



Dr. Ilkin Karakaya

Dr. Ilkin Karakaya has been Head of Group Legal at the world's leading supplier of braking systems, Knorr-Bremse AG, since 2014. In this position he is responsible for the areas of Legal M&A/Antitrust, Litigation & Claim Management, Intellectual Property, Real Estate & Insurance, International Legal Sourcing, Corporate Governance and Compliance. He is responsible for the reorganization of the legal division and the integration of a total of 16 companies into Knorr-Bremse AG, resulting in external sales growth of EUR 1.5 billion. In addition, Dr. Karakaya was responsible for the IPO of Knorr-Bremse AG in 2018, which, with an issue volume of EUR 3.85 billion, is the largest IPO of a family-owned company in Europe ever and the sixth largest IPO in Germany.

Prior to joining Knorr-Bremse AG, Dr. Karakaya was Head of Legal, Insurance and Financial Services Germany at Benteler Deutschland GmbH from 2010 to 2014, having already worked for the Benteler Group as Senior Legal Counsel from 2008 to 2010.

In 2007 he was Senior Legal Counsel of the Bertelsmann Group (Lycos Europe) and from 2005 to 2007 Senior Associate of Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbh for the M&A - Commercial division. Between 2002 and 2005 he worked as a consultant for KPMG in London and Bielefeld.

The lawyer with a PhD in law, is also an active member of the Federal Association of Corporate Lawyers, the German Association of the Automotive Industry, and the German Railway Industry Association.