

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Luther wins environmental lawyer Dr. Stefan Altenschmidt**

**Düsseldorf, 14 April 2011 - Dr. Stefan Altenschmidt, LL.M. (40) will join Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH on 1 May 2011. As a partner, the climate protection law expert will set up a department for public law in the Düsseldorf office. In the area of emissions trading law, Luther now advises clients from all major industries and thus plays a leading role in the market.**

Dr. Stefan Altenschmidt previously worked in Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer's Düsseldorf office for 8 years where he specialised in climate protection law - in particular emissions trading law - as well as general environmental and planning law. He was made Counsel in November 2010. Dr. Stefan Altenschmidt brings with him contacts from the energy sector and industry.

Dr. Stefan Altenschmidt is looking forward to the change. "Luther is a dynamic law firm which has developed impressively, has a forward-looking strategy and a successful team. My expertise and clients will be in good hands at Luther."

"Changing the EU economies into low carbon economies is currently one of the EU's most important projects. With Dr. Stefan Altenschmidt on our team we are in an excellent position to deal with the increasing demand for advice from the industry", said Dr. Stefan Kobes, who is responsible for Luther's practice area Public Law.

The head of the industry group Energy & Utility, Dr. Holger Stappert, welcomes the new colleague: "Dr. Altenschmidt has been one of the most renowned lawyers in his field for many years. As lots of his clients

have long since instructed Luther in other areas, his move is a logical step. He fits our strategic development plan perfectly."

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### **Brief Profile Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH**

Luther is one of the leading German commercial law firms providing comprehensive services in all the relevant fields of legal and tax consulting. The full-service law firm employs more than 320 lawyers and tax advisors and is represented at 12 German economic centres and at important investment locations and financial centres in Europe and Asia with international offices in Brussels, Budapest, Istanbul, Luxembourg, Shanghai and Singapore. Our 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 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.

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