

### For the 2026/2027 financial year: Luther promotes seven partners and five counsels

Cologne, 1 July 2026 – Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH is continuing to pursue its growth strategy and is sending a clear signal regarding career prospects within the firm. On 1 July 2026, the start of the new financial year, seven colleagues will be admitted to the partnership. A further five will join the firm as counsel.

- The following have been appointed as partners: **Ekkehard Hübel** (Hamburg), **Dr Franziska Klaß-Dingeldey** (Hanover), **Simone Lersch** (Cologne), **Dr Moritz Mentzel** (Berlin), **Hannah-Laura Schütte** (Düsseldorf), **Dr Hendrik Bernd Sehy** (Hanover) and **Volkan Top** (Hamburg/Frankfurt am Main)
- The following have been appointed as counsels: **Jens Kaiser** (Leipzig), **Mathis Lorenzen** (Stuttgart), **Lisa Niesen** (Essen), **Maxim Oertel** (Berlin) and **Anton Spinty** (Berlin)

“I would like to offer my warmest congratulations to all those promoted. Over the past few years, they have impressed us with their high level of commitment and excellent performance,” says **Elisabeth Lepique**, Managing Partner. “I am particularly pleased to see how our talented staff are taking on responsibility and bringing our service promise to life for our clients every day. The new partners and counsels embody our firm’s professional excellence and our strong team culture.”

**Dr Markus Sengpiel**, Managing Partner, also highlights this aspect: “Our latest round of promotions demonstrates the lasting impact of our support for young talent. We invest continuously in training, specialisation and personal development – this is what makes Luther an attractive choice for ambitious lawyers. I am convinced that our new partners and counsels will continue to drive the successful development of our firm and further strengthen our market position in the coming years.”

- **Ekkehard Hübel** provides advice on all matters relating to environmental law and funding law. **Dr Franziska Klaß-Dingeldey**, MLE, advises on matters relating to public procurement law and public commercial law.
- **Simone Lersch** provides advice on all aspects of commercial and medical criminal law.
- **Dr Moritz Mentzel** advises domestic and foreign companies on company law and M&A projects.

- **Hannah-Laura Schütte** advises companies in various sectors, both nationally and internationally, on restructuring matters.
- **Dr Hendrik Bernd Sehy** advises companies operating in the German healthcare market, as well as investors, on entering the market.
- **Volkan Top** specialises in national and international financing transactions.

In the 2025/2026 financial year, which ended on 30 June 2026, the Luther Partnership welcomed the following new external members:

- July 2025: **Dr Katrin Stieß** joined Luther as a partner in the Corporate/M&A practice at its Munich office. She is an experienced and successful adviser in the technology and banking sectors.
- July 2025: **Dr Guido Hoffmann**, LL.M. (Cornell) , advises banks, alternative lenders, companies and investors on complex financing and M&A transactions, including crisis, turnaround and restructuring advice.
- January 2026: **Dr Alexander Ehrle**, LL.M. (NYU) , joined Luther's Frankfurt and Brussels offices as a partner. He advises on foreign trade law (export control, sanctions and anti-boycott law), investment screening law (FDI & FSR) and sustainability law.
- February 2026: **Dr Thomas Wilk** joined Luther (Essen office) as a partner and is also Managing Director of the newly established Luther Public Services GmbH. Prior to this, he was District President in Cologne.

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Luther works closely with other commercial law firms in all the prevailing jurisdictions. Luther is a member of unyer ([www.unyer.com](http://www.unyer.com)), a global organisation of leading professional services firms that cooperate exclusively with each other.

Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft 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. All of Luther's lawyers and tax advisors have a solid understanding of interdisciplinary matters and a wealth of experience in collaborating on complex tasks. Luther was honoured as JUVE Law Firm of the Year for Regulation in 2024. Further information is available at: [www.luther-lawfirm.com](http://www.luther-lawfirm.com).

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