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Prof. Dr Ralf Steding

Ralf advises principals and contractors on issues surrounding contract drafting and contract management including claim management. This includes alternative types of contract such as partnering models. Ralf specialises in plant engineering and power plant construction. Alongside the preparation and negotiation of contracts, this also covers the project-related and company-related introduction of contract management structures. A further key practice area is the provision of internal and external training courses and workshops on these topics for principals and contractors.

What others say

„ One of the most frequently recommended lawyers for construction law “

Handelsblatt/Best Lawyers® 'Germany's Best Lawyers 2025'

„ Frequently recommended construction law – 'Highly competent; always achieves the best result immediately', 'quick, good and pragmatic' - clients “

JUVE Rankings 2022/2023 to 2025/26

„ Named as a Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer “

Thomson Reuters 2024

„ Prof. Dr. Steding is truly exceptional among lawyers. He has a good feeling for what his clients need and the situation at hand and is excellent at assessing how to use resources to minimise potential risk. He understands the language of the “non-lawyers” and can quickly translate it into legal wording. I have not seen this skill demonstrated at this level in any other law firm. “

Legal 500 Germany 2020

„ Listed as a lawyers recommended by in-house counsel for real estate and construction law “

kanzleimonitor.de 2022/2023 (law firm directory of the German institute for legal departments & in-house lawyers)

Recent work

- EnBW AG: advising on the procurement and contract negotiation for the construction of various large-scale power plants
- Large energy supplier: advising on the procurement and contract drafting/negotiation for a biomass power plant
- Stadtwerke Duisburg AG: advising on the procurement and contract drafting/negotiation for various power plant projects
- Stadtwerke Duisburg AG: contract negotiation and management for the construction and maintenance of HKW III/B
- Large energy supplier: advising on contract for CCGT conversion/modernisation
- Chemical park operator: contract drafting for various plant engineering projects
- Various industrial companies: advising and drafting contracts for decarbonisation projects
- Stadtwerke Kiel AG: advising on the construction of a gas-fired combined heat and power plant (coastal power plant) in Kiel
- EWE AG/RIFFGAT GmbH & Co. KG: construction law advice and support for the offshore wind farm RIFFGAT
- DOTI GmbH & Co KG: support for the offshore wind farm alpha ventus
- Stadtwerke Düsseldorf AG: contract drafting and negotiation for coal block and combined cycle power plant (Fortuna power station)
- Large energy producer: various demolition projects

Curriculum vitae

- Studied law at the University of Bayreuth with study trips to the USA, 1987 to 1992
- PhD with research in the USA, 1992 to 1997
- Legal clerkship at the Higher Regional Court Düsseldorf, 1994 to 1996
- Lawyer at Kapellmann since 1997

Further qualifications and memberships

- Lecturer on complex contracts in plant engineering for the Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences since 2007, honorary professor since 2016
- Speaker at seminars and conferences (Euroforum, IIR, FDBR, Fresenius Institut etc.)

PRACTICE GROUPS

- › **Construction and architects' law**
- › **Plant engineering law**

SECTOR GROUPS

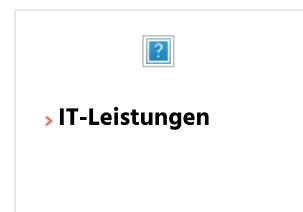
- › **Renewable energies**
- › **Power plant construction**
- › **Offshore wind**

EXPERTISE

- Plant engineering law
- Construction contracts
- Law of architects and engineers
- Legal management for large-scale projects JurProM®
- Mediation/alternative dispute resolution

PUBLICATIONS

Books and book contributions



Articles

2009

› **Steding**/› **Wittmeier**, Änderungen des Werkvertragsrechts durch das Forderungssicherungsgesetz, BauPortal 8/2009
2008

› **Steding**, Vertragsergonomie - Handhabung von Verträgen, BauPortal Ausgabe 1/2008
2006

› **Steding**, Der Vertrag als Präventivmaßnahme zur Konfliktvermeidung im Kontext des Sichtbetons, BauPortal 10/2006
2002

› **Kus**/› **Markus**/› **Steding**, Die neuen FIDIC-Verträge – Auftragnehmerlastige Risikoverteilung?, Jahrbuch Baurecht 2002, 237
2001

› **Jung**/› **Steding**, Mediation am Bau - Konfliktfelder baulicher Streitigkeiten als Chance für alternative Streitbeilegung, Betriebsberater 2001, Beilage "Mediation und Recht", S. 9 ff.

› **Steding**/Meyer, Outsourcing von Bankdienstleistungen: Bank- und datenschutzrechtliche Probleme der Aufgabenverlagerung von Kreditinstituten auf Tochtergesellschaften und sonstige Dritte, BB 2001, 1693, ff.
2000

› **Steding**, Ausschreibungen in der Informationstechnologie, Computerrecht Intern 2000, 181 ff.
1999

› **Steding**, Ausschreibungen im IT Bereich, Behördenspiegel November 1999, B III ff.

› **Steding**, Das Jahr 2000 Problem, ZAP 1999, 125

› **Steding**, Zinseszinsen und ein Regressproblem für Anwälte, ZAP 1999, 249

Commemorative publications

2009

› **Steding**, Festschrift Technische Universität Darmstadt 2009: Typische Probleme im Kraftwerksbau mit Blick auf die Bautechnik

Miscellaneous

2008

› **Steding**, Ständiger Mitarbeiter FDBR Info-Brief Recht seit 2008

2004









› **Steding**, Schriftlicher Management-Lehrgang, Lektion 12, IT-Verträge, Vertragsunterlagen und EVB-IT, Euroforum Verlag, Düsseldorf, 2004 - 2009

2003

› **Steding**/Meyer, Rechtsfragen der Sicherheits- und Gesundheitsschutzkoordination, in: Helmus/Rüggeberg, Praxis der SiGe-Koordination, 2003

> **Kus/ > Markus/ > Steding**, FIDIC's new "Silver-Book" under the German Standard Form Contracts Act, The International Construction Law Review 1999, 533, 237

NEWS

							
> Kape llmann über zeugt in den Legal 500 Rankings 2026	> JUVE - Rankings 2025 /26: Erneute Spitzenplatzierung für Baurecht sowie Projek- tentwick- lung und Anlagenbau	> Han- dels- blatt / Best Lawyers: Die besten Anw- älte Deutschlands 2025	> Han- dels- blatt / Best Lawyers: Die besten Anw- älte Deutschlands 2024	> Han- dels- blatt / Best Lawyers: Kanzlei des Jahres für Baurecht 2023	> Han- dels- blatt / Best Lawyers: 46 Kape- llmann- Anw- älte ausgezeichnet	> Han- dels- blatt / Best Lawyers: Kape- llmann ist Kanzlei des Jahres für Baurecht	> Han- dels- blatt / Best Lawyers: Kape- llmann ist Kanzlei des Jahres für Öffentliches Wirtschaftsrecht