

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 in history, a German judge at the Federal Court of Justice, Dr. Dirk von Selle, and a 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.

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Illustrated are fundamental laws - for example on  death penalty, Article 104 GG - but also curiosities.

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§ 1 Abs. 5 EBKrG: "Trams are treated ... if they cross railways, like roads, if they cross roads, like railways." (Original text excerpt)

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"Law is a cultural asset and has always been pictorial in its beginnings," says Dr. Dirk von Selle (55), 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 Andreas Hahm-Gerling (56).



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Judge Dr. Dirk von Selle (55), Federal Court of Justice (Karlsruhe), has previously worked at the Brandenburg Higher Regional Court.

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

Selected works are on display at the Federal Court of Justice. An oversight of the project can be found on the site www.lawssofgermany.de.

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

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

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