



Besides working as the president for her consulting business Heike teaches business on the master's level as an adjunct professor at LTU after guest lecturing international business at LTU. She is also an advisory board member of the Center for Global Leadership and Understanding at LTU and a 2012 DBA candidate. In addition, she just presented her first paper in the U.S. at the Midwest Academy of Management.

Prior to moving to the U.S. Heike had her own firm as Steuerberater with multiple employees for twelve years in Germany. This title, exam, and work range is tightly regulated by federal German law and is equivalent to a combination of CPA and tax lawyer. It has a broad scope in Germany, including for example, counseling in business administration and taxation, financial planning, auditing corporations, delivering expert opinions, lecturing in tax law, and business administration, and acting as a tax lawyer in the area of finance. Heike worked in all of these fields for her clients, representing them in state and federal German tax tribunals up to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. She also trained a number of apprentices. Heike also worked as guest lecturer for a business school in Bensheim, Germany, as well as for several banks in Bensheim and Darmstadt, Germany and published in the area of German taxation and European customs.

Before, she worked for KPMG Peat Marwick, of the major global firms in this segment, as head of the customs and international law department, participated in an internship at the Commission of the European Communities in Brussels and worked for Schuermann & Partner, a big law firm, as customs and international trade consultant with proxy.

In addition, she covered various honorary positions in Germany. One of the most important for herself was the experience of founding and leading a regional chapter of the Junior Chamber International, where she was a member for eighteen years. She was also a member of the association of Steuerberater in the State of Hesse in Frankfurt for more than twelve years, a member of the Tax Board of the Chamber of Commerce in Darmstadt for more than four years, a member of the Rhein-Main Economic Club, Frankfurt, and Vice President of the Examination Board of Tax Counselors in Frankfurt.

In her rare leisure time Heike likes to travel intensively. She already visited more than forty countries. In addition, she has a Private Pilot's License and is Instrument rated.