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## Luther strengthens its team with three new counsel in Essen and Cologne

**Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH welcomes three new counsels in the fields of employment law, complex disputes and insurance law at its offices in Essen and Cologne.**

"We are very pleased to welcome Susanne Burkert-Vavilova, Manuel Baroch Castellvi and Dr Marco Jerczynski as three new, competent members of the Luther family," said Elisabeth Lepique, Managing Partner at Luther.

Susanne Burkert-Vavilova will strengthen Luther's employment law practice, one of the largest and most powerful on the German market, from the Essen office, thus rounding off the significant growth of the advisory field in 2021. She initially worked for Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Berlin and Moscow for eight years and most recently headed the Corporate and Commercial Law department of the HOCHTIEF Group in Essen for eight years. With the addition of Susanne Burkert-Vavilova, Luther's employment law team consists of over 70 colleagues worldwide.

The Essen office, in particular the Complex Disputes Team, is also growing with the addition of Counsel Dr Marco Jerczynski, who joined Luther on 1 December from the Vaillant Group, where, as an expert in dispute resolution, he focused on litigation before state courts and arbitration tribunals as well as out-of-court disputes.

Luther's Cologne office is pleased to welcome Counsel Manuel Baroch Castellvi as of 1 December 2021. He deals with all issues of insurance supervisory law, insurance contract law and insurance distribution law. In the past, he first worked as a lawyer in an internationally active commercial law firm, then as an in-house lawyer in the insurance industry for more than 20 years, including 15 years

as head of life insurance law at Zurich Group Germany, and then as a lawyer in the insurance law practice of an internationally active law firm for five years.

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**Brief profile Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH**

Luther is a leading German commercial law firm that offers comprehensive legal and tax advice. The full-service law firm employs over 420 lawyers and tax advisors and is represented in ten German economic hubs as well as with ten of its own international offices in key investment locations and financial centres in Europe and Asia. Its clients include medium-sized enterprises and large corporations, as well as the public sector.

Luther works closely with other commercial law firms in all the prevailing jurisdictions. Luther is a founding 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 named "Law Firm of the Year 2019" by the German legal publisher JUVE. Further information is available at: [www.luther-lawfirm.com](http://www.luther-lawfirm.com)

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