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Melina is an associate in the Munich office of Gibson Dunn and a member of the firm's White Collar Defense and Investigations Practice Group.

She advises clients on a broad range of white collar and regulatory compliance matters, with a particular focus on export control and sanctions compliance, anti-corruption (including FCPA-related matters), ESG-related regulatory requirements, and compliance issues in highly regulated industries such as financial services and insurance.

She supports clients in the structuring, assessment, and implementation of compliance management systems designed to ensure adherence to applicable regulatory frameworks, including EU and U.S. export control regimes such as the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR). In this context, she assists with internal licensing procedures, risk assessments, internal investigations, and voluntary or directed disclosures.

Melina has worked across industries and sectors, including automotive, defense, insurance, financial services and investment, and the pharmaceutical industry. She further advises on matters at the intersection of corporate governance and white collar issues, supporting corporate bodies on compliance, governance, and risk management topics.

Melina studied law at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, where she passed her First State Examination in 2015 and at Sapienza University of Rome. After completing her Second State Examination at the Higher Regional Court of Munich in 2017, she pursued her doctoral research at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich while working at a renowned German law firm.

During her studies and her legal clerkship, she gained international experience at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations in Vienna, the EU Delegation to the OECD in Paris, and an NGO combating corruption in Cape Town.

In 2021 she received her LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law as a Fulbright Scholar. In 2026 she earned her Dr. iur. from the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.

In addition to her native German, she speaks English and Italian.

Capabilities

White Collar Defense and Investigations

Anti-Corruption & FCPA

Crisis Management

ESG: Risk, Litigation, and Reporting

International Trade Advisory and Enforcement

Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance

Credentials

Education

Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich - 2026 Dr. iur.

Columbia University - 2021 Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich - 2015 First State Exam

Admissions

Germany - Rechtsanwältin

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