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BEITEN BURKHARDT Elects a Total of 20 New Partners, Four of them Equity Partners

Munich, 27 November 2017 – The international commercial law firm BEITEN BURKHARDT appoints **Dr Daniel Hund** (Labour & Employment, Munich), **Christian Schenk** and **Alexander Thees** (both Tax Law, Dusseldorf), as well as **Uwe Wellmann** (Antitrust & IP, Berlin) as Equity Partners as of 1 January 2018.

Another 16 lawyers were appointed Salary Partners. The newly appointed partners are from all four German offices of the law firm, working in seven different areas of competence.

"We are pleased to be able to appoint so many of our colleagues from all our locations once again this year", comments Frank Obermann, BEITEN BURKHARDT's Managing Partner. "We understand that leading our lawyers to partnership is one of our most important goals, and I am very pleased that this year we accompany so many first-rate talents even to equity partnership. I congratulate all those appointed for reaching this step in their career. It is with great pleasure that I look forward to developing our law firm further together with them."

Dr Daniel Hund, LL.M. (Licensed Labour Law Specialist) advises national and international companies on European and German labour law, particularly in restructuring projects (e.g. outsourcing, transfer of undertakings) and in works constitution law and collective bargaining matters. Issues of the international labour law (such as cross-border temporary employment, posting of employees to work abroad) are as much his area as the defence of employers against protection against dismissal procedures and discrimination complaints. He further provides advice on recruitment and dismissal of managing directors and board members. As a licensed labour law specialist he also represents employers throughout Germany both in court and in conciliation boards formed under works constitution law.

Christian Schenk particularly advises his national and international clients on transactions and on restructuring and reorganisation matters. He further provides advice on the control and optimisation compliance management systems. His area of activity comprises advice to businesses of various legal forms, sizes and industries on tax and business management



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Alexander Thees particularly advises his national and international clients on valuation issues and on business and tax issues. His area of activities comprises mainly corporate finance, transaction advice, tax advice and audit related services.

Uwe Wellmann, LL.B. DLS (Licensed Specialist for Industrial Property Protection) advises his clients comprehensively on the planning and execution of German and European merger control proceedings, including the verification and coordination of notification obligations worldwide. He further focuses on providing comprehensive advice and representation in cartel administrative proceedings and administrative fine proceedings before antitrust authorities and courts. Uwe Wellmann also has a longstanding expertise regarding the high-value consumer goods industry and is an expert in cosmetic legislation. In this context he advises on both the layout and securing of distribution systems as well as on labelling and advertising law-related issues. Furthermore, he has special market knowledge in the sectors health, energy, chemical industry and building materials.

These are our new salary partners in alphabetical order:

- **Dr Johannes Allmendinger** (Labour & Employment, Frankfurt am Main)
- **Katharina Fink** (Assets/Succession/Foundations, Frankfurt am Main)
- **Dr Christian Kaufmann, LL.M.** (Government & Public Sector, Berlin)
- **Susanne Klein, LL.M.** (IT law specialist, IP/IT/media, Frankfurt am Main)
- **Moritz Kopp, LL.M.** (Corporate/M&A, Munich)
- **Dr Markus Ley** (Corporate/M&A, Munich)
- **Maik Benedikt Merkens, LL.M.** (Corporate/M&A, Frankfurt am Main)
- **Sascha Opheys** (Government & Public Sector, Dusseldorf)
- **Wojtek Ropel** (IP/IT/media, Frankfurt am Main)
- **Alexander Schmid** (Commercial Criminal Law, Munich)
- **Gudrun Schumacher** (IP/IT/Media, Munich)
- **Christopher Theis** (Government & Public Sector, Munich)
- **Dr Julia Thöle, LL.M.** (Corporate/M&A, Dusseldorf)



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- **Christian H. Werkmeister, LL.M.** (Licensed Specialist for Industrial Property Protection, IP/IT/Media, Munich)
- **Teresa Werner** (Tax Law, Dusseldorf)
- **Sebastian Zajons** (Tax Law, Dusseldorf)

"All appointments also reflect our strategy to continue investing in strengthening all our areas of competence," says Frank Obermann, adding: "The partner appointments mirror our work across locations and practice groups which is substantiated by an extraordinary high level of various industry competencies."

BEITEN BURKHARDT thus continues its course of targeted growth with lateral hires in selected areas. The following salary partners strengthened the law firm in the past year:

- **Torsten Cülter** (Restructuring & Insolvency)
- **Dr Daniel Fischer** (Licensed Administrative Law Specialist, Real Estate, Frankfurt am Main)
- **Jan Mohrmann** (Tax Law, Frankfurt am Main)
- **Maike Pflästerer** (Labour & Employment, Frankfurt am Main)
- **Dr Winfried Richardt** (Corporate/M&A, Dusseldorf)
- **Dr Jochen Reuter, LL.M.** (Licensed Building and Architects' Law Specialist, Real Estate, Frankfurt am Main)



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Information on BEITEN BURKHARDT

- BEITEN BURKHARDT is an independent international commercial law firm with a focused range of services and some 280 lawyers working in eight locations.
- Through our long-established offices in Germany, Brussels, China and Russia we advise large and mid-sized companies and corporate groups from various industries, banks and financial institutions as well as the public sector.