

Press release

Art and Law: Judge at the Federal Court of Justice presents German laws as a work of art

Berlin/Karlsruhe, June 2020. German law is art. This is shown by the legal panels of art project "Laws of Germany".

For the first time, a German judge at the Federal Court of Justice, Dr. Dirk von Selle, and a professional photographer are working together to visualize German law.

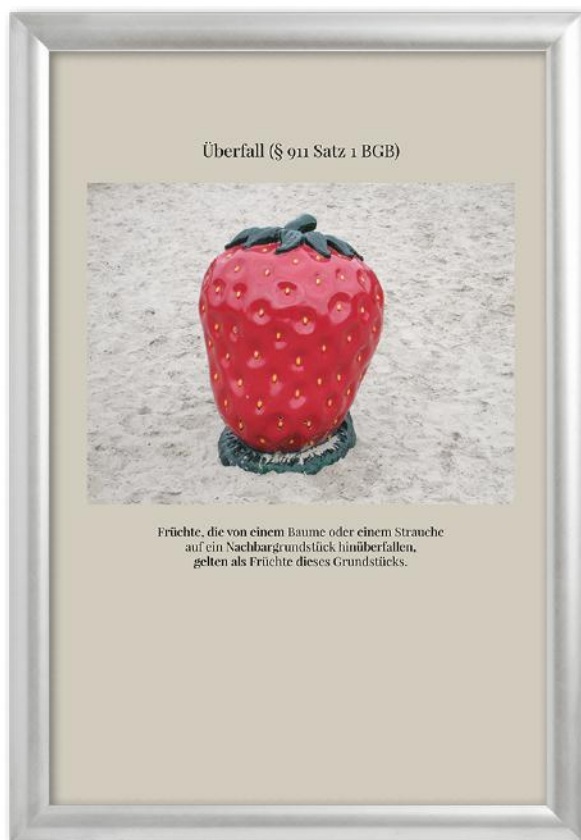
Renowned publications, including law journal "Legal Tribune Online" and European art magazine "Monopol", report on this unique collection. Illustrated are laws, fundamental to our legal culture, but also specialties and curiosities.

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*Figure 1: "Robbery", § 911, sentence 1 BGB.
Note: In German, robbery also means the
falling of fruit on the neighbour's property*

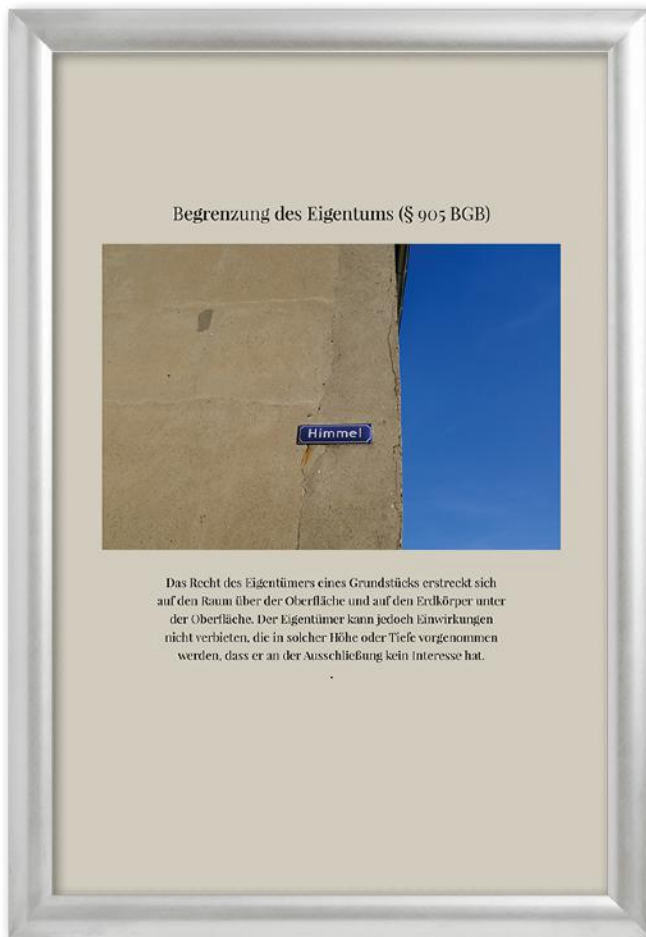


Figure 2: "Limitation of property", § 905 BGB (road sign in the picture: Himmel - English: sky)

"Law is a cultural asset and has always been pictorial in its beginnings," says von Selle, alluding to the first legal work in the German language, the *Sachsenspiegel*.

"In the Baroque era, symbols kept cultural content in the collective consciousness. The gallery of the 'Laws of Germany' follows this tradition," says Hahm-Gerling.

Judge Dr. Dirk von Selle (56), Federal Court of Justice (Karlsruhe), has previously worked at the Brandenburg Higher Regional Court and holds a PhD at the Humboldt University Berlin.

Andreas Hahm-Gerling (56) is a graduate of Bielefeld School of Visual Communications. He has worked as a journalist for Germany's major commercial broadcaster RTL Television.

An oversight of the project can be found on the site www.lawsofgermany.de.

A limited edition of the legal panels is used for exhibitions.

The prestigious unique pieces are much sought-after as furnishing highlights of international law firms.

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Figure 3: "On The Death Penalty", Article 104, Grundgesetz (GG)



Figure 4: "Trams are treated if they cross railways as if they were roads, and if they cross roads as if they were railways." Railway Crossing Act, § 1 Section 5 (Eisenbahnkreuzungsgesetz/EBKrG)