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Dear Members and Guests,

the German-American Lawyers' Association and Noerr LLP cordially invite you to a panel discussion taking place in Berlin on

**Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 06:30 p.m.**

Topic:

**The Implementation of Investor-State Dispute Settlement into the  
Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) –  
*A threat to the rule of law or a necessary instrument to protect foreign direct  
investment?***

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The treaty establishing the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership is highly controversially discussed on both sides of the Atlantic. One of the key issues dividing TTIP critics and supporters is the investor state dispute settlement (ISDS) mechanism that is envisioned to be implemented within the treaty. Many question the need for introducing ISDS in a free trade agreement between the EU and the US. In addition, critics object to this form of arbitration because of its secrecy, the opportunity to bring about frivolous claims, the lack of an appellate body and questions of arbitrators' ethics. As a result, lately the idea of the establishment of a European-US commercial court is discussed in Europe.

We look forward to providing a platform for exchange of information and discussion on this topic from various transatlantic legal as well as political perspectives.

Jim Boykin is a partner in the Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Group at the Washington, DC office of Hughes Hubbard & Reed. His practice focuses on international arbitration and includes state-to-state and investor-state arbitration as well as commercial disputes. Previously, he taught as an adjunct professor at the College of William & Mary, School of Law, and at American University, Washington College of Law. He received his B.A. from the University of Virginia and his J.D. from the College of William & Mary. Mr. Boykin is fluent in German.

Fabian Wendenburg is a senior manager at the Federation of German Industries (BDI). In this capacity, he represents the interests of Germany Industry in the negotiations of the EU-U.S. (TTIP) and the EU-Canadian (CETA) trade and investment agreements, e.g. in the areas of market access, regulatory cooperation and investment protection. Before joining BDI in 2013, Mr. Wendenburg was a consultant at McKinsey and a public affairs manager at the Linde Group.

Dr. Roland Kläger specializes in national and international arbitration and questions of international investment law. He also advises and represents mainly international companies in M&A transactions and post M&A disputes and regularly acts as a litigator for banks in front of state courts. He studied law at the University of Freiburg and holds a doctor of laws in international investment law from the University of Tübingen. After his studies, he was a Research Fellow with Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Jürgen Schwarze at the University of Freiburg and a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law of the University of Cambridge. Roland Kläger is the regional coordinator of the DIS40 in Stuttgart and a regular author and speaker on topics of international arbitration.

Meike von Levetzow is Associated Partner at Noerr in Berlin. She has many years of experience in national and international arbitration and as a litigation lawyer before state courts. She specialises in commercial arbitration in the area of complex civil, commercial and corporate law disputes. In addition, she represents German and international companies before state courts, particularly in disputes under contractual and liability law and in anti-trust damages cases. She also comprehensively advises and represents financial institutions in banking law.

The panel will be held in English.

Attendance is free of charge.

We would like to thank Noerr LLP for inviting all guests to a reception after the panel discussion.

Please register at [mail@dajv.de](mailto:mail@dajv.de) no later than July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

We look forward to welcoming you and your guests.

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