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Since March 2005, Dr Thomas Kirch has been working for the Leinemann Partner Rechtsanwälte office in Berlin. His main area of focus is on supporting contracting parties and bidders during the procurement process, in particular during complex procurement procedures involving IT or construction projects or in the defense and security sector. As the project preparation and realization phases progress, Dr Thomas Kirch works hand-in-hand with his clients to not only develop a respective conflict-avoidance strategy but, if necessary, to also defend their interests vis-à-vis other parties involved in the procurement process before the review bodies. The portfolio of services rendered to the public sector also includes handling complete procurement procedures in the role of external awarding office. The resolution of legal questions related to state aid and public funding rounds off the range of consulting services offered in the procurement law sector.

In addition, Dr Thomas Kirch also provides ongoing consulting services during infrastructure and structural engineering projects and, where necessary, sues for the payment of debts resulting from construction and planning projects.

Dr Thomas Kirch is a procurement law specialist and one of the editors of the “VergabeNews” [procurement news] information service run by the Federal Gazette. He also lectures at procurement law seminars and symposiums and regularly publishes contributions in procurement law journals and books.

“Lexology 2025 Germany” recommends Dr Thomas Kirch in the field of ‘Government Contracts’ and honors him as the exclusive winner of the Client Choice Award 2026 in the category “Public Procurement Lawyer in Germany”. The industry service “Legal 500 Germany” lists him - again in 2025 - as a recommended public procurement law expert. The Handelsblatt has recognized him again in

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2026 as a "Best Lawyer" in Construction Law, Public Commercial Law, and Public Private Partnership. WirtschaftsWoche presented him with the "TOP Lawyer 2024" award. Clients about him:

> *Thomas Kirch has a very quick grasp of complex matters and strong leadership skills. He has an in-depth command of the mandates he personally handles.*
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> *Committed, motivated, and highly knowledgeable, he is always friendly and professional. He impresses with his open and honest manner, which is underpinned by his expertise. His professional approach to dealing with challenges gives us confidence and helps drive projects forward. We greatly appreciate that he makes us feel he is truly part of the team and that he always has an open ear for our questions.*

In addition, Dr Thomas Kirch is a lecturer at the DVNW Academy and at GIBT Colleg e.V. (Kommunales Bildungswerk), among other institutions.



