

ZdiW Guidelines for authors

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I. Headings

The contents in the ZdiW are not classified according to the conventional division „contributions“ – „court rulings“ but are classified according to the sections as shown in the table of contents. These are:

1. Industrie 4.0: legal issues of digitally networked production
2. E-Commerce: legal issues relating to digital commerce, marketing and sales
3. Digital Finance: legal issues relating to the digitization of financing, payments and accounting
4. Digital HR: legal issues relating to the digitization of human resources management
5. M&A: legal issues relating to mergers and acquisitions
6. Corporate digital: legal issues of digital technologies in the digital organization of companies
7. E-Health: legal issues of the employment of digital technologies in health care
8. Smart Energy: legal issues relating to the use of intelligent technologies in energy conversions, energy storage, energy transmission and energy consumption
9. Verkehrswende: legal issues relating to autonomous driving and Electric Mobility
10. Legal Tech: legal issues relating to digital products on the legal service market
11. Digitaler Staat: legal issues relating to the digital transformation in government and administration action
12. Querschnitt: principle questions as well as legal issues that affect several headings equally

Each contribution must be assignable to one of these sections. The author makes a proposal on the section when submitting the typescript.

II. Types of Essay

To provide readers with additional guidance regarding the conception, breadth, and depth of the paper, there are the following essay types, which are also reflected in the table of contents and at the beginning of the paper:

1. Overview essay (length: max. 36,000 characters = six printed pages): Introductions to very new and/or complex topics, treatment of legal issues with implications for several practical fields of application.
2. Advisory essay (max. 24,000 characters = four printed pages): presentation and answering of concrete legal questions that are new or unclear in practice
3. Checkpoints (max. 18,000 characters = three printed pages): compilation of recommendations and warnings regarding the practical handling of clearly defined legal issues (e.g. "Five liability risks in pricing algorithms")
4. Interview (6,000 to 12,000 characters = one to two printed pages): opinion/assessment on a currently discussed legal issue/decision/reform (e.g. "Three questions, three answers")
5. Court ruling analysis (max. 12,000 characters = two printed pages): explanation of a current court decision (supreme court or lower court), sharpened to the immediate effects in the lawyer's or company's practice.
6. Jurisdiction 1 (from 3,000 characters = half page): Reasons for judgement, brief note
7. Jurisdiction 2 (max. 36,000 characters = 6 pages): Essay, combined with short passages from the judgement

The common guideline for all contributions is that each legal question raised must be answered.

