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BEITEN BURKHARDT EXPANDS EMPLOYMENT LAW PRACTICE

Munich, 13 September 2017 – The Labour & Employment Law practice of the international business law firm BEITEN BURKHARDT continues to grow and will be expanded by several new hires in the third quarter of 2017: Maike Pflästerer, who boasts specialist expertise in insolvency law in addition to classic employment law, joined Dr Thomas Drosdeck's Frankfurt team as Salary Partner on 1 August 2017. The employment law teams in Dusseldorf and Munich have also grown in size: In early August, Linda Flothmann joined Christian Freiherr von Buddenbrock's team in Dusseldorf. Since 1 July 2017, Sarah Sterflinger has been strengthening the Munich team led by Dr Christopher Melms. The firm's Berlin-based employment law team had already hired four new lawyers last autumn.

Maike Pflästerer had worked for the insolvency specialists hww hermann wienberg wilhelm since 2003, becoming partner in 2011. She had studied law at the University of Mannheim and had been admitted to the German Bar in 2003. She has been an employment law specialist since 2008. The Frankfurt employment law team around Equity Partner Dr Thomas Drosdeck now consists of seven lawyers.

"With the structure of our team, we can offer specialist expertise and thematically focused advice, with the lawyers' long years of experience being a substantial market advantage", says Drosdeck. All four Salary Partners in his team have been practising employment law for more than ten years. "We also define new focal points drawing in Ralf Symhardt's industrial expertise, Maike Pflästerer's insolvency law expertise and Dr Johannes Allmendinger's profound knowledge of all types of transaction-related issues in the context of business transfers", adds Drosdeck. Before joining BEITEN BURKHARDT as Senior Salary Partner on 1 May 2017, Ralf Symhardt worked for the technology company Heraeus. Dr Johannes Allmendinger worked for Weil Gotshal before joining BEITEN BURKHARDT as Associate on 1 January 2017.

Linda Flothmann had already worked as legal assistant at the Dusseldorf office. She studied law at the University of Münster and the Université de Poitiers in France. She completed her practical training at the regional court of Münster. "Linda Flothmann will in particular support Salary Partners Doreen Methfessel and Peter Weck in the areas of individual and collective



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employment law", explains Christian Freiherr von Buddenbrock, Equity Partner in Dusseldorf. Christian Freiherr von Buddenbrock together with Jörn Manhart as Salary Partner and Sarah-Denise van der Walt as Associate advises clients on issues relating to company pension schemes, in addition to classic employment law issues. "With this new addition following Henrik Lüthge (who joined last year as Salary Partner, coming from Baker & McKenzie), we now are a team of seven lawyers perfectly set up to swiftly and reliably respond to the many enquiries regarding classic employment law issues in addition to company pension schemes", says von Buddenbrock.

Sarah Sterflinger, a new addition to the Munich team, studied law at the University of Passau and completed her practical legal training at the regional court of Traunstein. She will strengthen the team led by Dr Christopher Melms, the head of BEITEN BURKHARDT's Labour & Employment Law practice group. "We are happy to see the successful development of our employment law-focused team, which by now works across locations and across practice groups quite naturally", says Melms. "More hires are planned. The reason is an increasing number of clients, which requires support by new colleagues."

It is also very pleasing to see the positioning of the Berlin Employment Law team, which is successful in the market with last year's four new additions Dr Anja Branz, Dr Roland Klein and Julia Alexandra Schütte as Salary Partners and Karina Sander as Associate to the team headed by Dr Thomas Puffe.

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