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Schiedermaier-Partner joins Luther

Frankfurt/Eschborn, 25 August 2009 - Dr. Wulf Merkel, currently a partner at Schiedermaier Rechtsanwälte, to join Luther's Frankfurt office on 1 October 2009.

Merkel will join Luther's Corporate / M&A department as a Partner. Before joining Schiedermaier in 2005, Merkel worked for Schürmann & Partner and amongst other things, subsequently as Ashurst's German Managing Partner. Crucial for his decision, was Luther's strong international position and network with PMLG and Taxand together with the chance of additional international work, compared with his last job, according to Merkel.

"We welcome Dr. Wulf Merkel, an outstanding professional, to our team. He will on the one hand strengthen the position of our Frankfurt office in the local market. And on the other hand the whole Corporate / M&A department will profit from his competence and experience", said the Head of the Luther's Frankfurt office, Dr. Eberhard Kalbfleisch.

Dr. Wulf Merkel is the third high profile lateral hire within the last few months. For Luther's Managing Partner Dr. Stefan Kraus, an extremely pleasant development: "Luther is an attractive and sought after alternative both for renowned lawyers and also for experienced in-house counsel. Alongside our business activities, which have remained constant throughout the financial crisis, this shows a tendency that we are moving in the right direction".

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