Hogan Lovells

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Biography

For more than 20 years, Franz-Josef Schöne has successfully advised clients on various industry sectors from all over the world with respect to M&A transactions in Germany and abroad. He particularly focuses on advising M&A transactions in strongly regulated industries. With respect to such transactions, e.g. in the energy, health-care, waste and water sector as well as in the infrastructure sector (e.g. airports, seaports), Franz-Josef is able to deploy his personal strengths for the benefit of his clients. Furthermore, he has unique experiences in the area of the financial market stabilization.

Since the insolvency of Lehmann in 2008, Franz-Josef has advised as lead counsel in the context of almost all financial market stabilization transactions in Germany. He is described by clients as "unbeatable at the interface of public law and corporate law". Besides advising on corporate transactions, the focus of Franz-Josef's activity is to advise management board and supervisory board members.

For many years, he has also advised management and supervisory boards with respect to all relevant affairs, e.g. in the context of complex operational decisions as well as with respect to compliance measures. Moreover, as member of the Global M&A Leadership Team and the Corporate/M&A Leadership Team of the firm in

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Languages

English

German

Germany Franz-Josef is able to use his excellent global networking within the firm for the benefit of his clients.

Representative experience

Advising Beteiligungsverwaltungsgesellschaft des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen mbH on the acquisition of a 33.33% shareholding in Duisburger Hafen AG from the Federal States.

Advising FMS Wertmanagement with regard to the acquisition of risk exposures and non-strategic assets/businesses in the nominal value of approx. €173bn from HREG.

Advising Erste Abwicklungsanstalt with regard to the acquisition of risk exposures and non-strategic assets/businesses in the nominal value of approx. €71bn from WestLB.

Advising the Federal Ministry of Finance with regard to various legal issues concerning IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG.

Advising the State of North Rhine-Westphalia with regard to the establishment of the RAG trust and the restructuring of the German coal and mining industry.

Advising Xella International GmbH on the sale by Haniel to Goldman Sachs and PAI partners.

Latest thinking and events

- Brochures
  - Risks and opportunities for the decommissioning of nuclear power plants in Germany
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells Advises FMS Wertmanagement on the Transfer of Risk Assets and Non Strategic Business Units From Hypo Real Estate Group

Practices

Corporate

Corporate Governance

Financial Services

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects

Investigations, White Collar Crime, and Fraud

Joint Ventures

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Industries

Aerospace, Defense, and Government Services

Automotive and Mobility

Consumer

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions

Areas of focus

Buy Outs

Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs

Co-investments

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

Disclosure and Reporting Obligations

Emerging Companies and Venture Capital

Exits

Hogan Lovells China Desk

Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances

Mining and Resources: Mining

Water

Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production

PPPs (including P3 and PFI) and Government Contracts

Regulated Industries and Utilities

Secondaries

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Education and admissions

Education

University of Berlin

University of Münster

Accolades

Recommended lawyer for M&A

JUVE handbook, 2010 – 2015

"... very trustful, immensely responsive and unbeatable at the interface of public law and corporate law."

JUVE handbook, 2012/2013