

## MANDAT

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### EXPANSION OF STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT PRACTICES AND OFFICES: GLEISS LUTZ APPOINTS FIVE PARTNERS AND SEVEN COUNSEL

Gleiss Lutz has appointed five partners and seven counsel as of 1 January 2019, thus strengthening the full service the law firm offers and the advice it provides on complex interdisciplinary topics. Dr. Rut Steinhauser (Employment, Berlin), Dr. Alexander Fritzsche (Competition/Antitrust, Frankfurt), Dr. Christian Hamann (Data Protection, Berlin), Dr. Tobias Harzenetter (Corporate, Munich) and Dr. Alexander Molle (IP/IT, Berlin) will become partners. Muriel Kaufmann (Stuttgart), Dr. Tobias Abend (Frankfurt, both Employment), Dr. Enno Burk (Healthcare, Berlin), Dr. Fabian Kutz (Corporate, Hamburg), Dr. Alexander Nagel (Restructurings), Marcel Pemsel (Trademarks) and Dr. Simon Wagner (Product Liability, all Stuttgart) have been appointed counsel.

#### *Further development of the full service Gleiss Lutz offers in digital transformation*

Gleiss Lutz as a whole, and the Berlin office in particular, is pressing forward as it positions itself to advise on digital transformation issues such as data protection and IT law. The law firm's respected IT practice will be strengthened by two new partners, data protection expert **Dr. Christian Hamann** and IT law specialist **Dr. Alexander Molle**; as counsel, **Dr. Enno Burk** will complement the practice's profile with his focus on digital projects in healthcare law. In employment too, Gleiss Lutz will expand its advice on Work 4.0 and employee data protection with **Dr. Rut Steinhauser** (Berlin) and **Muriel Kaufmann** (Stuttgart).

#### *Frankfurt: respected M&A, Competition/Antitrust, and Employment teams strengthened*

Major practices will be expanded at the Frankfurt office. New competition/antitrust partner **Dr. Alexander Fritzsche** has a strong focus on digital markets. In addition, two M&A partners who have worked in Stuttgart to date will in future split their time between Stuttgart and Frankfurt: **Dr. Christian Cascante** will be strengthening the private equity practice, **Dr. Michael Burian** the M&A team with regard to business in Asia. In employment, new counsel **Dr. Tobias Abend** will work where Gleiss Lutz's bank-related full service interfaces with banking regulatory advice.

#### *Additions to the Hamburg office team*

Gleiss Lutz will continue to strengthen the Hamburg office from within the law firm's own ranks. The plan involves corporate partner **Dr. Johannes Niewerth** moving to Hamburg, where he will focus on real estate with new counsel **Dr. Fabian Kutz**. In M&A and private equity, the Hamburg team has already been expanded in 2018 by Jan Philipp Mohr (Corporate/M&A) moving to the office.

#### *Further strengthening of key practices*

The Corporate/M&A practice group at the Munich office will include new partner **Dr. Tobias Harzenetter**. He is a proven expert on the insurance sector and the challenges it faces in the digital age. At the Stuttgart office, two new counsel will augment key practices, **Marcel Pemsel** in Trademarks and **Dr. Simon Wagner** in Product Liability. At the Düsseldorf office, **Dr. Alexander Nagel** has been appointed counsel in the area of restructuring.

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