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Dr Thomas Rütten

Specialist lawyer for construction and architects' law

Thomas advises principals and contractors on all issues relating to payment and defect liability issues, the enforcement and defence of payment and damage claims based on construction period, architects' liability and remuneration and contract drafting and legal support in complex construction and plant engineering projects.

A key practice area is the provision of comprehensive advice regarding digitalised construction projects (smart buildings) and advising in connection with the decommissioning of nuclear power plants.

What others say

„ Often cited in construction law – ‘concrete and to the point: fly like a butterfly, sting like a bee,’ client “

JUVE Rankings 2025/26

„ Recommended lawyer for construction law “

Legal 500 Germany 2020

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

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

Recent work

- Supporting the sale of the Schillerquartier/Mönchengladbach, 160 residential units and 3.800 m² of commercial space
- Advising on product development in the field of smart buildings
- Developing a company management system for a medium-sized construction company (Kapellmann BauConsult)
- Providing comprehensive legal advice to a company in the field of nuclear power plants and their decommissioning
- Providing comprehensive construction law advice to the Nürburgring racetrack

Curriculum vitae

- Studied law in Trier, 1998 to 2003
- PhD in private construction law, on construction schedule delays and impediments
- Legal clerkship at the Higher Regional Court Koblenz, 2005 to 2007
- Lawyer at Kapellmann since 2007
- Managing Director of Kapellmann Service GmbH since 2023

Further qualifications and memberships

- Seminars on private construction law as well as architects' law and engineers' law

PRACTICE GROUPS

- › **Construction and architects' law**
- › **Plant engineering law**

SECTOR GROUPS

- › **Trade and logistics**
- › **Start-up and digital transformation**
- › **Power plant construction**
- › **Smart building**

EXPERTISE

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