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Banking supervisory law expert Dr. Thomas Koch joins Luther

Cologne – As of 01 June 2013, Dr. Thomas Koch (36) is joining the Cologne office of Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH as a partner. Koch, an attorney and qualified banker, specializes in providing advice in banking law and in banking and financial services supervisory law. Prior to the move, Koch was with Baker & McKenzie. At Luther, he will join the Banking, Finance & Capital Markets team, which is growing rapidly.

"I am looking forward to providing advice on a sophisticated level at an excellent full-service firm, as part of a young and growing team," Koch says. From Luther's Cologne and Frankfurt offices, Koch will advise clients, primarily companies in the financial sector as well as those from outside industries, on all aspects of banking and financial services supervisory law, especially issues of product development that are relevant from the standpoint of banking supervision, and on restructuring and insolvency. Koch also specializes in issues of payment services law.

"We are very pleased to have brought Dr. Thomas Koch on board for our Banking Team," says Prof. Hans-Georg Hahn, Managing Partner at Luther. "We have made good progress in increasing our staff in this area in recent months. We are also thinking about adding further team members in the near future. In banking and financial services supervisory law in particular, the increasing density of regulation – both within and outside the finance sector – is having a noticeable impact in spurring demand for advice," Hahn points out. For example, companies that have only recently drawn regulators' attention, such as payment service providers, energy trading companies, and providers of alternative investment funds, are increasingly seeking out advice on supervisory law. Businesses in these sectors are also part of Koch's clientele.

Koch is the fourth new member to join the Luther banking team in the past seven months. Christoph Schauenburg, LL.M., Ulrich Klemm, and Dr. Stephan Bausch were the most recent additions before him.

Personal details

After completing a vocational training program as qualified banker, Dr. Thomas Koch went on to study law at the University of Bonn. He worked for Linklaters LLP in Frankfurt am Main starting in 2008. In 2011, he joined Baker McKenzie in Düsseldorf as a Senior Associate.

Brief Profile Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH

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