

## Press Release

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### **Renowned lawyer Gabrielle H. Williamson joined Luther's Brussels and Dusseldorf offices**

**Brussels/Dusseldorf – The renowned antitrust, trade and environmental lawyer Gabrielle H. Williamson joined Luther's Brussels and Dusseldorf offices as a Partner on 1 July 2012, having previously worked for the German law firm Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek, where she was the Head of the Brussels office.**

Gabrielle H. Williamson brings a wealth of experience in environmental, health and safety law as well as in WTO, trade and antitrust law, both at German and at EU level. With regard to antitrust law, she specializes in European and German cartel proceedings, merger control, 'State aids and compliance. Gabrielle H. Williamson will support Luther by providing further advice in these practice areas. Dr Thomas Kapp, Head of Luther's antitrust law department, said: "in view of the dynamic growth of our antitrust law department, we are delighted that Ms Williamson is joining Luther's Brussels and Dusseldorf offices. Ms Williamson's established working relationships not only in Europe but also in the USA and Asia as well as her experience in antitrust law are an ideal complement to Dr Helmut Janssen's excellent team in the Brussels office."

Dr Stefan Kobes, Head of Luther's practice group "Environment, Planning, Regulatory" (EPR), is also delighted that Gabrielle H. Williamson has joined Luther:

“European law issues are becoming increasingly important when providing environmental and planning law advice. Expanding the Brussels office has therefore been one of the practice area’s strategic aims from the beginning. Having Ms Williamson on board will contribute considerably to the internationalization of our firm. Ms Williamson has over the years built up an excellent network in Brussels. She provides environmental and planning law advice to industrial companies and energy providers for whom it is essential to have a gateway to European institutions and, above all, to the European Commission. We would like our clients to benefit from this.”

**Gabrielle H. Williamson’s c.v.**

Gabrielle H. Williamson has been a lawyer for more than 30 years, the last 20 years of which she worked in Brussels and Dusseldorf. She became a Partner at Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek in 1997 working in the Brussels and Dusseldorf offices. Along with providing environmental, trade and antitrust law advice, she worked on transactions and privatizations in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and advised local governments on legislative processes.

Before moving back to Europe, Gabrielle H. Williamson worked for a commercial law firm in Washington, D.C. which specialized in antitrust, trade and tax law and was Assistant General Counsel of the US Chemical Manufacturers Association. She received der Juris Doctor Degree at the University of Virginia School of Law, USA, and also studied law at the University of Exeter, UK.

Gabrielle H. Williamson has been a leading member of the International Bar Association for more than 20 years (currently Vice-Chair of Public and Professional Interest Division and member of the Management Board). Furthermore, she has been an active member of the Advisory Board of BNA’s “Antitrust and Trade Regulation Reporter”.

Gabrielle H. Williamson is a member of the Bars of Brussels, Dusseldorf, England & Wales, Virginia, Washington, D. C. and the U.S. Supreme Court. She is fluent in German and English (both at mother tongue level) and French.

According to Chambers Europe 2012, where she is ranked in the category “Environment”, clients appreciate her “practical, reasonable and reliable advice. She

is a strong and dependable advocate on our behalf and has an excellent understanding of both our products and the industry.” She is also recommended by numerous other published “lawyer listings” in her three practice areas antitrust, environmental and trade law.

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