



## Joost Hoekstra

*Joost studied Dutch law at the University of Amsterdam, and also spent a year studying Italian law at the Università degli Studi di Siena. After graduating, he took up a position at AKD in Breda in January 2005.*

*Joost joined Straatman Koster advocaten in April 2011 and was named as a Partner in January 2012. He has been a shareholder of Straatman Koster advocaten since January 2017.*

### Expertise:

Joost specialises in area and project development, environmental and planning law (including land development) and land acquisition (including compulsory purchase).

He drafts and reviews contracts for large-scale area and project developments (business parks, office locations, housing, in both urban and non-urban areas), and assists with the tenders preceding these developments. Joost additionally frequently advises clients and litigates on their behalf with regard to all aspects of environmental and planning law. He also has extensive experience in advising and assisting public authorities as well as companies on expropriation-related matters concerning infrastructure, housing, business parks and nature conservation and recreational areas, as well as the application of the right of first refusal.

Joost's clients are mainly public authorities, developers, builders and housing associations. He also regularly advises and drafts contracts for multiple parties who jointly engage him in relation to area developments. He regularly publishes on the topics of his practice in, among others, the journal 'Tijdschrift voor Bouwrecht en Vastgoedrecht' (Journal of Construction Law and Real Estate Law). In 2024, he and other authors wrote the annual preadvice for the Construction Law.

### Practise areas

Land policy

Area development

Government liability

Environmental and planning law

Association, entitled 'De anterieure overeenkomst: grenzen aan contractsvrijheid?' (The anterior agreement: limits to freedom of contract?), published by the Institute for Construction Law. Joost is (co-)author of the book 'Juridisch Handboek Transformatie en Renovatie' (Legal Handbook of Transformation and Renovation), published in 2019 by Berghauser Pont Publishing. Joost also regularly lectures at academies, including Spryg and Berghauser Pont, and various professional bodies. In March 2017, he was appointed a board member of the 'Vereniging van Onteigeningsadvocaten' (Association of Expropriation Lawyers, VOA).

Joost is recommended in Legal500 in the categories 'Real Estate' and 'Environmental & Planning'. He has listed the following main and secondary legal practice areas in the register of legal practice areas of the Netherlands Bar (Nederlandse orde van advocaten, NOvA):

- Environmental and planning law (environmental law, planning and zoning law)
- Expropriation law
- Real estate law (construction law)

This listing requires him to obtain ten training credits in each registered main legal practice area in accordance with the standards of the Netherlands Bar each calendar year.

#### **Some publications:**

- Annotation to the Division of the Council of State ruling of 29 March 2023 in the journal 'Tijdschrift voor Bouwrecht', March 2024;
- Annotation to ruling of 1 November 2022 in the journal 'Tijdschrift voor Bouwrecht', November 2023 (with mr. V. de Gier);
- Annotation to ruling of 21 December 2021, published in the journal 'Tijdschrift voor Bouwrecht', issue no. 11, November 2022;
- 'Licht verontreinigde grond en handhaving', article published in the journal 'Bodem', issue no.4, August 2022 (co-authored with Gerrit van der Veen);
- 'Aanvullingsbesluit bodem Omgevingswet', article published in the journal 'Bodem', issue no.4, August 2021 (co-authored with Gerrit van der Veen);
- 'De anterieure fase, van Wro naar Ow', article published in the journal 'Tijdschrift voor Bouwrecht', issue no. 9, September 2019.

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