



# Dr. Felix Schäfer

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Dr. Hans Felix Schäfer, Counsel in Orrick's Düsseldorf office, is a member of the Real Estate Group.

## Practice Areas

- Real Estate

## Education

- Dr. jur., University of Cologne, Faculty of Law, 2004, *magna cum laude*
- Second State Examination, Higher Regional Court Düsseldorf, 2002
- First State Examination, Higher Regional Court Düsseldorf, 1999

## Memberships

- Rechtsanwaltskammer Düsseldorf
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- DAV, Düsseldorfer und Kölner Anwalt-Verein e.V.
- ARGE Mietrecht und Immobilien
- gif - Gesellschaft für immobilienwirtschaftliche Forschung e.V.

Felix has particular experience in the infrastructure and logistics sectors, where he has been focused on real estate transactions, structuring of real estate investments, fund counseling and private equity as well as restructuring of real estate financings. He has also advised on a series of diverse large scale project developments as well as (portfolio) transactions for German and international clients.

Felix previously worked at international law firms Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and DLA Piper UK LLP. He served as inhouse counsel with ProLogis Germany Management GmbH and spent two years with HFK Law Offices. Most recently, he was an associated partner with independent German law firm Graf von Westphalen.

Felix attended the University of Cologne, where he received his doctorate degree. He has been acknowledged as “frequently recommended” in the field of Real Estate by JUVE Handbook of German Law Firms (2012/2013) and is member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

## Representative Engagements

- Advised **Verdion Group** regarding the development of logistic properties for SIEMENS AG in Chemnitz and Arvato/Bertelsmann in Hanover; advice regarding numerous other projects and real estate transactions
- Advising **Ecolab Inc.** on the development of a new headquarter building in Monheim/Germany
- Advised **Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA** on several real estate and construction projects
- Advised **ProLogis Inc** on the acquisition, sale and development of multiple logistic properties
- Advised **Jumeirah Group** regarding the development of a 5-star hotel in Frankfurt/Main, Germany
- Advised **Corestate Capital AG** on the acquisition of residential property portfolios in Germany
- Advised **Motorola** in relation to several real estate transactions in Germany
- Advised **Starion Group** on the acquisition of the second largest

shopping centre in Germany

- Advised on a joint venture of **Goldmann Sachs** and **Karstadt AG** on the sale of their German department stores
- Advised **DIC** and **Morgan Stanley** on the sale of their headquarters to Degussa AG
- Advised **Terra Firma** on the sale of 152 residential property units and a commercial portfolio to Viterro AG
- Advised **Deutsche Bank AG** on the sale of a property portfolio in Europe to The Blackstone Group

### Publications

- „OLG Düsseldorf - Mietoption muss im Mietvertrag oder einem formgerechten Nachtrag eingeräumt werden“, Schäfer, *IMR*, 2013, 368
- „Grüne Mietverträge auf dem Vormarsch“, Schäfer, *LogReal.direkt*, September 2012
- „Trend zu grünen Mietverträgen“, Schäfer, *DVZ*, Februar 2012
- „Grundsteuererlaß bei strukturellem Leerstand“, Schäfer, *Immobilienzeitung IZ*, Februar 2007
- „Das Ende der Projektentwicklung; zugleich Anmerkung zu den Entscheidungen des OLG Dresden vom 31.08.2004 und des OLG Naumburg vom 07.09.2004“, Schäfer/Steinkampf, *ZfIR*, 2005, 537 ff.
- „Das Vorkaufsrecht im Mietrecht, Spannungsfeld zwischen § 311b BGB und § 550 BGB“, Schäfer/Steinkampf, *Neue Zeitschrift für Mietrecht*, 2005, 49-51

### Languages

- German
- English

### Admissions

- Germany