

## Stefan von Raumer

Stefan von Raumer has been serving his clients as litigation attorney on matters of restitution law and property / ownership law since 1993, and since 1997 in matters of constitutional law and matters governed by the laws concerned by the European Convention on Human Rights. In 2001, he founded his law firm specialized in these fields in Berlin, Rechtsanwaltskanzlei von Raumer.

Today, he is one of the most renowned restitution lawyers in Germany and an acknowledged specialist for application proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and for constitutional complaints brought before the *Bundesverfassungsgericht* (BVerfG, Federal Constitutional Court) in Karlsruhe. Before these courts, he looks after cases in all fields of substantive law, from administrative law to civil law and criminal law.

Besides successfully litigating for his clients in proceedings before government authorities and the courts of lower instance, Stefan von Raumer has also attained many lucrative settlements for them. Furthermore, the *Bundesverwaltungsgericht* (BVerwG, Federal Administrative Court) in Leipzig, the highest administrative court of the country, has admitted for decision more than twenty appeals he has brought on points of law, acknowledging their fundamental importance. In roughly half of these cases, Stefan von Raumer was able to conclude the proceedings in favor of his clients and, because the decisions handed down by the highest courts in Germany serve as a guideline for other courts, also for people bringing similar proceedings, thus increasing their chances of success both now and in the future. By the model proceedings he pursues, von Raumer thus has been shaping the development of German laws on redress.

In spite of the small number of cases brought against the Federal Republic of Germany that the European Court of Human Rights accepts for decision, the Strasbourg court has already so accepted several applications he has filed. As recently as in 2016, the Court found, by its decision of June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, application number 44164/14 (Madaus v. Germany), that the Federal Republic of Germany had violated the right to a fair trial as protected by Article 6 of the Convention.

Besides his many other publications on matters of jurisprudence, von Raumer has been continuing, since 2011, the work on the standard reference on the European Convention on Human Rights that Dr. Jens Meyer-Ladewig initiated and looked after in the previous three editions: he has taken on the fourth edition of the Commentary on the European Convention

on Human Rights “Meyer-Ladewig, Nettesheim, von Raumer EMRK” (published December 2016) as editor and author in a team of twenty-two select collaborators.

Stefan von Raumer is also sought after as an expert, instructor, and consultant both nationally and internationally in light of his comprehensive expertise.

He is one of currently ten members of the Committee on Constitutional Law of the *Deutscher Anwaltverein* (DAV, German Bar Association) and, in this capacity, regularly prepares so-called “*Voten*” (proposals for decisions) on constitutional law regarding pending constitutional complaints at the request of the *Bundesverfassungsgericht* (BVerfG, Federal Constitutional Court). In many cases, these proposals will be considered by the highest constitutional court of Germany in the decisions it ultimately hands down.

Stefan von Raumer deals with the human rights issues that are addressed to the legal profession in Germany in his capacity as member of the Human Rights Committee of the German Lawyers Association (DAV) and as Commissioner for European Affairs of its Human Rights Committee.

As representative of Germany in the Human Rights Committee with the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), Brussels, Stefan von Raumer is able to influence all topics of relevance to human rights that lawyers in Europe must address. As one of only a few, select members of the exclusive CCBE Permanent Delegation at the European Court of Human Rights, he represents the interests of more than 1 million European attorneys vis-à-vis the judges and the presidency of the Strasbourg court and discusses current developments at regular round-table meetings with them.

Stefan von Raumer is active also on behalf of *Stiftung für Internationale Rechtliche Zusammenarbeit e.V.* (IRZ e.V., German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation). He has worked in numerous countries, particularly in Eastern Europe, in training lawyers, judges, and public prosecutors in the laws concerned by the European Convention on Human Rights, restitution law, and property and ownership law.

Besides these activities, Stefan von Raumer also participates in international humanitarian missions. Thus, he performed more than one hundred interviews with Syrian legal practitioners in November of 2016 as a member of an international team of experts working in the neighboring states of Syria, and is co-author of the ILAC “Rule of Law Assessment Report Syria 2017” published in the wake of this mission in July of 2017, which attracted international attention.