



Short Bio of Dr. Thomas Zielke, Representative of German Industry and Trade



Dr. Thomas Zielke was appointed to the position of Representative of German Industry and Trade in January 2011. He studied Law and Political Sciences in Bonn, and upon graduating at the University of Tübingen in Germany with the title of Doctor of Jurisprudence he was admitted to practice before the District Court of Düsseldorf in 1993. During several years of practice in the areas of corporate, civil, administrative, energy and labor law, he joined the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi) where he promoted investment into the new German federal states (the former East Germany). He also served as First Secretary in the Economics Division at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations in New York, and also served as a member of the administrative committee for the European Union's multiannual Small and Medium Enterprise ME Program in Brussels. From 2001 to 2007, he was Communications Director in the BMWi in Berlin, serving under minister Werner Mueller and his successors, Wolfgang Clement and Michael Glos. After having contributed substantially to a restructuring of the federal government's patent policy program in 2008, he became Director of Public Relations and Deputy Representative at RGIT Washington D.C., where he concurrently served as editor of the weekly publication Washington News. He has authored of a broad range of publications on topics ranging from trade policy to innovation initiatives.