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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **GEMA Board Member joins Luther**

**Cologne/Munich, 15 July - Prof. Dr. Jürgen Becker joins Luther as lawyer and Of Counsel on 1 August 2009 after resigning from the GEMA Board of Directors.**

Prof. Becker is a member of the faculty of law at the University of Freiburg and before joining GEMA (Society for Musical Performing and Mechanical Reproduction Rights), he was a legal advisor with the German book-trade association Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels. As General Counsel, Speaker for the Board of Directors and finally Deputy Chairman of the Board at GEMA, he contributed considerably to the success of Germany's largest licensing and collecting society. Whilst working for GEMA, Prof. Becker held numerous positions in international copyright organisations and advocated internationally for the enforcement of copyright law as well as the collective protection of rights. For many years, he was a member of the Executive Committee of CISAC (International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers), President of the BIEM (Bureau International des Sociétés Gérant les Droits d'Enregistrement et de Reproduction Mécanique) and Vice President of GESAC (European Grouping of Societies of Authors and Composers).

Prof. Becker is a member of the board of directors of Institut für Urheber- und Medienrecht and editor of the magazine ZUM (Zeitschrift für Urheber- und Medienrecht).

At Luther's Munich office he will join the IP and media sector, which recently gained a further prominent figure, the former GEMA legal advisor Dr. Stefan Müller, who joined Luther on 1 January 2009.

"Consultancy advice regarding the protection and utilisation of intellectual property as well as media law form an integral part of Luther's IP/IT service line. We are therefore delighted that Prof. Dr. Jürgen Becker decided to join the team", said Dr. Stefan Kraus, Luther's Managing Partner. "Prof. Becker is a leading expert in Germany in all legal matters pertaining to the utilisation of intellectual property. Both our clients and colleagues will benefit from his counsel and experience", added Dr. Markus Sengpiel, Head of Luther's IP/IT Service Line.

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