



**Environment and climate protection**



## Our expertise

### Immission control

We are expert contacts for

- approval procedures with and without public participation
- modification and expansion of existing facilities
- nature conservation and species protection issues
- the preparation and establishment of a legally compliant operating organisation
- subsequent legal requirements or operating bans

### Energy

We advise our clients on

- the approval of power plants, particularly in the field of renewable energy
- the planning and implementation of grid expansion
- project management and cooperation with authorities and municipalities

### Soil and water protection

We support landowners and authorities in

- the decontamination of polluted sites
- the negotiation and drafting of soil decontamination agreements
- precautionary requirements as well as risk assessment and testing orders
- soil renaturation issues

- various water protection law approval procedures
- flood protection issues
- water and resource use

### Agriculture and forestry

We represent our clients concerning

- issues relating to the approval of operational buildings and facilities
- issues of ecological forest management
- planning and implementation of compensation measures

### Waste management

We deal with

- the establishment or closure of landfills
- the control of waste flows as well as the implementation of the legal waste hierarchy
- the classification of waste and the waste/product distinction

### Mining

We are specialised in

- mining law for operating plan procedures and land cession procedures
- all issues that may arise for landowners as a result of the closure of mining areas
- compensation scheme negotiations

## Portrait

**Environmental law has been a particular focus of the firm since its founding, serving clients throughout Germany from our two offices in Potsdam and Düsseldorf.**

The protection and preservation of natural resources is of central importance to us. Our clients include companies from industry, the renewable energy sector, the utilities and waste disposal sectors, agriculture and mining. We also represent the interests of municipal organisations, communities and the authorities.

We help our clients to implement their projects quickly and with legal certainty. We are particularly specialised in permit and procedure management. We supervise and structure authorisation procedures.

We have many years of experience in this field: we observe that projects designed to protect the environment and the climate increasingly face local resistance, despite the fact that the majority of the population understand urgent action is needed to halt climate change. However, it is clear that it is often not legal issues alone that determine whether an approval process proceeds quickly. Rather, it is also a matter of involving the public and winning over acceptance.

Thanks to our special expertise in this field, we are often recommended by professional associations and financial institutions. In addition, we are intensively involved in the discussion on environmental and climate protection law: as experts, we comment on new laws and cooperate with associations, for example with the Klimaschutz-Unternehmen e.V. (Association of Companies for Climate Protection).

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