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Dr Gero Kollmer advises AIF management companies, fund managers, family offices and institutional investors on the structuring and launch of alternative investment funds (AIFs), with a particular focus on M&A and real estate funds. He has extensive experience in regulatory implementation under the German Investment Code (KAGB) and AIFMD, including prospectus and PRIIPs documentation, as well as in supporting authorisation and notification procedures before BaFin.

In addition, he assists clients in complex transactions, particularly in the acquisition and sale of corporate holdings and real estate. His practice focuses on the legal implementation of share and asset deals, forward structures and the related financing and security documentation. This dual perspective – investment regulation and transactional practice – enables him to provide seamless advice from fund structuring and investment execution through to regulatory market placement.

Career

- Admitted to the German Bar in 1999
- Founder and partner of law firms specialising in banking & capital markets law and corporate law
- Head of Legal and Head of Transactions at a major construction group
- Managing director and trustee of fiduciary companies (including CIS and DCM fund families)
- Member of supervisory boards of credit institutions and financial services providers
- Law studies at the University of Regensburg
- MBA at the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management (formerly Banking Academy)
- Certified M&A Professional (FSFM)
- Certified Specialist Lawyer (Fachanwalt) in Banking & Capital Markets Law since 2010
- Lecturer in business law at a major German university
- Lecturer for the training of specialist lawyers in banking & capital markets law

Recent Work

- Advising on more than 90 M&A transactions, including financial services institutions, credit institutions and real estate portfolios, also in distressed scenarios and cross-border cases.
- Structuring of closed-end funds/AIFs, bonds and other investment products, including the preparation of prospectuses, in particular closed-end real estate funds, agricultural funds and renewable energy funds.
- Advising on ownership control procedures.
- Representation in mass litigation relating to loan agreements (approx. 2,300 cases), with several successful outcomes before the German Federal Court of Justice (BGH).
- Complex corporate disputes among shareholders of both corporations and partnerships.
- Drafting of brokerage and distribution agreements for various distribution structures.

Publications

- Müller-Lankow/Kollmer, Defence strategies for banks providing investment advice in relation to openended property funds with incorrect risk categorisations (German: Verteidigungsstrategien für anlageberatende Banken bei falschen Risikoklassen offener Immobilienfonds), Zeitschrift für Bank- und Kapitalmarktrecht (BKR) 2025, pp. 721-730.
- Kollmer/Ketterling, Construction Site Ordinance BaustellV (German: Baustellenverordnung BaustellV), Commentary "Gelbe Reihe", 3rd edition, Munich (C.H. Beck) 2021 (co-author).
- Kollmer/Klindt/Schucht, German Occupational Health and Safety Act ArbSchG (German: Arbeitsschutzgesetz – ArbSchG), Commentary "Gelbe Reihe", 4th edition, Munich (C.H. Beck) 2021 (coauthor).
- Koeble/Gziwotz, Legal Handbook on Real Estate (German: Rechtshandbuch Immobilien), loose-leaf publication, Munich (C.H. Beck) 2021 (co-author, sections: financing, administration and brokerage law).
- Various study scripts, published by IU International University, including Merger Control Law (2022), Law of Alternative Dispute Resolution (2023), Credit Security Law I (2024), Credit Security Law II (2024), and Commercial Law I (2025).