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THE LAW FIRM

Pragal & Prinzenberg is a federally renowned law firm specialising in criminal law, white collar cases, criminal tax law, counsel in compliance crises and preventive counselling located in the so-called „PortCity“-District of Hamburg.

This comprehensive expertise in criminal law is accompanied by in-depth knowledge related to commercial law, including trade law and corporate law.

Our clients include discerning private individuals, decision-makers in medium-sized companies, board members of banks, insurance providers and other large corporations as well as doctors, lawyers, civil servants and government agencies.

While attorney and specialist lawyer for criminal law Dr. Oliver Pragal has been exclusively engaged as defence counsel and counsellor in the field of criminal law since the beginning of his professional career in 2007, attorney Wolfgang Prinzenberg also boasts an extensive track record in trade law and corporate law (often with points of intersection with commercial criminal law) and as a business mediator in addition to decades of experience as a criminal defence lawyer.





These partly identical and partly complementary experiences ensure an extraordinarily high quality of counsel, particularly in complex situations.

We are happy to face the challenges of large complex proceedings or demanding compliance related crises. At the same time, however, we maintain without exception that there is no such thing as a “small” mandate.

LAWYERS

With almost 60 years of combined professional experience, Dr. Oliver Pragal, LL.M. (Cape Town) and Wolfgang Prinzenberg not only possess in-depth expertise, but also have an extensive, worldwide network of excellent lawyers in all important jurisdictions at their disposal.

Both partners are united by many years of specialisation in the field of (commercial) criminal law, passion for their profession and a shared understanding of the fundamental values involved in its practice.

For us, this means an ardent commitment to the interests of our clients, utmost precision in the handling of mandates and, at the same time, non-negotiable integrity.

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Dr. Pragal was admitted to the bar in 2007 and has been a specialist lawyer for criminal law since 2012, working exclusively in the field of criminal law. JUVE-magazine laudes Dr. Pragal for many years as professionally „excellent, competent, and judicious“.

Dr. Pragal focuses on the defence of individuals and enterprises in all areas of commercial criminal law.

Beyond this, Dr. Pragal advises companies in compliance crises and often also accompanies internal investigations as a criminal law consultant. He is co-author of the handbook “Richtiges Verhalten in der Compliance-Krise” [“Adequate management of the Compliance-Crisis”] (1st edition 2023; ed.: Dr. Philipp Engelhoven).

CV

- Lawyer since 2007
- Specialist lawyer for criminal law since 2012
- Co-founder / Managing Partner of the law firm Meyer-Lohkamp & Pragal (2010-2023)
- Member of the technical committee on criminal law of the Hanseatic Bar Association in Hamburg since 2013
- Co-founder and long-standing board member of the Institute for Compliance in medium-sized companies
- Master's degree in "Criminal Law" at the University of Cape Town (South Africa)
- Research associate and doctoral student at the Bucerius Law School, Hamburg (2002-2005), dissertation on bribery and corruptibility in business transactions (§ 299 StGB)
- University studies in law at the Christian Albrechts University in Kiel (1997-2001)



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Wolfgang Prinzenberg has been admitted to the Hamburg Bar since 1982 and specializes in white-collar criminal law, commercial and corporate law as well as a business mediator.

Wolfgang Prinzenberg defends individuals and advises companies on all criminal compliance issues as well as the establishment and refinement of compliance systems. He also defends German nationals abroad with the help of an international network of colleagues.

Having offered counsel to clients on commercial and corporate law issues for many years (often at the intersection of commercial criminal law), Wolfgang Prinzenberg's work focuses on advising on the formation and development of corporate law structures due to the growth of enterprises and their internationalization.

CV

- Lawyer since 1982
- Business Mediator
- 1986–2002 Founder / Managing Partner Prinzenberg, Dix, Sendler law firm
- 2003–2012 Prinzenberg, Prien & Sendler
- 2013–2023 Prinzenberg, Prien & Partner
- UAE - Union des Advocats Européens
- Association for Commercial Criminal Law e.V.
- Friends and Sponsors of Marienkrankenhaus e.V.
- Kunstverein in Hamburg (Board of Directors)





COMPETENCIES

The main focus of our expertise lies in the defence and counseling of individuals in the fields of commercial and tax criminal law, including in cross-border-investigations.

Beyond this, we have extensive experiences in all compliance-related matters, namely the management of compliance crises, internal investigations, criminal due diligence, preventive counseling and AI-compliance, i.e., the regulation of artificial intelligence in its development and application.

As one of the few boutiques specialising in white-collar criminal law, we also offer our clients integrated counsel on civil law (especially commercial and corporate law) in the person of our partner Wolfgang Prinzenberg. This counsel is often just as important in matters related to white-collar criminal law as in criminal law itself.



CRIMINAL DEFENCE

- Commercial Criminal law and tax criminal law
- Individual defence
- Corporate Defence
- Cross-border-defence
- Global Defence Alliance

COMPLIANCE

- Compliance-Crises
- Internal Investigations
- Criminal Due Diligence
- Preventive Counselling
- AI Compliance

REPRESENTATION OF WITNESSES

- Witness counsel in criminal or civil proceedings
- Representation in parliamentary committees of enquiry

BUSINESS LAW

- Economic mediations between corporations and partners
- Ongoing Corporate Legal Support
- Corporate transformation
- Commercial and corporate law



CRIMINAL DEFENCE

We are criminal defence lawyers – out of conviction for the rule of law and with our “heart and soul”.

We are active in all areas of criminal law, however we specialise in commercial and tax criminal law.

We defend both individuals and enterprises, particularly in complex proceedings against criminal charges, impending asset forfeiture or fines (e.g. pursuant to §§ 30, 130 of the German Administrative Offences Act – OWiG).

COMPLIANCE

Pragal & Prinzenberg have extensive experience in all aspects of compliance, namely overcoming compliance crises, risk management, accompanying internal investigations, conducting criminal due diligence audits, preventive counsel and AI compliance, i.e. the regulation of so-called “artificial intelligence” in its development and application.



REPRESENTATION OF WITNESSES

We regularly represent witnesses in criminal or civil proceedings as “witness counsels” or act as counsellors in parliamentary committees of enquiry.

In such cases, the effective exercise of the “right to withhold information” (cf. § 55 StPO), which under special circumstances can even authorize a complete refusal to testify (so-called “mosaic theory”) is of considerable importance.

BUSINESS LAW

In addition to his work in commercial and criminal tax law, our partner Wolfgang Prinzenberg has also been active in business law (particularly commercial and corporate law) since 1982, which in many cases is just as important as criminal law itself when it regards matters of commercial criminal law. Furthermore, Mr. Prinzenberg is an experienced business mediator.



GLOBAL DEFENCE ALLIANCE

For many years we have also been involved in proceedings with cross-border implications (so-called cross-border Investigations), e.g. in investigations by foreign prosecution authorities including the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO).

Typical activities include the defence against extradition requests, European Arrest Warrants (EAW), international arrest warrants or "Red Notices" from Interpol or European Investigation Orders (EIO) as well enforcement of the prohibition of double jeopardy ("ne bis in idem" principle).

In these cross-border proceedings, our clients regularly benefit from our global network of excellent colleagues in all major jurisdictions – the Global Defence Alliance.

The Global Defence Alliance was founded by our partner Dr. Oliver Pragal, who is a long-time member of the International Bar Association (IBA) as well as the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA).

The purpose of the Global Defence Alliance is to provide – whenever necessary and then without delay – our clients with a network of carefully selected, excellent attorneys all over the world, almost all of whom we know personally and have worked with in the past.



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