

## Prof. Dr. Thomas Dünchheim

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### Biography

Thomas Dünchheim is the "Go to - Lawyer" for legal questions relating to municipal enterprises, public bank institutions, state-related transactions and gambling law. He has more than twenty years experience in the area of public law, especially public commercial law, municipal law, environmental law and construction law.

Thomas is Head of Global Regulatory & IPMT EMEA, Head of the Hogan Lovells International Gaming Initiative and the Environmental Law Group of our law firm. He was the Office Managing Partner of the firm's Dusseldorf office from 2016 to 2019.

Thomas holds a diploma in public administration (Diplom-Verwaltungswirt) and studied law at the University of Cologne from 1994 to 1999. From 1999 to 2009, Thomas was mayor of the city of Monheim and headed the Legal Department, the Departments Human Resources and Administration, Urban Planning and for the promotion of Trade and Industry Departments. Since 2016 he is professor for constitutional and public commercial law at the EBS University in Wiesbaden.

### Representative experience

Advising 3M Deutschland GmbH on construction, planning and environmental law in connection with the development and expansion of a chemical park.



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### Languages

English

German

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### Practices

Administrative and Public Law

Environment and Natural Resources

Government Contracts

Gaming Law

Public Procurement

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Immigration

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### Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Advising 3M Company on a worldwide investigation regarding the compliance with environmental regulations at their chemical parks.

Advising Honeywell International Inc. on a major industrial site remediation case and negotiation of a public-law contract with the authority and other environmental and public law-related issues.

Advising Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg on the tendering process re electricity grids pursuant to sec. 46 EnWG.

Advising STEAG GmbH on the approval of the construction of a gas and steam power plant (GuD); in particular the scope of the EIA examination, water law issues and requirements of the BImSchG.

Advising Zinc Internacional S.A. on the successful acquisition of a leading zinc business and industrial site out of insolvency, the first German distressed infra M&A deal on the basis of COVID 19.

Advising Harry-Brot GmbH on the approval procedure and the modification of the approval procedure in accordance with the Federal Immission Control Act (BImSchG).

Advising NRW.BANK and Westdeutsche Spielbanken GmbH & Co. KG on the privatization of the state-owned casinos in North Rhine-Westphalia, e.g. on gambling law and EU public procurement law.

Advising Casino Royal GmbH, Admiral Entertainment GmbH and Extra Games GmbH regarding more than 100 proceedings before administrative courts in Germany for the granting of gaming permits.

Advising LÖWEN ENTERTAINMENT GmbH on all aspects of gaming and company law in connection with the operation of amusement arcades in Germany.

Advising the Ministry of the Interior, Rural Areas, Integration and Equal Opportunities Schleswig-Holstein on the implementation of the regulation of online casino games acc. to § 22c GlüStV 2021.

Advising Deutsches Rotes Kreuz Kreisverband

Financial Institutions

Manufacturing and Industrials

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## Areas of focus

Hogan Lovells China Desk

International Programs

Construction and Engineering

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Düsseldorf e.V. on various transactions according to the financing guidelines of SGB XI, the Housing and Participation Act NRW and the APG DVO NRW.

Advising Thuringia Ministry of Finance in connection with various liability and compensation claims due to the insolvency of Greensill-Bank.

Advising Duisburger Versorgungs- und Verkehrsgesellschaft mbH on public commercial law, in particular the establishment of subsidiaries and joint ventures triggered by the ongoing energy transition.

Advising Stadtwerke Velbert GmbH on the water concession procedure of Velbert, removal of the old concessionaire Gelsenwasser from the ownership and establishing a joint venture with Gelsenwasser.

Advising Autobahn Tank & Rast GmbH on public law (e.g. constitutional, highway, commercial, gaming, public procurement, environmental and planning law) and on project development.

Advising Lürssen-Werft on the tender for several major orders from the Ministry of Defense in the naval shipping sector.

Advising TUI AG on its 500 million euro capital increase (regulatory advice).

Advising Smurfit Kappa Herzberger Wellpappe GmbH on environmental law issues, especially in the area of water law.

Advising Versicherungskammer Group on acquisition of Ferngas.

## Awards and rankings

- Frequently recommended lawyer for environmental and planning law., *JUVE Handbook*, 2017-2021
- Head of the public law department is recommended for Public Law: Thomas Dünchheim is a key player in this field., *Chambers Europe*, 2020
- Recommended lawyer for environmental and planning law, *Legal 500 Germany*, 2018-2021
- Leading lawyer for administrative law, *Legal 500*

## Germany, 2021

- Outstanding networking with the public sector and companies., *JUVE Handbook*, 2017/2018
- Recognized practitioner in public law, environment and planning., *Chambers Europe*, 2018-2021
- "Particularly praised is the 'pragmatic' Thomas Dünchheim in Düsseldorf, who has 'enormous expertise in public law' and has a 'sensitivity for situation analysis and developing effective solutions.'", *Legal 500 Germany*, 2018

## Latest thinking and events

- Webinar
  - Policy & regulatory briefing Germany
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises DIF Capital Partners on fibre build out joint venture
- Brochures
  - Spotlight on online gaming
- Brochures
  - Spotlight on REACH Regulation
- Brochures
  - Spotlight on Horse Racing
- Brochures
  - Spotlight on Soil Protection Law in Germany