. 22 GDPR.

Right to rectification: Pursuant to Art. 16 GDPR, you have the right to request the rectification and/or completion of your data if it is incorrect, inaccurate, and/or incomplete.

Right to erasure or restriction of processing: According to Art. 17 GDPR, you have the right to request the erasure of your personal data, unless the processing is necessary for exercising the right of freedom of expression and information, for compliance with a legal obligation (e.g., statutory retention obligations), for reasons of public interest, or for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims. Alternatively, if deletion is not possible, you have the right to have the processing of your personal data restricted in accordance with Art. 18 GDPR.

Right to data portability: According to Art. 20 GDPR, you have the right to request the release of the data concerning you that you have provided to us and its transfer to another controller. The data transfer is subject to the rights and freedoms of other persons whose rights may be affected by the data transfer.

Right to lodge a complaint: You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority in accordance with Art. 77 GDPR. The following supervisory authority is responsible for our law firm: Data Protection Authority of Bavaria for the Private Sector (BayLDA), Promenade 27, D-91522 Ansbach.

5. Contact

If you have any questions or comments about data protection, please contact our data protection officer at datenschutz@dts.law

This privacy policy was last updated on 26 January 2026. Due to the further development of our website and offers on it, or due to changes in legal or regulatory requirements, it may be necessary to amend this privacy policy.

You can download the current version of the privacy policy as a PDF [file](#) here.