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Prof. Dr Werner Langen

Specialist lawyer for construction and architects' law

Werner advises principals and contractors on all issues relating to contract drafting, contract management and litigious disputes before the courts and arbitral tribunals including out of court conflict resolution and adjudication. A further key practice area is the management of major claims, both in and out of court.

What others say

„One of the leading names in construction law - 'strong negotiator', competitor“

JUVE Handbook/Rankings 2009/2010 to 2025/26

„Recommended as one of the leading names in construction law; listed under the names of the Hall of Fame“

Legal 500 Germany 2023 to 2025

„Lawyer of the year for Construction Law (Nordrhein-Westfalen, 2019); one of the most frequently recommended lawyers for construction law and real estate law“

Handelsblatt/Best Lawyers® 'Germany's Best Lawyers 2019; 2025'

„Leading lawyer for construction law 2025“

WirtschaftsWoche Top-Kanzleien

„Listed as a leading lawyer for construction law in Germany (Senior Statespeople); Werner Langen is many years of expertise on the German market make him a reliable consultant and he frequently advises on the construction of residential buildings.“

Recent work

- Straßen.NRW: provision of comprehensive advice on the new construction of the Leverkusen Bridge A 1
- City of Cologne: provision of comprehensive advice on the complete refurbishment and partial renewal of the Mülheim Bridge
- City of Cologne: provision of comprehensive advice and representation in connection with the collapse of the historic archives in 2009
- City of Cologne: provision of comprehensive advice on the renovation and modernisation of the Romano-Germanic Museum
- FRANKONIA Eurobau AG: various real estate projects including the Andreasquartier Düsseldorf, Gerling Quartier Cologne, Heinrich Heine Gärten Düsseldorf, Lenbach Gärten Munich
- Koelnmesse: provision of comprehensive construction and real estate law advice
- BAM Germany: "Schürmann-Bau" Bonn

Curriculum vitae

- Studied law at the University of Cologne, 1976 to 1980
- Research assistant in civil and tax law at the University of Cologne (Prof. Dr. Jens Peter Meincke), 1977 to 1980
- PhD on civil law, 1981 to 1984
- Legal clerkship at the Higher Regional Court Düsseldorf, 1981 to 1984
- Lawyer at Kapellmann since 1984
- Partner since 1989
- Spokesman for the managing partners of the law firm, 2008 to 2024

Further qualifications and memberships

- Lecturer at the Philipps University of Marburg for construction contract law since 2025
- Honorary professor at the University of Cologne, with lectureship in construction contracts law, 2003 to 2024
- Lecturer in project management at the University of Dortmund, 2000 to 2003
- Speaker at numerous conferences and seminars (Euroforum, Management Circle, BWI, IBR etc.)
- Institute Leader for construction and architects' law within the Deutsches Anwaltsinstitut e.V. (DAI)
- Vice Chairman of the Pre-review Committee on Construction and Architects' Law at the Düsseldorf Bar Council
- Member of the Working Group on Construction Law within the German Lawyers' Association (ARGE Baurecht beim Deutschen Anwaltverein)
- Member of the Zentrum für Deutsches and Internationales Baugrund- and Tiefbaurecht (CBTR)
- Member of the Institut für Baurecht Freiburg im Breisgau e.V. (IfBF)
- Member of the Deutsche Baugerichtstag e.V.
- Member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geotechnik e.V. (DGGT)

PRACTICE GROUPS

- **Construction and architects' law**

SECTOR GROUPS

- **Infrastructure**
- **Integrated Project Delivery (IPD)**

EXPERTISE

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