

Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger
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Lawyer, Federal Minister ret.

*26. July 1951 in Minden, widowed

Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger studied law in Göttingen and Bielefeld. After passing the first state exam in 1975 she passed the second state exam in 1978. From 1979 to 1990, Mrs. Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger worked at the German Patent Office in Munich. When she left the organization she was Managing Director. In 1990, she was elected as a Member of the German Bundestag for the Free Democratic Party (FDP). Two years later she was sworn in as Federal Minister of Justice. In 1996 she resigned from this office and focused on her work as a Member of the German Bundestag after a broad public discussion about the invulnerability of the private domain by means of acoustic observation through the state and the decision of the governing coalition to extend the state's right to interfere in citizens' private domain. She was spokeswoman on legal policy for the FDP parliamentary group and served twice as Deputy Chairwoman of the FDP parliamentary group from 2001 to 2002 and from 2005 to 2009. She was again Federal Minister for Justice from 2009 to 2013. On state level, she was the FDP chairwoman for Bavaria from 2000 to 2013. On the federal level she was member of the FDP Steering Committee from 1992 to 2013, she left the committee as vice-chairperson.

Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger is Member of the Executive Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom since 2014.

Political Offices

Since 2014	Member of the Executive Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom
2011-2013	Vice-Chairperson of the FDP
2003-2009	Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Since 2002	Member of the District Council in Starnberg
2001-2002 and 2005-2009	Deputy Chairwoman of the FDP parliamentary group
2000-2013	FDP Chairwoman for the FDP Bavaria
1992-2013	Member of the FDP Steering Committee
1994-2013	Member of the German Bundestag for the FDP

Career

Since 1997	Lawyer
1992-1996 and 2009-2013	Federal Minister of Justice
1990-2013	Member of the German Bundestag
1979-1990	Employed at the German Patent Office in Munich. Final position: Managing Director

Education

1978	Passed the second state exam in law
1970-1975	Studied law in Göttingen and Bielefeld
1970	General qualification for university (Abitur) in Minden

Awards and Publications (selection)

2002	1st Class of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany
2002	Bavarian Order of Merit

Innere Sicherheit. Herausforderungen an den Rechtsstaat. Heidelberg 1994 —
Zwischen Einbürgerung und politischer Partizipation „ausländischer Mitbürger“.
Welchen Spielraum gewährt der demokratische Rechtsstaat in Deutschland? In:
Christian Büttner und Berthold Meyer: *Integration durch Partizipation. „Ausländische
Mitbürger“ in demokratischen Gesellschaften.* Frankfurt am Main/New York 2001, S.
31–43 — *Auf dem Weg in den autoritären Staat.* In: *Blätter für deutsche und
internationale Politik* 1/2008, S. 62–70 — als Herausgeberin: *Vom Recht auf
Menschenwürde. 60 Jahre Europäische Menschenrechtskonvention.* Tübingen 2013

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