

Markus Franken, LL.M. (Auckland)

Partner/Notary
Frankfurt

Biography

Markus Franken has been successfully advising on real estate law as a lawyer for over 10 years and, according to WirtschaftsWoche, he is one of the most renowned and highly recommended lawyers for real estate law in Germany. Since 2018 he has also been appointed as notary with a focus on real estate and corporate law.

As a lawyer, Markus mainly advises institutional investors, national and international investors, banks and family offices on real estate transactions, especially complex project developments. He also focuses on advising on commercial (esp. office and luxury retail) and private tenancy law, private construction law as well as property law.

Markus was appointed as a notary in 2018 and has since then specialised in the notarisation of real estate law and corporate law contracts.

His clients appreciate his pragmatic and solution-oriented approach, especially in complex negotiation situations. Due to his work as a lawyer and notary, he also has an excellent overview of the respective applicable market standards in Germany. According to WirtschaftsWoche (no. 04/2021 and 2022), he is one of the most renowned and highly recommended lawyers for real estate law in Germany.

Markus leads the Hogan Lovells Real Estate Academy at our Frankfurt office, where he regularly holds lectures on real estate law. He is also a lecturer in private



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Languages

English
German

Practices

Real Estate

Industries

Real Estate
Consumer

Areas of focus

Real Estate Development
Real Estate Investment

construction law at the EBS Executive School of the EBS University of Economics and Law.

Markus Franken is a member of the Urban Land Institute.

After his studies in Trier, Markus Franken obtained an LL.M. in Commercial Law at the University of Auckland (New Zealand). Before joining us, he worked during his traineeship at leading international law firms in the areas of real estate law, tax law and finance law.

Representative experience

Advising a family office on the acquisition of the office tower "Winx" in Frankfurt.

Advising Hannover Leasing on the sale of the office complex "Die Direktion" in Münster.

Advising IVG Institutional Funds GmbH on the acquisition of "Ericus-Contor" in Hamburg.

Advising Italian luxury retailer in management of existing and negotiation of new commercial lease agreements.

Advising a Luxembourg special fund managed by IVG on the sale of the "Hackesches Quartier Berlin".

Advising a Luxembourg special fund managed by IVG on the acquisition of the Prime portfolio (project development One Goetheplaza/T11 and K195, by way of a share deal).

Advising ICredpartner S.à r.l. & Saphir S.E.C.S. and ICredpartner S.à r.l. & Cie SECS (two funds managed by UBS) in negotiating property purchase agreements and commercial lease agreements.

Advising the seller consortium on the sale of the Christie real estate portfolio by way of sale of all shares in W2005 Christie B.V. and its German subsidiaries.

Awards and rankings

- Real Estate and Construction: Real Estate, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019
- Highly recommended lawyer for Real Estate,

Education and admissions

Education

Notarial Examination,
Bundesnotarkammer, 2017

Second State Exam in Law, Higher
Regional Court of Frankfurt, 2012

LL.M., University of Auckland, 2009

First State Exam in Law, Trier
University, 2008

Memberships

Arbeitsgruppe Anwaltsnotariat

Deutscher Anwaltsverein

Frankfurter Anwaltsverein

Urban Land Institute

WirtschaftsWoche, 2021

- Highly recommended lawyer for Real Estate, *WirtschaftsWoche, 2022*
- Recommended lawyer for Real Estate, *Best Lawyers™ in Germany, 2023*
- Recommended lawyer for Real Estate, *Legal 500, Germany, 2023*

Latest thinking and events

- Events
 - MIPIM 2024
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises shareholders of CMS electric GmbH on the sale of company shares to Builtech
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells and KPMG advise Statkraft on the acquisition of 337 MW onshore wind turbines in Germany and France
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells welcomes the New Year with 38 new partner and 77 new counsel promotions
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises DTCP on major investment in data center operator maincubes
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Borromin on the acquisition of a stake in AES group