

Dr. Reinhard Göhner

Born on 16 January 1953 in Bünde, married, four children.

After studying law and economics, he was an assistant lecturer at the University of Bielefeld from 1978 to 1979.

A qualified lawyer since 1981 with his own practice; partner in a legal firm from 1985, specialist in labour law from 1988.

From 1981 to 1990, Managing Director of Fachverband der Serienmöbelbetriebe (employer and business federation representing the furniture industry).

From 1989 to 1991, lecturer in the Law Faculty of the University of Bielefeld.

From December 1994 to September 1996, Managing Director of Verband der Deutschen Polstermöbelindustrie (German upholstered furniture federation), Verband der Westfälischen Holzindustrie und Kunststoffverarbeitung (Westphalian timber and plastics processing industry federation) and Fachverband der Serienmöbelbetriebe.

From 1983 to 2007, Member of the Federal German Parliament. From 1990 to 1994, Parliamentary Secretary of State, first in the Federal Justice Ministry and then for three years in the Federal Economics Ministry.

From 1991 to 1994, Chair of the Christian Democratic Union of Germany's "Principles for Germany" Committee; 1991 to 1996, Member of the Federal CDU Party Executive.

Since 1 October 1996, Managing Director of Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände – Association of German Employers' Confederations (BDA).