Hans Koolen

Lawyer and Partner

Hans has been a lawyer since 2014. His focus areas are (spatial) administrative law, environmental and planning law (in particular, the Environment and Planning Act) and administrative enforcement. He advises and litigates on behalf of various parties, including private individuals, architects, investment companies, property developers and municipalities. Hans has extensive experience in litigation before committees deciding on notices of objection, district courts and the Administrative Law Division of the Council of State. He also regularly publishes in academic journals (including as a regular annotator to Tijdschrift voor Bouwrecht), gives courses and seminars and has written a practice-oriented book on transitional planning law in zoning plans and physical environment plans.

During his studies at VU University Amsterdam, Hans specialised in constitutional and administrative law and participated in the national moot court of the VAR Administrative Law Association. He also completed an internship in the Legal Affairs Department of the municipality of Hoorn.

After his studies, Hans jointed NautaDutilh and from 2014 until August 2022 he worked as an environmental lawyer at Hemwood in Amsterdam. He joined Sight Advocaten as a partner on the 1st of September 2022.

Hans regularly gives courses and seminars at the Amsterdam School of Real Estate, and the Academie voor Vastgoed, among other institutes, as well as in-house courses for his clients. He has also set up a website (www.rechtspraakbestuursrecht.nl), on which the main environmental case law (in particular regarding the Environment and Planning Act) is collected and shared.

Hans has registered the following main areas and sub-areas of law in the Register of Legal Practice Areas of the Dutch Bar Association: Administrative Law and Environmental Law. On the basis of this registration, he is required to earn ten CPD points in each registered area of law per calendar year, in accordance with the standards of the Dutch Bar Association.