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## Real Estate law: Luther wins Dr Helmut Miernik for the Dusseldorf office

**Dusseldorf – As of 1 January 2017, Dr Helmut Miernik will be starting work in the Dusseldorf offices of Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH. He will be providing consulting services for both construction and architectural law and for real estate law. Dr Miernik most recently worked as an in-house lawyer for Bilfinger SE in Essen.**

Before Dr Helmut Miernik began his work with Bilfinger Berger in 2004, he spent two years as an attorney for the Dusseldorf law firm Rotthege Wassermann Partner. From 1996 to 2002 he was an attorney and partner in the firm Heiermann Franke Knipp in Berlin, where he consulted for customers like Deutsche Bahn on constructing the main Berlin train station and on other infrastructure measures.

Achim Meier, head of the real estate law consulting area at Luther, provided the following statement on the change: "We are extremely happy to have attracted an exceptionally well-qualified and renowned construction law specialist in Dr Miernik. We have undergone massive expansion in the area of construction law consulting over the past few years. Adding Dr Miernik to our firm underscores the excellent consulting services we provide our clients in this segment, which is an important one for us. In particular, the wide-ranging knowledge he gained working for one of the leading general contractors in Germany is very valuable for our projects."

Dr Helmut Miernik: "I am glad to be returning to the legal profession and my many diverse duties. I was convinced, in particular, by Luther's

strong focus on real estate and construction law. I will be able to use my specialized knowledge on the areas of construction and architectural law, as well as on extra-judicial dispute resolution, to good effect in this kind of environment."

### **About Dr Miernik**

Dr Helmut Miernik studied law in Freiburg and Munich. He completed his doctoral degree at Leipzig University in 1997. Besides his work for Luther, he will also be accepting a lecturer position in construction law at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), under the Construction Operations chair of Prof. Shervin Haghsheno. He has also co-authored a commentary on the Dispute Resolution Rules for the Construction Industry.

#### **Memberships:**

- Member of the Permanent Commission to Establish and Develop the Dispute Resolution Rules for the Construction Industry (SL Bau) of the German Society for Construction Law and the German Concrete and Construction Technology Association.
- Representative of the main association of the German Construction Industry in the working group on establishing new building contract and architectural law in the German Civil Code under the Federal Ministry of Justice.
- Member of the working group "Building Contract Law" at the VI. Baugerichtstag (Construction Law Day)
- Chair of the expert legal committee for the NRW Construction Industry Association

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### **Brief Profile Luther**

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Luther works closely with other commercial law firms in all the prevailing jurisdictions worldwide. On the Continent, Luther is part of a group of independent leading law firms who have worked together for many years on joint cross-border projects.

Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH is a law firm with a business approach: our innovative awareness aspires us to provide our clients with customised legal advice that addresses individual needs and delivers the greatest possible economic benefit.

Our lawyers and tax advisors have a solid understanding of interdisciplinary matters and a wealth of experience in collaborating on complex tasks. Further information is available at: [www.luther-lawfirm.com](http://www.luther-lawfirm.com)

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