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OVERVIEW

Dr. Michael Kreft is a partner and tax advisor in the firm's Munich office. He focuses on structuring tax-efficient buyout and real estate transactions, as well as national and international fund structuring and reorganizations, including mergers, demergers, and holding structures. He also advises on corporate and income tax law, the tax-efficient structuring of private wealth and estate tax-planning issues.

His client base includes trusts & estates, buyout funds, medium-sized companies, and real estate firms.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Michael joined the firm in January 2017 after having practiced at another leading international law firm in their Munich office.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Bundesverband Mergers & Acquisitions e.V. (BM&A)

EDUCATION

- Dr. iur., University of Bayreuth, 1989
- Second Legal State Exam, Higher Regional Court of Munich, 1985
- First Legal State Exam, University of Bayreuth, 1983

ADMISSIONS

- Chamber of Tax Advisors Munich

LANGUAGES

- English
- German

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 13 September 2023, Current Trends and Developments in US Real Estate Investment

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Publications include, among others:

- Commentary of German Investment Tax Act (*Frankfurter Kommentar zum Kapitalanlagerecht*) 2015
- Several articles in online magazine *Handelsblatt Steuerboard*

NEWS & EVENTS

- 16 December 2025, K&L Gates Advises Therme Horizon on Acquisition of Wund-Thermen
- 26 June 2025, K&L Gates Advises Therme Group on Billion Euro Joint Venture With CVC to Establish Therme Horizon
- 14 May 2025, K&L Gates Advises MSA Safety Incorporated on €175 Million Acquisition of M&C TechGroup Germany
- 20 March 2025, K&L Gates Advises PPG Industries in €900 Million Notes Offering
- 10 October 2023, K&L Gates Advises Mahr Holding on Sale of Shares in Mahr EDV GmbH to Private Equity Investor
- 22 June 2023, Nearly 50 K&L Gates Lawyers Throughout Europe Recognized in 2024 Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch Editions
- 24 February 2020, K&L Gates Names 41 New Partners Across Global Platform
- 22 November 2019, K&L Gates Advises Arena Holdings on Celonis Series C Financing
- 5 July 2018, K&L Gates Advises Mölnlycke on Acquisition of German Medical Technology Company SastoMed

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Tax
- Estate Planning and Trusts & Estates

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- VR Private Equity, tax advice on several buy-out transactions
- DBAG Deutsche Beteiligungs AG, tax advice on several buy-out transactions
- EQT, tax advice on buy-out transactions
- Tax advice on structuring of investment fund vehicle for investment in German property
- Evans Randall, London, tax advice on investments in properties located in Germany
- Robus, tax advice on the acquisition of Schletter group
- Robus, tax advice on the acquisition of Hallhuber group
- Tax structuring advice for investment in German property, set up of investment vehicle for investors