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POELLATH successfully represented a British-Jewish family in a naturalization case based on restitution under Section 15 of the German Nationality Act

POELLATH successfully assisted a British-Jewish family in obtaining German citizenship by way of so-called “reparations-based naturalization” under Section 15 of the German Nationality Act (StAG). Individuals affected by persecutions under the National Socialist Regime and their descendants are entitled to such naturalization under certain conditions.

The applicants’ great-grandparents were Jews who owned a real estate and their own pharmacy in Berlin. During the National Socialist Regime, they and their family were expropriated and persecuted. Part of the family was ultimately deported and murdered in Auschwitz.

During this time, the applicants’ grandmother, a single mother, fled to England and started a new life there. In England, she acquired British citizenship and changed her name.

POELLATH assisted the family in researching their family history and submitting the application to the Federal Office of Administration. In the subsequent proceedings, POELLATH represented the family before the Federal Office of Administration and was able to bring the case to a successful conclusion for the family. The applicants received their naturalization certificates in a formal ceremony.

POELLATH advised the family with the following team:

- Dr. Andreas Richter (partner, private clients & foundations, Berlin / Frankfurt aM)
- Dr. Michael Feldner (senior associate, private clients & foundations, Berlin)

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