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



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Languages

English
German

Practices

Corporate Governance and Public
Company Representation

Financial Services

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects

Investigations, White Collar, and
Fraud

Joint Ventures

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

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

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Fressnapf on the purchase of the Italian Arcaplanet Group from Permira
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises NRW.BANK on the privatisation of WestSpiel Group
- News
 - Overview of EU, German federal and German states' financing measures for companies responding to COVID-19
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Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Automotive and Mobility

Consumer

Manufacturing and Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions

Transportation and Logistics

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

Exits

Mining and Resources

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

- Key points of the draft bill of the German Economic Stabilisation Fund Act (WStFG)
- News
 - Coronavirus battle: can I sign cross-border transaction documents with a Chinese party remotely?

University of Berlin

University of Münster
