

Thorsten Frei

Lawyer

Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union (CDU/CSU)



Born on 8 August 1973 in Bad Säckingen; Roman Catholic; married, three children.

Obtained *Abitur* (higher-education entrance qualification) at Scheffel academic secondary school in Bad Säckingen in 1993; completed compulsory basic military service in the German-French brigade from 1993 to 1994; studied law at the University of Freiburg from 1994 to 1999; passed first state examination in law in Freiburg; completed compulsory period of practical legal training at Waldshut-Tiengen regional court from 1999 to 2001; passed second state examination in law in Stuttgart.

Worked as a lecturer in commercial law at the University of Cooperative Education (today: Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University Lörrach) from 1999 to 2002; practised as a lawyer from 2001 to 2002; civil servant at the Baden-Württemberg State Ministry from 2002 to 2004, serving as personal assistant to the Minister for State and European Affairs; mayor of Donaueschingen from 2004 to 2013.

Member of Bad Säckingen town council and chairman of the CDU parliamentary group on Bad Säckingen municipal council from 1999 to 2004; member of the assembly of the Hochrhein-Bodensee Regional Association from 2000 to 2004; chairman of the Waldshut county branch of the CDU from 2001 to 2004; chairman of the Baden-Württemberg *Land* branch of the Local Government Policy Association of the CDU from 2006 to 2016; deputy chairman of the Baden-Württemberg *Land* branch of the CDU since 2007; member of the Schwarzwald-Baar county council since 2009; chairman of the CDU parliamentary group on the council since 2011; chairman of the Schwarzwald-Baar county branch of the CDU since 2017.

Member of the German Bundestag since October 2013.

Membership of Bundestag bodies and parliamentary posts

Spokesman

- Subcommittee on Civilian Crisis Prevention, Conflict Management and Integrated Action

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- Subcommittee on Civilian Crisis Prevention, Conflict Management and Integrated Action
- Committee on the Affairs of the European Union
- Committee on Foreign Affairs

Chairman

- German-Swiss Parliamentary Friendship Group