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Prof. Dr Christian Bönker

Specialist lawyer for construction and architects' law

Christian advises on complex construction and real estate projects. His key practice areas are contract drafting and contract management, but he also represents high-profile clients before the courts and arbitral tribunals. Christian also advises clients on the sale and purchase of property, and also specialises in the legal issues concerning building management in the broadest sense.

What others say

„ **One of the leading names in construction law – ‘one of the very best advisors in construction law. Very pleasant to work and negotiate with,’ ‘always confident,’ clients** “

JUVE Rankings 2025/26

„ **Christian Bönker gains recognition from market commentators for his sweeping knowledge of major construction and infrastructure projects** “.

Who's Who Legal Germany 2020

„ **Recommended lawyer for environmental and planning law** “

Legal 500 Germany 2025

„ **Recommended lawyer for construction law** “

Legal 500 Germany 2023

„ **Listed as one of the leading lawyers for construction law in Germany; Christian Bönker is sought after by the public sector for his expertise in handling construction contracts for new research facilities, with a further focus on PPP infrastructure projects.** “

Chambers Germany Guide 2025

„ **Recommended lawyer for real estate law** “

Legal 500 Germany 2018

„ **Lawyer of the year 2019 for construction law (Berlin); One of the most frequently recommended lawyers for construction law, real estate law and public law** “

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

Recent work

- Berlin Brandenburg International Airport (BER)
- BVG Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe public law institution (Anstalt des öffentlichen Rechts)
- Various Berlin housing associations
- Berlinovo Immobilien GmbH
- Transmission system operators

Curriculum vitae

- Studied law at the University of Münster, 1984 to 1990
- Research at the University of Münster in construction and environmental law (Prof. Dr. Werner Hoppe), 1987 to 1991
- PhD on environmental law, 1990 to 1991
- Legal clerkship at the Higher Regional Court Hamburg, 1992 to 1994
- Lawyer since 1994, at Kapellmann since 1995

Further qualifications and memberships

- Honorary professor for construction and architectural law at the Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg since 2020
- Deputy Professor at the BTU Cottbus, 2010 to 2012
- Lecturer in real estate law at the Bauakademie and Hochschule Biberach, 2002 to 2009
- Speaker at various seminars (in-house and with external organisers)
- Member of the Working Group on Construction Law at the German Lawyers' Association (ARGE Baurecht beim Deutschen Anwaltverein)

PRACTICE GROUPS

- > **Construction and architects' law**
- > **Public law**

SECTOR GROUPS

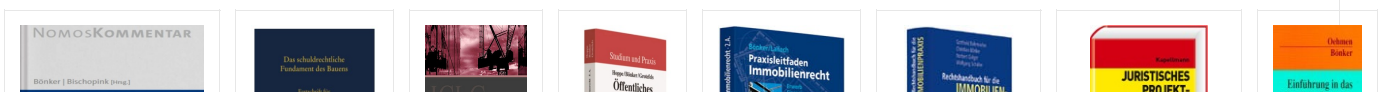
- > **Airports**
- > **Project development**

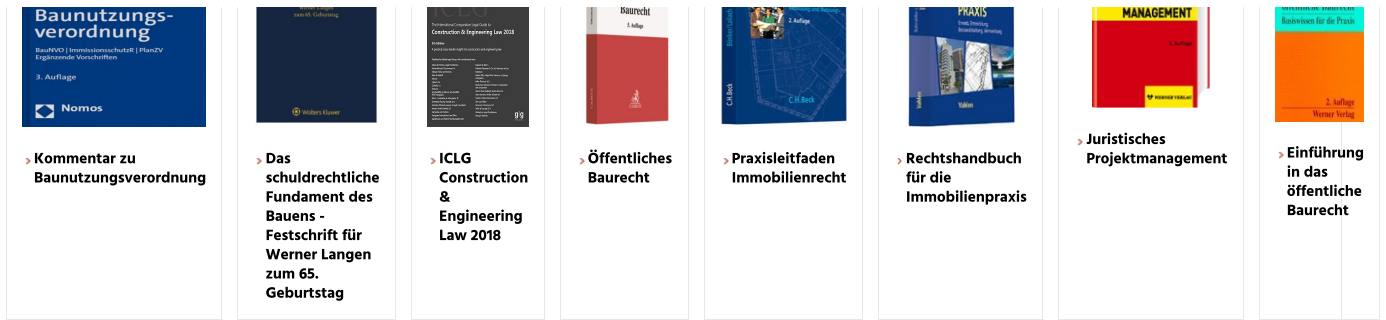
EXPERTISE

- Legal management for large-scale projects JurProM®
- Construction contracts
- Real estate law
- Public law

PUBLICATIONS

Books and book contributions





Articles

2004

> **Bönker**, Windenergieanlagen auf hoher See - Rechtssicherheit für Umwelt und Investoren, NVwZ 2004, 537 ff.

2003

> **Bönker**, Der Architekt als Baujurist - Haftung für genehmigungsfähige Planung, NZBau 2003, 80 ff

1999

> **Bönker**, Planung und Genehmigung von Factory-Outlet-Centern, Baurecht 1999, 328 ff.

1997

> **Bönker**, Die Zulässigkeit von Factory-Outlet-Centern in Nordrhein-Westfalen, Schriftreihe der Industrie- und Handelskammer Mittlerer Nordrhein, 1997, 88 Seiten

1996

> **Bönker**, Die Vorkaufssatzung nach § 25 BauGB, Baurecht 1996, 313 ff.

1996

> **Bönker/Matuschak**, Bundes- und Landesrecht im Städtebau, Beiträge zum Siedlungs- und zum Wohnungswesen und zur Raumplanung, Band 166, Münster, 1996

1995

Hoppe/> **Bönker**, Das Verhältnis von örtlicher Landschaftsplanung und Bauleitplanung, DVBl. 1996, 585 ff.

1995

> **Bönker**, Harmonisierung des Rechts der städtebaulichen Satzungen, Beiträge zum Siedlungs- und zum Wohnungswesen und zur Raumplanung, Band 159, Münster 1995

1994

> **Bönker**, Perspektiven für das Recht der städtebaulichen Satzungen, Umwelt- und Planungsrecht 1995, 366 ff.

1994

> **Bönker**, Baurechtlicher Nachbarschutz aus Art. 14 Abs. 1 Satz 1 GG? - Zur neueren Rechtsprechung des Bundesverwaltungsgerichts, DVBl. 1994, 506 ff.

1993

> **Bönker**, Planungsrechtliche Genehmigungsfiktion für Wohnbauvorhaben, DVBl. 1993, 134 ff.

1992

> **Bönker**, Verkürzung von Genehmigungsfristen für Wohnbauvorhaben, Beiträge zum Siedlungs- und zum Wohnungswesen und zur Raumplanung, Band 149, Münster 1992

1992

Commemorative publications

2023

> **Bönker**, Tiere im privaten Bau- und Architektenrecht – Artenschutzrechtliche Restriktionen in Planung und Bauausführung, in: Festschrift für Prof. Dr. Werner Langen, hrsg. von Dr. Andreas Berger, Prof. Dr. Dr. (h.c.) Barbara Dauner-Lieb und Prof. Dr. Heiko Fuchs, Werner Verlag 2023, Seite 17 ff.

NEWS

