

## LEGAL WRITING AND LANGUAGE

Contribution to the course from the perspective of European, in particular German legal education

**Assignment**

(10 of 100 points for the course)

Sophia is a student of social sciences at a European university and a feminist. She plans to write her master thesis about cyberbullying and cyberintimidation (also called "cyberviolence") against politically active young women who are massively insulted and threatened in the social media and the internet, in order to silence them in the public. Sophia has heard about the *European Union's Digital Services Act* of 2022, which requires online platforms in Europe to provide easily accessible, user-friendly *notice and action mechanisms* that allow users to notify the platform of content that infringes their rights, and to operate an effective *internal complaint-handling system*.

When Sophia meets you at a summer school and learns that you are a law student in the leading law study program in your country, she asks you to help her:

1. Please inform her, where exactly in the EU Digital Services Act the the aforementioned obligations of the online platforms are regulated, and provide a link that allows to verify it! (3 of 10 points)
2. Please compile for her a list of the most important legal literature existing on this topic! (7 of 10 points)
  - Compile a meaningful list that is helpful for research, with a clear structure and formatting.
  - List both, specific literature and more general literature that will only briefly address the topic.
  - List legal literature of various types, as studied before in the course (not only journal articles!).
  - Give preference to high-quality publications (by renowned scholars, in renowned book series & journals etc.).
  - You may also list publications in other languages than English.
  - List only literature from the field of legal science, not from social sciences, political science, politics, activism, or journalism. (Sophia has already prepared a list of the latter herself.)
  - Should you find literature in our Law Library, add the library call number and an original photo (one point extra for each).

Please upload your paper at Simaster until Monday, 08.12.2025.

In case of uploading problems send me your paper via e-mail ([tschmit1@thomas-schmitz-eu.de](mailto:tschmit1@thomas-schmitz-eu.de)).

**Note:** Please analyse the tasks carefully and do exactly - and only - as asked for. Your paper does not need to be long but must be well-structured and limited to the required content. The list under task 2 must provide all necessary but no unnecessary bibliographical data. Ensure that all listed literature actually exists, since AI-"hallucinated" content will automatically result in disqualification (0 points). After the final exams, all students are welcome to contact me to discuss in detail the strong and weak points of their paper (office: B.VI.11; e-mail: [tschmit1@thomas-schmitz-eu.de](mailto:tschmit1@thomas-schmitz-eu.de); phone/WhatsApp: +62 812 9824 3441).