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Dr Mathias Finke

Specialist lawyer for construction and architects' law

The key practice area for Mathias is the structuring of large-volume construction projects, from the initial project idea right through to exit, for private as well as public principals. The guiding principles of his approach to consulting are the avoidance of conflict, solution-oriented contract drafting and the timely provision of claim/anti-claim advice, in order to ensure successful project implementation. Mathias has a great passion for providing strategic advice to clients: in procurement procedures, construction projects or VgV procedures with integrated urban planning and architectural competitions. He also regularly advises public clients on the implementation of total contractor awards involving urban planning and architectural competitions, as the leading partner of a team of consultants. The projects supported by Mathias range from offshore wind farm projects in the German North Sea and the Baltic Sea, from approval and construction through to operation, to property development, school construction hospital, cultural and hydraulic engineering projects. Mathias regularly passes on his practical experience through presentations and through his visiting lectureship in construction law and construction management.

What others say

„ Recommended lawyer for procurement law; Dr. Finke has extensive experience in the implementation of such procedures and is in an excellent position to represent the interests of his clients. “

Legal 500 Germany 2022 and 2025

„ One of the most frequently recommended lawyers for construction law and real estate law “

Handelsblatt/Best Lawyers® 'Germany's Best Lawyers 2025'

„A master at making often complex legal matters comprehensible and in developing practical solutions“

Legal 500 Germany 2017

„Named as "notable practitioner" in procurement law“

Chambers Germany Guide 2025

Recent work

- Structuring and implementation of Gasteig refurbishment (Munich), ARGE consultation on the Mainfrankentheater (Würzburg) and awards procedure for 70 classroom buildings as a framework agreement, general contractor award for Brekelbaums Park or HafenCity Campus (Hamburg)
- Construction contract law and procurement law advice on the renovation of the Congress Center Hamburg and the Philosophenturm at the University of Hamburg
- Structuring and implementation of sole contractor procedures for public clients, e.g. new construction of Munich Volkstheater, the Almhalle in Bielefeld, the Möllner Welle, an integrated school in Iserlohn, large EWE-Arena at the Weser-Ems Hallen Oldenburg, Vocational School 3 in Oldenburg, LKA in Hannover, all-season pool in Metzingen, social housing construction in Bargteheide and Langenhagen, Co-Working-Space etc.
- Advising architects and specialist planners from Germany, Denmark and Sweden and supporting VgV proceedings with integrated urban planning and architectural competitions e.g. KielHöfe, QU-HAFUN in Hamburg, Landeslabor Hamburg etc.
- Procurement law and contract law support for numerous hospital project for AG or AN, e.g. Kiel Municipal Hospital, Holzminden Hospital, Elbland Clinics, Schaumburg Newbuild, Hanover MHH
- Legal project management JurProM® for the construction projects Sophienterrassen and Großer Burstah in Hamburg as well as Behrenstraße in Berlin
- Comprehensive project advice on property development projects, e.g. yoo by Phillippe Starck in Hamburg and Munich, H36 in Hamburg
- Member of the expert commission of the German Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag – Ausschuss für Wirtschaft and Energie) regarding the public procurement amendments in 2016

Curriculum vitae

- Studied law at the University of Bielefeld, LMU Munich and the University of Münster, 1995 to 2000
- Academic assistant at the Central Institute for Spatial Planning at the University of Münster under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Hans D. Jarass, 2000 to 2001
- PhD on public construction law, 2001
- Legal clerkship at the Higher Regional Court Hamburg with seats in Frankfurt am Main and London, 2002 to 2004
- Lawyer in at a renowned Hamburg law firm specialising in PPP and procurement law since 2004, at Kapellmann since 2006

Further qualifications and memberships

- Visiting lecturer on the Master's course in construction law and construction management for construction law at the Leuphana University of Lüneburg
- Frequent speaker at procurement law seminars for principals and bidders

- Member of the Working Group on Construction Law within the German Lawyers' Association (ARGE Baurecht im Deutschen Anwaltverein)
- Member of the Forum on Public Procurement

PRACTICE GROUPS

- **Construction and architects' law**
- **Procurement law**

SECTOR GROUPS

- **Start-up and digital transformation**
- **Restruct real estate and construction**

EXPERTISE

- Law of architects and engineers
- Construction contracts
- Procurement law
- Legal management for large-scale projects JurProM[®]
- Project development and project management law