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## Luther cooperates with the Wittener Institut für Familienunternehmen

**Essen – During the winter term 2015/16, Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH will conduct several workshops on trade and corporate law at the university Witten-Herdecke. It cooperates with university professor Dr. jur. habil. Katharina Uffmann, who holds the Chair for Law at the Faculty of Business and Economics at the renowned Institute for Family-run Businesses in the City of Witten (Wittener Institut für Familienunternehmen – WIFU).**

The workshops will take place within the context of a lecture at the Faculty of Business and Economics. Arnd Becker, Partner at Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft, explains:

"Students gain first-hand practical insights: What are the legal, tax and economic framework conditions for business creation and further development? Which interests need to be considered and what are the consequences of entrepreneurial activities? What needs to be regulated at the interface between family and business? etc. Students benefit here in the direct exchange from our experience with a firm that specializes in advising family businesses using a comprehensive approach."

Prof. Dr. Katharina Uffmann is looking forward to the mutually beneficial cooperation:

"In their future professional lives, for example as founders, business leaders, advisors or partners, our students will face challenging legal behavioral requirements and have to be able to discuss them with

their legal advisors. "Non-lawyers" especially often find these to be very abstract and impenetrable. So what's to be done? The magic word here is "Storytelling": By using workshops based on case studies, abstract "law" can be experienced and thus better learned.

In order to allow workshop participants to obtain a holistic overview about the life-cycle of a business they will be introduced not only to trade and commercial law but also to IP and copyright law, employment law, banking law and insolvency law.

### **Luther law firm's expertise**

The Luther law firm advises well-known mid-sized and large family businesses and entrepreneurial families under one roof. Since 2012, the practice group "business succession and private clients" includes about 20 lawyers with comprehensive experience in the area of private and business succession, especially in the areas of corporate law, (international) inheritance law, family law and tax law.

### **About the Witten Institute for Family Business (WIFU)**

The Witten Institute for Family Business (WIFU) at the Faculty of Business and Economics at the university of Witten-Herdecke is Germany's pioneer and guide for academic research and teaching of the specific features of family businesses. Three professorships for research and teaching – business management, psychology/sociology, and law - build the scientific mirror image of the very make-up of family businesses.

Since 2004, the Institute's sponsors – an exclusive group of 75 family businesses – have enabled WIFU to act with and on behalf of family businesses. With currently 19 professors, WIFU has been contributing significantly for over fifteen years to the trans-generational sustainability of family businesses.

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### **Brief Profile Luther**

Luther is a leading German commercial law firm that offers comprehensive legal and tax services. The full-service law firm employs over 350 lawyers and tax advisors and is represented at 10 German economic centres and at important investment locations and financial centres in Europe and Asia with international offices in Brussels, London, Luxembourg, Shanghai, Singapore and Yangon. Our clients are 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 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 is also the German member of Taxand, a global organisation of tax advisory firms.

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. 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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