

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



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### Languages

English  
German

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### Practices

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

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### Industries

Financial Institutions  
Insurance  
Consumer  
Private Capital

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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 coordinating 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 financing and finance restructuring transactions.

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

## Areas of focus

Direct Lending

Sustainable Finance & Investment

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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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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
- Banking and Finance: Lending and Borrowing, Germany, Recommended, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019-2020

## Latest thinking and events

- Press releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Holcim on the acquisition of ZinCo GmbH and its subsidiaries
- Press releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Aareon AG on the sale of all shares in phi-Consulting GmbH
- Awards & rankings
  - Hogan Lovells lawyers named in Euromoney's Women in Business Law Expert Guide 2022
- Awards & rankings
  - Eight Hogan Lovells lawyers named in the IFLR1000 Women Leaders 2022
- Press releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Teufel Group on its refinancing
- Press releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises shareholders on sale of AniForte to Voff Group