

Dr. Christian Knütel

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Biography

Christian Knütel's broad international project practice covers all stages of energy and infrastructure projects, from works, supply and service contracts, and project financing to post-construction litigation and project M&A. Especially in the PPP/infrastructure and onshore and offshore wind sectors, Christian is a recognized authority, having worked on a big variety of major domestic and international projects.

Christian is always up to speed with the technical background of projects and the current trends on project and finance contracts. He works closely with the firm's regulatory, banking, arbitration and M&A teams, and coordinates cross-border projects with overseas colleagues. In addition to various other publications on project and energy/infrastructure topics, he is co-editor and author of the legal textbook on project finance and PPP (Rechtshandbuch Projektfinanzierung und PPP), 2nd edition 2008, and author of the offshore wind chapter in the new standard textbook on capital projects (Rechtshandbuch Anlagenbau), Munich 2015.

Representative experience

Advising a project company on the further development of a 400 MW offshore wind farm in the North Sea.



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Languages

English
Italian
French
German
Spanish

Practices

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects

Transportation

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

Advising a major utility on the participation in a tender for the development and construction of a major offshore wind farm in Denmark.

Advising manufacturers of offshore wind turbines on the negotiations of various supply and service contracts for five projects in Germany, Belgium and France.

Advising a development bank on the participation in the financing of the offshore wind projects Global Tech I and Borkum West II.

Advising the financing banks on the project financing of various onshore wind farms in Germany.

Advising several contractors on more than 30 sea cable projects (inner array cable and export cable) in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and the UK.

Advising a major utility on the negotiations of several project contracts with regard to an offshore wind farm in the North Sea.

Advising contractors on claims and counterclaims based on the delayed and disrupted execution of various A/C and D/C offshore grid connection systems.

Advising the lenders to a consortium of sponsors on the A model A6.

Advising DZ Bank, Deka Bank, and NIBC Bank NV as MLAs on the project financing of the PPP project "JVA Bremervörde".

Advising sponsors on each of the A model projects since 2005, in case of the A8I (autobahnplus) and the A9 (Via Gateway Thüringen GmbH & Co. KG) up to financial close.

Awards and rankings

- Clients praise his "ability to understand the business we do and also to drive things forward and give correct advice.", *Chambers*, 2014

Areas of focus

Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and Supply Chain

PPPs (including P3 and PFI) and Government Contracts

Project Finance, DFI, ECA, and Sovereign Wealth Finance

Automotive Regulatory

Rail

Education and admissions

Education

Second State Exam in Law, Berlin, 2001

Dr. iur., Universität Hamburg, 1999

First State Exam in Law, Universität Hamburg, 1997

University of Rome, 1995

University of Freiburg, 1994

Memberships

DIS Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit

Accolades

Recommended lawyer for Project Finance and Development Practice

Best Lawyers Germany, 2013–2015

- Clients say: "He performed an absolutely outstanding job of getting people on board. He is excellent at keeping calm under intense pressure, especially during negotiations, where he did a really great job.", *Chambers Europe*, 2015

Latest thinking and events

- Brochures
 - Financing of broadband expansion in Germany
- Brochures
 - Banking & Finance in Germany
- Newsletters and Alerts
 - German Government takes a closer look at international investments into Germany's "critical infrastructure"
- Awards and Rankings
 - Best Lawyers™ 2019: Hogan Lovells is ranked with 80 lawyers
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Contracting structures and risk allocation in offshore wind projects in Asia
- News
 - Success story continued: Promotion of finance lawyer Dr. Carla Luh to partner in Hamburg