

## Dr. Katlen Blöcker

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### Biography

Katlen Blöcker is a well-established and experienced banking and finance lawyer focusing on finance transactions. Her areas of expertise include corporate loans, acquisition finance, real estate finance, export finance and financial restructurings. She has been advising her clients – banks, debt funds, private equity houses, corporates, insurance companies and investors – on a significant number of outstanding finance transactions. Her international work experience and multi-jurisdictional transactions make her a frequently asked lawyer for cross-border financings.

Katlen's pragmatic approach, her economic view, her deep legal skills and her "can-do attitude" have won her the recognition of clients and competitors alike – she is listed as a "best lawyer" and "recommended lawyer" for banking and finance in the leading directories.

In addition to heading our German banking practice, Katlen is a regular speaker at industry events and has published a number of articles relating to finance transactions and financial restructurings. She is an active member of the community and also a member of the HVB women's council.

### Representative experience

Advising CTDI GmbH on its first syndicated financing



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### Languages

English  
German

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### Practices

Banking Transactional  
Leveraged and Acquisition Finance  
Real Estate Finance  
Trade and Export Finance

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### Industries

Financial Institutions  
Insurance

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arranged by a consortium of banks, namely Commerzbank, Deutsche Postbank, HSBC and IKB.

Advising Vapiano SE on a syndicated loan in the amount of €200m.

Advising FRESSNAPF-Group (Allegro Invest SE) on its first syndicated financing.

Advising Merz Pharma Group on a syndicated loan agreement.

Advising Deutsche Bank, Amsterdam Branch as co-ordinating mandated lead arranger on a €300m borrowing base financing to VDM Metals Group.

Advising HNA Group Co Ltd. on the €1.5bn debt and equity financing related to the acquisition of Swissport Group.

Advising Rothschild / Five Arrows Principal Investment Funds on the acquisition of Prospitalia.

Advising ETERNA Mode GmbH on a promissory note loan by Deutsche Bank.

Advising an international consortium of banks on the acquisition of Heidelberger Lebensversicherung AG and Skandia Lebensversicherung AG.

Advising an international consortium of banks on the acquisition financing of posterXXL by PhotoBox.

Advising the consortium of GE Capital, HSBC, ING, Santander and Société Générale on the public-to-private financing of Waterlogic Group by PE House.

Advising Mizuho Bank on the restructuring of APCOA Group.

Advising Mizuho Bank on the finance restructuring of HC Starck.

Advising a Luxembourg-based debt fund on several real estate financings in Germany and abroad.

Advising various international banks on real estate

## Areas of focus

Direct Lending

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Dr. iur., University of Freiburg, 1994

University of Bonn

Kiel University

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## Memberships

Bankrechtliche Vereinigung

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financing and finance restructuring transactions.

Advising Westbrook Acquisitions, L.L.C. on the acquisition financing of a property in Berlin (Vattenfall-Zentrale, Chauseestraße 23).

Advising Host Hotel and Resorts, Inc. in relation to the refinancing of the Sheraton Berlin Grand Hotel Esplanade.

Advising a German insurance company on a mezzanine real estate financing.

## Awards and rankings

- Banking & Finance (Germany), Recognised Practitioner, *Chambers Global*, 2019
- Banking and Finance: Lending and Borrowing, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019

## Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises shareholders and management of All4Labels Group on investment by Triton Funds
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises the HR Group on the sale of three hotel properties to Pandox AB
- Awards and Rankings
  - Best Lawyers™ Germany 2020: 86 Recognized Lawyers, five of them Lawyers of the Year
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advised Deutsche Bank on financing the acquisition of @Leisure group
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Covestro on the sale of its European polyurethane system houses
- Brochures
  - Banking & Finance in Germany