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OVERVIEW

Tobias Gries is a partner in the firm's Real Estate practice. He has been advising domestic as well as foreign investors on real estate transactions and legal asset management for many years, especially with regard to hotels, hotel projects, micro apartment and serviced apartment houses, shopping centers and office buildings. His particular know-how lies in advising hotel investors and hotel operators on hotel acquisitions, operator and lease contracts and complex refurbishment and revitalization projects. He regularly advises clients within the scope of project management, in negotiations with authorities regarding the general framework of construction planning law, as well as the ongoing administration and management of hotel, retail, and office properties.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Tobias joined the firm in April 2007 and has been a partner in the real estate practice group in Berlin since March 2014. From 2001 to 2007, he worked as a legal assistant at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) in the field of European and Public International Law. Tobias passed his First State Exam at the Viadrina European University in 2000. Before passing his Second State Exam in Berlin in 2007, he was awarded the Master's Degree at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute in Lund, Sweden, in the field of international human rights protection and international humanitarian law. He was admitted to the Bar in 2007.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised as a Recommended Lawyer by *The Legal 500 EMEA* for Real Estate in Germany (Deutschland), 2018

EDUCATION

- LL.M., Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University

LANGUAGES

- English
- German

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 9 October 2023, Lay of the Land: Global Office Trends
- 23 May 2023, Global Office Asset Trends: A Look at 2023 and Beyond
- 27 March 2020, COVID-19: Effects on Payment Obligations of Tenants in Germany

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Tobias has authored several publications in European and International Public Law.

- "Supply Chain Act: Many Real Estate Companies Also Affected," D*EAL – Magazine*, July 2024
- "Global Office Asset Trends," *The Real Estate Finance Journal*, Fall 2023

NEWS & EVENTS

- 4-6 October 2022, EXPO REAL: International Trade Fair for Property and Investment, Hosted by Messe München

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate
- Commercial Ownership, Leasing, and Management
- Real Estate Development and Construction

INDUSTRIES

- Logistics and Warehousing
- Transportation and Logistics

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acquisition of a conference and wellness hotel project in Wolfsburg
- Acquisition of a design budget hotel in Hannover

- Acquisition of a Holiday Inn Express Hotel in Gütersloh and restructuring of the hotel lease
- Acquisition of hotel operations and ongoing legal advice for a German hotel operator regarding hotels in Frankfurt am Main, Darmstadt, Munich, Ulm, Hof, Ludwigshafen und Bielefeld
- Revitalization of a shopping center in Magdeburg including comprehensive advice on the public law regulations concerning permissible tenant structure
- Sale of the German retail portfolio of the Australian APN Property Group
- Re-letting and revitalization of a four-star hotel in Düsseldorf
- Acquisition and later revitalization of a hotel property in Trier
- Acquisition of several micro apartment projects in Frankfurt am Main, Hamburg, Berlin and Munich
- Development project by DB Station&Service regarding a four-star hotel in the historical “Bonatzbau” of Stuttgart Central Station
- Acquisition and sale of several office properties for an Israeli Property Group in Hamburg, Düsseldorf, Dortmund, Wolfsburg etc.