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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AG	Aktiengesellschaft Public Limited Company
AGG	Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz General Act on Equal Treatment
AktG	Aktiengesetz Act on Public Limited Companies
ArbZG	Arbeitszeitgesetz Working Time Act
BetrVG	Betriebsverfassungsgesetz Works Constitution Act
BGB	Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch German Civil Code
BGH	Bundesgerichtshof Federal Court of Justice
BNotO	Bundesnotarordnung Federal Code for Notaries
BRAO	Bundesrechtsanwaltsordnung Federal Lawyer's Regulations
BtMG	Gesetz über den Verkehr mit Betäubungsmitteln Narcotics Act

« ABBREVIATIONS »

BVerfG	Bundesverfassungsgericht Federal Constitutional Court
BVerfGE	Entscheidungen des Bundesverfassungsgerichts Decisions of the Federal Constitutional Court
BVerfGG	Gesetz über das Bundesverfassungsgericht Federal Constitutional Court Act
CISG	U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sales of Goods
DRiG	Deutsches Richtergesetz German Judiciary Act
DrittelbG	Gesetz über die Drittelbeteiligung der Arbeitnehmer im Aufsichtsrat Act on Employee Participation by One Third
ECHR	European Convention of Human Rights
EGBGB	Einführungsgesetz zum Bürgerlichen Gesetzbuche Introductory Act to the Civil Code
EWIV	Europäische wirtschaftliche Interessenv- ereinigung European Economic Interest Grouping
FamFG	Gesetz über das Verfahren in Familiensachen und in den Angelegenheiten der freiwilligen Gerichtsbarkeit Law on Procedures in Family Matters and in Matters of Voluntary Jurisdiction
FGB	Familiengesetzbuch der Deutsche Demokratische Republik Family Code of the German Democratic Republic

« ABBREVIATIONS »

GbR	Gesellschaft bürgerlichen Rechts General Partnership Company
GDR	German Democratic Republic
GG	Grundgesetz German Constitution, Basic Law
GmbH	Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung Limited Liability Company
GmbHG	Gesetz betreffend die Gesellschaften mit beschränkter Haftung Act on Limited Liability Companies
GoA	Geschäftsführung ohne Auftrag Management without a Mandate
GVG	Gerichtsverfassungsgesetz Courts Constitution Act
GWB	Gesetz gegen Wettbewerbsbeschränkungen Act Against Restrictions on Competition
HGB	Handelsgesetzbuch Commercial Code
InsO	Insolvenzordnung Insolvency Act
KG	Kommanditgesellschaft Limited Partnership Company
KSchG	Kündigungsschutzgesetz Act on Dismissal Protection
LPartG	Lebenspartnerschaftsgesetz Civil Partnership Law
MitbestG	Gesetz über die Mitbestimmung der Arbeitnehmer Act on Employee Participation

« ABBREVIATIONS »

MontanMitbestG	Gesetz über die Mitbestimmung der Arbeitnehmer in den Aufsichtsräten und Vorständen der Unternehmen des Bergbaus und der Eisen und Stahl erzeugenden Industrie Act on Employee Participation in the Coal and Mining Industry
OHG	Offene Handelsgesellschaft General partnership
PartG	Partnerschaftsgesellschaft Partnership company
PatG	Patentgesetz Patent Act
PrALR	Allgemeine Landrecht für die Preußischen Staaten Prussian General Land Law (General State Laws for the Prussian States)
ProdHaftG	Gesetz über die Haftung für fehlerhafte Produkte Product Liability Act
PStG	Personenstandsgesetz Civil Status Act
StGB	Strafgesetzbuch Criminal Code
StPO	Strafprozessordnung Code of Criminal Procedure
StVG	Straßenverkehrsgesetz Road Traffic Act
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU

« ABBREVIATIONS »

TSG	Gesetz über die Änderung der Vornamen und die Feststellung der Geschlechtszugehörigkeit in besonderen Fällen, also Transsexuellengesetz Act on the Change of First Name and Sex Designation in Cases of Transsexualism
TVG	Tarifvertragsgesetz Act on Collective Agreement
TzBfG	Gesetz über Teilzeitarbeit und befristete Arbeitsverträge Act on Part-time Work and Fixed-Term Contracts
UrhG	Gesetz über Urheberrecht und verwandte Schutzrechte Copyright Act
UWG	Gesetz gegen den unlauteren Wettbewerb Unfair Competition Act
VwVfG	Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz Administrative Procedure Act
ZPO	Zivilprozessordnung Code of Civil Procedure

