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### **Reinforcement of BEITEN BURKHARDT: Four Additions to the Labour & Employment Law Team at the Berlin Office**

Berlin, 18 October 2016 - The international law firm Beiten Burkhardt further enhances its Labour & Employment practice in the German capital, strengthening the team headed by partner Dr Thomas Puffe with three salary partners and an associate.

On 1 September Julia Alexandra Schütte joined BEITEN BURKHARDT as salary partner and Karina Sander joined as associate. In October salary partner Dr Anja Branz came, followed by Dr Roland Klein, also salary partner, in November of this year.

**Julia Alexandra Schütte**, licensed specialist for labour law, advises companies on all kinds of collective and individual labour law issues. She has been advising particularly hospitals and healthcare facilities for many years, mainly on ecclesiastical labour law issues (*Diakonie* and *Caritas*) which is one of her key areas. She has acquired a great deal of experience on the enforcement of dismissals, negotiations of termination scenarios and conduct of dismissal protection lawsuits. She also renders labour law advice on company transactions. Julia Alexandra Schütte began her career with Ernst & Young in Hamburg in 2006. Following that she has worked with WZR Wülfing Zeuner Rechel Partnerschaft Rechtsanwälte in Hamburg for several years. Before joining BEITEN BURKHARDT she was senior associate at the Berlin office of Squire Patton Boggs LLP.

**Dr Anja Branz**, licensed specialist for labour law, advises on all kinds of collective and individual labour law issues, here particularly on temporary employment, bogus self-employment, and works constitution and collective bargaining law. She further has comprehensive expertise in ecclesiastical labour law. Before joining BEITEN BURKHARDT, Anja Branz has worked with the multi-disciplinary law firm DHPG in Bonn, Germany where she was responsible for the labour law practice group. Before that she has held legal professional and leadership positions for several years at employers' associations and Deutsche Bahn, as well as at a mid-sized law firm in the North of Germany.

**Dr Roland Klein**, licensed specialist for labour law, advises his clients on all kinds of

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collective and individual labour law issues, particularly on works constitution law, and assists companies with restructuring measures. He has many years of experience in providing advice in the sectors automotive and health, in particular to pharmaceutical companies. Roland Klein began his career at the law firm Luther Rechtsanwaltsgeellschaft in Dusseldorf, Germany in 2005. From 2015 until he joined BEITEN BURKHARDT he has worked with Altenburg, Fachanwälte für Arbeitsrecht, a law firm specialised in labour law, in Berlin.

**Karina Sander** is a professional newcomer. She studied law at the University of Bochum and completed her legal traineeship at the Regional Court of Essen.

All newcomers are going to enhance the team headed by partner Dr Thomas Puffe who is well-known in the market. "We are pleased to significantly strengthen the Berlin Labour & Employment practice group which is one of the key areas of our firm," comments Dr Thomas Puffe, adding: "We thereby recognise the needs of our renowned clients from various core sectors, including the health sector, in Berlin as well as throughout the country. Our newcomers' focuses on clients from the healthcare sector, also the ecclesiastical labour law, thus excellently reinforce and complete our market presence."

BEITEN BURKHARDT's Labour & Employment Law practice in Berlin is now a team of 15 lawyers, two of whom are equity partners and seven are salary partners.

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- 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.