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GSK Stockmann promotes nine lawyers from its own ranks

GSK Stockmann appoints five Equity Partners, two Local Partners and two Counsel from its own ranks as of 01.01.2020. In doing so, the firm continues to make a point of focusing on its own young talents.

As of the new year, the new Equity Partners are: **Stefan Geiger** (Energy), **Volker Hofstetter** (Real Estate Investments and Asset Management), **Philip Huperz** (Real Estate Investments and Asset Management, Healthcare), **Olaf Jacobsen** (Real Estate Investments and Asset Management) and **Frank-Florian Seifert** (Public). The following were appointed as Local Partners: **Daniel Cammann-Reiss** (Real Estate Project Development) and **Andreas Eichler** (Real Estate Investments and Asset Management). Senior Associates **Katrin Reisich** (Real Estate Project Development) and **Lisa Watermann** (Financial Services, Funds) became Counsel on January 1, 2020. These career decisions reflect the firm's goal to specifically promote specialised advice in the sectors where its clients are most active.

Commenting on the promotions, Oliver Glück, co-Managing Partner at GSK Stockmann, said: "We congratulate all colleagues on their next career move. For years now, GSK Stockmann has been prioritising growth from within. We would like to continue offering our lawyers attractive career prospects within our firm. We are therefore very pleased to continue on this course by appointing nine Partners and Counsel. At the same time, we are implementing options for more flexible working hours so that our colleagues may continue their excellent work at the new career level according to their individual needs."



Stefan Geiger studied law at the Universities of Freiburg and Münster and received his doctorate from Bucerius Law School, Hamburg. He was admitted to the Bar in 2008 and is a certified specialist lawyer (*Fachanwalt*) for administrative law, specialising in building, planning and environmental law. Stefan Geiger primarily advises on real estate and infrastructure projects and focuses especially on energy projects. He has many years of experience in energy regulatory law and is one of the coordinators of the Sector “Energy” at GSK Stockmann. Stefan Geiger’s clients include project developers, investors, grid operators and the public sector.

Volker Hofstetter is a banker by training and has been working as a lawyer for GSK Stockmann since 2011. He studied law at the University of Heidelberg and King’s College London. Volker Hofstetter advises institutional clients and international corporate groups as well as investors in all areas of real estate law. His main practice areas are transactions and drafting and negotiating large-volume lease agreements for landlords as well as tenants. Volker Hofstetter also has special expertise in brokerage law and in drafting and negotiating real estate management contracts.

Philip Huperz studied law at the Universities of Bayreuth, Limerick (Ireland) and Hamburg. He was admitted to the Bar in 2010 and joined GSK Stockmann in 2016. Philip Huperz has been specialised in real estate transactions and property portfolio management for many years. He focuses in particular on healthcare properties and alternative forms of housing (e.g. micro living, serviced living, student residences, assisted living). His clients include national and international real estate investors, family offices and project developers. Philip Huperz is one of the coordinators of the Sector “Healthcare” at GSK Stockmann and is a member of the ZIA Healthcare Real Estate Committee.

Olaf Jacobsen studied law at Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main. He was admitted to the Bar in 2005 and joined GSK Stockmann in 2016. For many years, Olaf Jacobsen has been advising in particular regulated investors (especially capital management companies) as well as national and international real estate investors and family offices on transactions and real estate portfolio management. He specialises in the purchase and sale of project developments, commercial real estate as well as office and business real estate. Olaf Jacobsen is one of the coordinators of the international GSK Desk UK.

Frank-Florian Seifert studied law at the Universities of Leipzig and Würzburg and at the German University of Administrative Sciences Speyer and received his doctorate in international law from the University of Leipzig. He was admitted to the Bar in



2002 and was certified as a specialist lawyer (*Fachanwalt*) for administrative law in 2006. Frank-Florian Seifert advises on public building law, environmental law and infrastructure planning. He joined GSK Stockmann in 2011 and is active in GSK Stockmann's Sectors "Real Estate Project Development" and "Public", specialising in residential construction, commerce and logistics. He has particular expertise in building law for the development of residential and mixed (residential and business) urban quarters. His clients include project developers, investors, land owners and municipal housing societies. Frank-Florian Seifert is an Adjunct Professor at the Technical University of Berlin and Beuth Hochschule für Technik Berlin.

Daniel Cammann-Reiss has been a lawyer at GSK Stockmann since 2014. He studied at Humboldt University Berlin and previously also completed his practical legal training in the firm. Daniel Cammann-Reiss advises project developers, real estate portfolio owners and investors as well as the public sector on real estate project developments of residential and commercial projects as well as in plant engineering. He focuses on real estate transactions in connection with project developments, as well as on integrated real estate and building law advice for entire projects. Daniel Cammann-Reiss has particular expertise in complex district developments and in real estate-related litigation. He is a Senior Lecturer at the Technical University of Berlin.

Andreas Eichler studied at the University of Mannheim and received his doctorate from the University of Augsburg. He also completed a Master of International Commercial Law (University of California, Davis) and a Master of Corporate Real Estate (International Real Estate Business School, Regensburg/CoreNet Global). Andreas Eichler has been advising GSK Stockmann on real estate law since 2017. He specialises in real estate transactions, commercial tenancy law, property/asset management and complex project developments. In addition to the asset class of office properties, he has particular expertise in the field of logistics properties. His clients include national and in particular well-known international investors as well as non-property companies.

Katrin Reisich studied law at the University of Augsburg. She was admitted to the Bar in 2010 and joined GSK Stockmann in 2013. Katrin Reisich specialises in the fields of building and architect law as well as real estate law. Her main focus is on providing comprehensive advice on project developments of residential and commercial real estate. In addition, she advises clients on real estate-related disputes both in and out of court.



Lisa Watermann studied law at the Universities of Münster and Maastricht (Netherlands) after her training as a banker. She joined GSK Stockmann as a lawyer in 2013 and advises regulated companies, in particular capital management companies and financial services companies, on a wide range of regulatory issues. She is particularly specialised in conceptualising investment funds and designing MiFID II-compliant distribution structures. In addition, Lisa Watermann currently advises financial market participants on the implementation of the Sustainable Finance requirements.

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