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Dr Johannes Grüner

Specialist lawyer for administrative law

Johannes advises private and public clients on all administrative law issues arising in connection with the implementation of construction projects. His key practice areas are in the fields of construction planning law and building regulations law as well as environmental and regional planning law.

He also advises municipalities and other public entities on all issues relating to public commercial law.

What others say

„Recommended for environmental and planning law“

Legal 500 Germany 2023

„One of the most frequently recommended lawyers for public law“

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Recent work

- Provided comprehensive legal advice to thyssenkrupp Steel Europe AG on the application for and granting of a subsidy of around EUR 2 billion by the federal government and the state of North Rhine-Westphalia for the construction of a hydrogen-fuelled direct reduction plant
- Advising companies in connection with BImSchG approval procedures for the construction of wind turbines in North Rhine-Westphalia, including successful defence against neighbouring claims

- Advising a major German automotive supplier on securing a plant location under planning law
- Advising the state of North Rhine-Westphalia on spatial planning law issues in connection with the realisation of the Datteln IV power plant
- Providing comprehensive support in obtaining planning permission for the construction of the new headquarters of a Dax group (construction planning and planning permission procedure) in North Rhine-Westphalia
- Advising a local authority on the establishment of a hotel in the impact area of a chemical company with regard to hazardous incidents and immission control law
- Extensive representation of several public corporations in proceedings for contribution claims before various administrative and higher administrative courts
- Carrying out public law due diligence audits in the context of real estate transactions
- Providing comprehensive legal support in complex development plan procedures relating to the realisation of residential development in areas with pre-existing emissions and for the protection of commercial operations against encroaching residential development

Curriculum vitae

- Studied law at the Universities of Münster and Liverpool, 2002 to 2007
- Research assistant at the Central Institute for Spatial Planning at the University of Münster, Prof. Dr. Hans D. Jarass, LL.M., 2008 to 2011
- Assistant researcher on the project, "Sustainable development of industrial sites in North Rhine-Westphalia" for the Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Agriculture, Nature and Consumer Protection of the state of NRW, 2009 to 2010
- PhD on public construction law, 2010
- Legal clerkship at the Higher Regional Court Düsseldorf, 2010 to 2012
- Lawyer at Kapellmann since 2012

Further qualifications and memberships

- Visiting lecturer at the University of Wuppertal
- Member of the Working Group for Administrative Law within the German Lawyers' Association, NRW Regional Group (Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Verwaltungsrecht im Deutschen Anwaltverein, Landesgruppe NRW)
- Expert of the German Bundestag on constitutional and administrative law issues for the draft of the Nursing Professions Reform Act
- Regular lecturer in the fields of subsidy law and hazardous incident law
- Employees of Juris Practice Report on Public Building Law

PRACTICE GROUPS

- › **Public law**

SECTOR GROUPS

- › **Residential construction**
- › **Corporate compliance**
- › **Smart building**
- › **Restruct real estate and construction**

EXPERTISE

- Public law
- Public funding and subsidy law