

Prof. Dr. Erich Schöndorf about mobile phone technology:

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[About Prof. Dr. Erich Schöndorf: Being a famous German lawyer, he worked as leading attorney in Frankfurt (Main) during the 1990' in the well known wood preservative case against a BAYER AG subsidiary. Frustration made him leave his attorney job and he went on to teach as professor at the university of applied science (Frankfurt Main – (<http://www.fh-frankfurt.de>)). He is an authority when it comes to product liability in Germany.]

NJW: *Why have victims of radiation from mobile phone masts such a hard time to enforce their rights successfully?*

Schöndorf: Mainly this is not a judicial but a political problem. For more then **100 Billion DM [German Marks]** the licenses for UMTS (3G) had been sold by the federal republic of Germany and now the purchaser want to make cash. Nationwide successful lawsuits would interfere here pretty much. The authorities had already guessed that and set appropriately high official limits, which can't be justified medically. In case of doubt a justice committed to corporate interests executes these limits and dismisses any complaints.

NJW: *What should be done as protection against Electrosmog?*

Schöndorf: Firstly it's about to reduce official limits to the medicinal the limits on what is medically required.

Other countries have already done so. In Germany, the politic think to resign from doing do, simply to save the operators some costs. In addition a better public education about the hazards of electromsog would be imperative. Even with reduced exposition, the users of mobile phones remain are at high risks.

NJW: *Is there a public duty to introduce protection areas for victims of radiation?*

Schöndorf: Sure, with a size of 357 000 square kilometers, exactly the area of the BRD. With all seriousness: We don't want USA conditions, where endangered Indian tribes are confined to reservations, with the known consequences.

NJW: *In the U.S.A., a worker won in a labor court, who attributed her brain tumor on her cell phone usage at work. We'll see some processes in the lines also in Germany?*

Schöndorf: Anything we encounter in the U.S.A will be with some time delay in Germany. Meanwhile the justice system rallies behind its repellent attitude.

But highly advanced organizations [NGOs] are on the way to connect the dots. They collect a massive amount of evidence, which persuasive power no court will be able to deprive from, sooner or later. It is simply a question of time until the front breaks down.

NJW: *Is it possible to prove with today medicinal knowledge that a damage of health is caused by electrosmog?*

Schöndorf: The proof of causality is the Achilles' of modern product liability. This is because relationships are quite complex, have much to do with natural sciences, which lawyers aren't that good about and that justice is kept in their own thinking:

Injury is done with fists or sticks, sometimes with a car, but never with a mobile phone. This is used for different things: Talking, taking pictures, writing SMS and checking the internet. All beautiful things nothing offensive. For large parts of the critical medicinal community the evidence of causation is fulfilled since quite some time. That is, it seems proven to them, the technology makes large numbers of people sick!

(A Podcast version of the interview (German) at: <http://tinyurl.com/ca5zph>)
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