



The Exclusion of Jewish Lawyers in Bavaria in December 1938



The Palace of Justice in the Prielmayerstrasse in Munich

(photo: Susanne Rieger)

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The nucleus of National Socialist ideology was anti-Semitism. The "25-point programme" of the NSDAP (National Socialist German Workers Party) of 1920 stated: "Only a compatriot can be a citizen of the State. A compatriot can only be a person of pure German lineage, irrespective of [religious] denomination. A Jew can therefore not be a compatriot". Starting from this principle, the National Socialists developed their other objectives, e.g. the removal of Jews from all public offices and to withdraw their registration to practice law or medicine.

Jewish lawyers were a group of professionals particularly hated by the National Socialists. The removal of and discrimination against Jewish lawyers was not least in the economic interests of their "Aryan" colleagues. The first violent attacks against Jews took place almost immediately after the National Socialists took power. Jewish lawyers and judges were barred from attending Courts in numerous German cities. The boycott of 1 April 1933 was directed against Jewish owned retail shops and stores, local Jewish doctors and lawyers. Hans Frank, the then Bavarian Minister of Justice, issued a decree forbidding Jewish lawyers to enter Court buildings with immediate effect. From this moment they were required to submit applications to obtain a special permit to do so.

The "Law for the Authorization to practice Law" of 7 April 1933 instantly withdrew this permission from a considerable number of Jewish lawyers. Only Jewish lawyers who had been authorized to practice law prior to 1 August 1914, those who served in the frontline trenches of the 1914 - 1918 war and those whose fathers or sons had fallen in the Field during this period, were henceforth allowed to continue with their professional work.

But a system of bureaucratic harassment began simultaneously for the majority of those Jewish lawyers who were still able to continue with their careers. The "Association of National Socialist Jurists" demanded the complete exclusion of Jews from the German legal structure. The professional Associations of Jurists had been infiltrated by the National Socialists even prior to 1933. The remaining Jewish lawyers now discovered quite quickly that many of their former colleagues turned their backs on them and that former clients were afraid and no longer willing to be represented by them. As a consequence Jewish lawyers were left solely to look after Jewish clients. This became less and less rewarding as the number of clients shrunk by virtue of growing emigration. Many Jewish lawyers were therefore driven to close their law firms in order to avoid financial ruin.

The fifth decree of the German Civil Law of 27 September 1938 (RGL. I of 14 October 1938, no. 165) required unconditional exclusion of all Jews from the legal profession and for their names to be removed from the lawyers' register latest by 30 November 1938.

This decree was the basis on which the President of the German Association of Jurists ordered the removal of the license to practice from Jewish lawyers with effect from 1 December 1939. Those Jewish lawyers still working at that time had their names published by their respective local jurists' associations indicating that their licenses had now been withdrawn.

The lists shown below are those published by the "Communiqué of the German Association of Jurists" no.12 of 1 December 1939. They list the names of the Jewish lawyers in Bavaria who were members of their local associations and now debarred from exercising their profession. Thereafter a very small number of Jewish lawyers remained in Germany, allowed to describe themselves as "Legal Consultants", and tolerated to act on behalf of none but Jewish clients.

Not that those Jewish lawyers who survived the Shoah, following the end of the National Socialist dictatorship, were re-admitted "en bloc" as lawyers in Germany: each one was obliged to apply individually to be restored to the register to be enabled to plead before the Courts on behalf of clients. Many German Jewish lawyers were killed and only a few of the survivors re-applied.

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Association of Jurists in Augsburg

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According to Notice no. 11/38 of the Association of Jurists in Augsburg the license to practice has been withdrawn from 5 Jewish lawyers.

District Court Augsburg

- Ludwig **Dreyfuss** in Augsburg (also Superior District Court in Munich)
 - Justizrat Eugen **Gunz** in Augsburg (also Superior District Court in Munich)
 - Benno **Loeffel** in Augsburg (also Superior District Court in Munich)
 - Arthur **Luchs** in Augsburg (also Superior District Court in Munich)
 - Justizrat Dr. Eugen **Strauss** in Augsburg (also Superior District Court in Munich)
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Association of Jurists in Bamberg

Office: Bamberg

According to Notice no. 2/38 of the Association of Jurists in Bamberg the license to practice has been withdrawn from 22 Jewish lawyers.

District Court in Aschaffenburg

- Justin **Baum** in Aschaffenburg

District Court in Bamberg

- Albert **Aron** in Bamberg (also Superior District Court in Bamberg)
- Justizrat Bernhard **Bettmann** in Bamberg (also Superior District Court in Bamberg)
- Justizrat Moses **Hoeflein** in Bamberg (also Superior District Court in Bamberg)
- Dr. Martin **Morgenroth** in Bamberg (also Superior District Court in Bamberg)
- Dr. Ludwig **Oster** in Bamberg (also Superior District Court in Bamberg)

District Court in Bayreuth

- Berthold **Klein** in Bayreuth

District Court in Coburg

- Dr. Martin **Baer** in Coburg
- Dr. Moritz **Baer** in Coburg

District Court in Wuerzburg

- Hermann **Ambach** in Wuerzburg
- Gerson **Haas** in Wuerzburg
- Dr. Max **Hamburger** in Wuerzburg
- Dr. Erich **Mayer** in Wuerzburg
- Richard **Mueller** in Wuerzburg
- Arnold **Oppenheimer** in Wuerzburg
- Dr. Karl **Rosenthal** in Wuerzburg
- Dr. Ludwig **Stein** in Wuerzburg
- Dr. Bruno **Stern** in Wuerzburg

District Court in Regensburg

- Justizrat Dr. **Bloch** in Regensburg
- Dr. Karl **Michel** in Regensburg
- Dr. Fritz **Oettinger** in Regensburg
- Justizrat Alfons **Prager** in Straubing

Association of Jurists in Nuremberg

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On the orders of the President of the Association of Jurists in Nuremberg (no. 20/38) the license to practice has been withdrawn from 43 Jewish lawyers.

Superior District Court and District Court in Nuremberg-Fuerth

- Justizrat Wilhelm **Baburger** in Fuerth i. B.
 - Dr. Franz **Bergmann** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Walter **Berlin** in Nuremberg
 - Justizrat Otto **Berlin** in Fuerth i. B.
 - Justizrat Rudolf **Bing** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Otto **Bloch** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Fritz **Blum** in Nuremberg
 - Geheimer Justizrat **Dormitzer** I in Nuremberg
 - Justizrat Dr. Karl **Dormitzer** II in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Max **Friedmann** in Nuremberg
 - Justizrat Dr. **Goldstein** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Leo **Heidenheimer** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Rudolf **Heinemann** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Willi **Herrmann** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Richard **Herz** in Nuremberg
 - Justizrat Dr. **Honig** in Nuremberg
 - Fritz **Josephthal** in Nuremberg
 - Richard **Jung** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Gustav **Kahn** III in Nuremberg
 - Dr. David **Karpf** in Nuremberg
 - Justizrat Hans **Landau** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. **Landenberger** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Arthur **Lebrecht** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Ludwig **Ledermann** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Heinz **Levor** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Alfons **Loewenthal** in Nuremberg
 - Richard **Mohr** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Kurt **Nattenheimer** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Albert **Neubuerger** in Fuerth i. B.
 - Dr. Julius **Nuernberger** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Fritz **Obermeier** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Otto **Rosenberg** in Nuremberg
 - Justizrat Dr. **Schloss** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Paul **Sahlmann** in Fuerth i. B.
 - Dr. Hans **Silberschmidt** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Julius **Sinauer** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Leo **Stahl** in Fuerth i. B.
 - Justizrat Dr. Julius **Stein** in Fuerth i. B.
 - Max **Stern** I in Nuremberg
 - B. **Stern** II in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Hans **Teutsch** in Nuremberg
 - Dr. Emil **Thalmann** in Nuremberg
 - Fritz Moritz **Wertheimer** in Nuremberg
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Association of Jurists in Munich

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According to Notice no. 18.38 of the Association of Jurists in Munich the license to practice was with drawn from 92 Jewish lawyers.

Superior District Court and District Courts Munich I and II

- Dr. Paul **Adler** in Munich
- Dr. Leopold **Ambrunn** in Munich
- Dr. Alfred **Bacharach** in Munich
- Dr. Julius **Baer** in Munich
- Justizrat Alfred **Bauer** in Munich
- Dr. Max **Bauer** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Hans **Baumann** in Munich
- Dr. Hans **Bernstein** in Munich
- Dr. Franz **Berolzheimer** I in Munich
- Richard **Berolzheimer** II in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Alfred **Bloch** II in Munich
- Dr. Hans **Bloch** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Karl **Blumenstein** in Munich
- Dr. Gustav **Boehm** in Munich
- Dr. Oskar **Einstein** in Munich
- Dr. Albert **Engel** in Munich
- Dr. Theodor **Erlanger** in Munich
- Dr. Otto **Feldheim** in Munich
- Dr. Karl **Feust** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Emil **Fraenkel** in Munich
- Prof. Geheimer Justizrat Dr. Heinrich **Frankenburger** in Munich
- Dr. Leopold **Frei** in Munich
- Dr. Friedrich **Freudenreich** in Munich
- Dr. Max **Friedlaender** in Munich
- Dr. Maximilian **Gardé** in Munich
- Dr. Artur **Gern** in Munich
- Dr. Oskar **Gerstle** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Ludwig **Goldmann** in Munich
- Justizrat Albert **Goldschmidt** I in Munich
- Ernst **Gottscho** in Munich
- Dr. Ludwig **Haymann** in Munich
- Geheimer Justizrat Dr. Felix **Herzfelder** in Munich
- Dr. Siegfried **Holzer** I in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Herbert **Jacobi** in Munich
- Dr. Alfred **Jacoby** in Munich
- Dr. Ferdinand **Kahn** in Munich
- Dr. Fritz **Kahn** I in Munich
- Dr. Willy **Kahn** in Munich
- Justizrat Heinrich **Kastor** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Wilhelm **Kitzinger** in Munich
- Justizrat Sally **Koblenzer** in Munich
- Justizrat Felix **Koenigsberger** in Munich

- Dr. August **Kronacher** in Munich
- Dr. Ludwig **Kurzmann** in Munich
- Julius Robert **Loewenfeld** in Munich
- Dr. Oskar **Maron** in Munich
- Dr. Adolf **Mayer** in Munich
- Dr. Artur **Mayer** in Munich
- Dr. Ludwig Karl **Mayer** in Munich
- Max **Mayer** in Munich
- Dr. Robert **Mayer** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Eugen **Meyer** in Munich
- Dr. Kurt **Mosbacher** in Munich
- Justizrat Sigmund **Neu** in Munich
- Dr. Ary **Neuburger** in Munich
- Justizrat Wilhelm **Neuburger** in Munich
- Dr. Fritz **Neuburger** in Munich
- Siegfried **Neuland** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Ernst **Oberlaender** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Karl **Oestreich** in Munich
- Albert **Oppenheimer** in Munich
- Dr. Alfred **Perlmutter** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Max **Prager** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Hermann **Raff** in Munich
- Justizrat Reinhold **Rau** in Munich
- Dr. Fritz **Reis** in Munich
- Dr. Erich **Rostowsky** in Munich
- Justizrat Hugo **Rothschild II** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Moritz **Schlesinger** in Munich
- Dr. Eugen **Schmidt** in Munich
- Dr. Josef **Schnaier** in Munich
- Justizrat Friedrich **Schnell** in Munich
- Dr. Fritz **Schulmann** in Munich
- Justizrat Felix **Schwarz** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Ernst **Seidenberger** in Munich
- Dr. Michael **Siegel** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Emil **Silbermann** in Munich
- Dr. Hans **Silberschmidt** in Munich
- Dr. Josef **Sinn** in Munich
- Karl **Sonenthal** in Munich
- Justizrat Dr. Sigmund **Steinharder** in Munich
- Dr. Hans **Taub** in Munich
- Dr. Robert **Theilhaber** in Munich
- Dr. Fritz **Vogel** in Munich
- Dr. Rudolf **Wassermann** in Munich
- Justizrat Hans **Weil** in Munich
- Justizrat Leo **Weil** in Munich
- Ludwig **Weiss** in Munich
- Dr. Jakob **Weissbart** in Munich
- Dr. Richard **Wolf** in Munich

District Courts Munich I and II

- Dr. Benno **Schuelein** in Munich

County Court Munich

- Dr. Heinrich **Reinach** in Munich
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