

**Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger**  
Member of the Executive Board  
of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

**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**

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| 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<br>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

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| 2014                       | Member of the Google advisory council “right to be forgotten”                        |
| Since 1997                 | Lawyer   |
| 1992-1996 and<br>2009-2013 | Federal Minister of Justice  |
| 1990-2013                  | Member of the German Bundestag   |
| 1979-1990                  | Employed at the German Patent Office in Munich.<br>Final position: Managing Director |

## Education

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| 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)

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| 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. Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, „Haltung ist Stärke, was auf dem Spiel steht“, Kösel Verlag 2017.

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