

## Dr. Dirk Debald

Partner  
Hamburg

### Biography

Dirk Debald focuses on real estate law. During his extensive career, he gathered particular experience and exceptional knowledge in real estate and corporate law as well as in commercial tenancy law.

Dirk's advice covers the entire life cycle of property – from transactions to financing, real estate outsourcing, real estate M&A, project development, portfolio management and renting. National and international investors, mainly of the institutional kind, open- and closed-ended funds as well as private family offices all belong to his clients.

Dirk has successfully completed many deals in the past in particular for special properties such as retail and office buildings, hotels, senior citizen homes and logistics centers. These contributed to Dirk being listed as "Recommended lawyer in the real estate sector" by *Best Lawyers®* for Germany and being a recommended lawyer for real estate in *JUVE* and *Chambers Europe*. Dirk is the head of the Hamburg real estate department. He went to university in Trier and spent some years in our Frankfurt office after that. Dirk spent quite some time working directly for one of our clients in Great Britain.

### Representative experience



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### Languages

English  
German

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### Practices

Real Estate  
Real Estate Finance

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### Industries

Financial Institutions  
Real Estate  
Private Capital

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### Areas of focus

Advising Union Investment on the acquisition of one of the high-rise buildings of the Four Area in Frankfurt and a logistics portfolio, each by way of a forward deal.

Advising Patrizia Gewerbeinvest KAG on the acquisition of an office building in Düsseldorf and Münster.

Advising alstria office REIT-AG on the acquisition of an office building in Düsseldorf and Hamburg, on the sale of logistics properties and different asset management issues.

Advising Hillwood on the acquisition, development, leasing and sale of logistics properties in Germany.

Advising Commerzbank on the sale of its headquarters in Hamburg and on the rental of approx. 20,000 sqm of space in Hamburg as well as on the sale of two properties in Berlin.

Advising BUSS Group, Hanjin, Disney and Barclay, each regarding a lease agreement for new office space in Hamburg and Frankfurt.

Advising Prologis on the sale of a logistics portfolio in Europe and the United States to an Asian investor as well as on asset management issues.

Advising Warburg-HIH Invest Real Estate on the acquisition of the quarter at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and the sale of a logistics property in Krefeld.

Advising HansalInvest on the acquisition of a residential real estate portfolio by way of a forward funding share deal in Berlin.

Advising SEGRO on the sale of a logistics portfolio in Germany as well as on asset management issues.

Advising MAS on the acquisition of a shopping center in Flensburg as well as on asset management issues.

## Awards and rankings

- Recommended lawyer and leading partner in real estate, *JUVE handbook, 2018/2019*

Corporate Occupiers

Hogan Lovells China Desk

Hotels and Leisure

Planning, Zoning, and Land Use

Real Estate Development

Real Estate Investment

Real Estate Funds

Real Estate Private Equity

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## Education and admissions

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Dr. iur., Trier University, 2005

Second State Exam in Law, Higher Regional Court of Koblenz, 2002

First State Exam in Law, Trier University, 1999

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### Accolades

very good expertise, solution-oriented and collegial (a competitor)

*JUVE handbook, 2018/2019*

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very experienced in the financing business and also on the asset side, pleasant negotiating partner (a competitor)

*JUVE Handbook, 2018/2019*

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- Ranked in Chambers Europe, *Chambers Europe*, 2019
- One of the world's leading real estate lawyers, *Who's Who Legal*, 2019
- Listed for Real Estate, *Edition Best Lawyers™ in Germany*, 2020
- Thought Leader Germany for Real Estate, *Who's Who Legal*, 2019

## Latest thinking and events

- Events
  - Hogan Lovells at MIPIM 2019
- Awards and Rankings
  - Best Lawyers™ 2019: Hogan Lovells is ranked with 80 lawyers
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - MIPIM 2011