

PRESS RELEASE

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Luther wins two maritime lawyers in its Hamburg office

Hamburg, 27 September 2011 – Ulf André Bertheau (52) will join Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH's Hamburg office as a Partner on 1 October 2011. He has extensive expertise as a maritime lawyer and an excellent network of contacts from the greater Hamburg area. Ulf André Bertheau will be accompanied by Juliane Nass (36) who will join Luther as a Senior Associate.

"With Ulf André Bertheau and Juliane Nass Luther has won two specialists in maritime law and two top advisors to the maritime industry – a specialist area that will be part of our corporate law practice in the future," said Dr Philip Dohse, location head of Luther's Hamburg office. "Luther is living up to its reputation as a full-service law firm and we are now better placed to meet our clients' needs in the Hamburg area. We intend to develop our maritime law practice in Hamburg further in the future."

With regard to his move, Ulf André Bertheau said: "Luther's Hamburg office has around 35 lawyers. With such a strong team behind us we can now provide our clients with one-stop advice in all practice areas and, at the same time, I can apply my specialist knowledge to Luther's existing projects. The combination of Luther's excellent corporate expertise and funds know-how and our maritime law experience is especially beneficial for both sides." Ulf André Bertheau specialises in advising on the acquisition of existing ships and the construction of new

ships as well as the financial aspects involved. He also advises shipping companies and investment companies in the maritime industry.

After studying law in Freiburg and Munich, Ulf André Bertheau worked at the courts in Bremen, for the Seamen's Accident Prevention and Insurance Association (*See-BG*) and the German Shipowners' Association (*Verband Deutscher Reeder*) in Hamburg, amongst other things. He was admitted to the German Bar in 1988. From 1988 onwards he worked as an in-house lawyer for the shipping company Egon Oldendorff. He then worked as a lawyer for the law firm Cyrus Makowski from 1995, initially in their Lübeck office and then from 2001 in their Hamburg office.

Ulf André Bertheau is a member of the German Association for International Maritime Law (*Verein für Internationales Seerecht*) and the German Maritime Arbitrator Association (Hamburg). He also sits on the advisory boards of numerous shipping companies and is a member of the Hamburg Bar Association, the German Bar Association and the Hamburg Association for Insurance Science (*Hamburger Verein für Versicherungswissenschaft*).

Juliane Nass, LL.M. (East Anglia), studied law in Marburg, Strasbourg and Norwich. She was admitted to the German Bar in 2006. Together with Ulf André Bertheau she will advise clients above all on commercial and maritime law as well as shipbuilding law and shipping finance.

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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 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.

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