Luther.

Press Release

1 September 2014

Luther strengthens real estate team in Dusseldorf with Dr Philipp Pröbsting

Dusseldorf – Dr Philipp Pröbsting (37) joined the Dusseldorf office of Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH as a partner on 1 September 2014. The lawyer specialises in real estate law as well as in construction law and architectural law. Prior to joining Luther, he worked for about six years for the law firm Kanzlei Kapellmann und Partner Rechtsanwälte mbB in Mönchengladbach, most recently as partner.

Dr Philipp Pröbsting: "I am looking forward to working in Luther's reputable real estate and construction law practice. Thanks to its comprehensive advisory approach and its broad national and international networking Luther offers me a wide synergy potential for the further development of my client business. Moreover, the expansion of the real estate team in Dusseldorf is very exciting to me."

The focus of Dr Philipp Pröbsting's activity is the advice in architectural and engineering law as well as construction contract law and real estate law. The lawyer represents companies in court and arbitration proceedings. Furthermore, he advises on the drafting of contracts in construction projects. Another focus of his practice is counselling in questions of copyright and competition law including the drafting of contracts as well as legal disputes.

Achim Meier, who heads the Practice Area Real Estate at Luther, said: "We are delighted that with Dr Philipp Pröbsting we were able to attract an experienced and well-networked colleague who will perfectly complement our real estate law expertise at the Dusseldorf office with his wide range of professional knowledge. The real estate market in Dusseldorf has been very stable for many years and is, therefore, one of the most interesting locations in Germany for

investors such as real estate companies – and thus for Luther as well. Mr. Pröbsting's transfer stands for the continuous strategic development of Luther's entire real estate practice."

By this transfer Luther continues the strategic expansion progress of its Dusseldorf office. At the beginning of July 2014 the law firm strengthens the practice area Mergers & Acquisitions by a fiveperson team around Dr Eckart Petzold. Besides, in August 2014 Luther could appoint the M&A expert Dr Michael Krömker of Linklaters as a partner for its Dusseldorf location.

Personal details

Dr Philipp Pröbsting studied law in Münster and Paris (degree: maître en droit) and got a degree as certified specialist in construction law and architectural law in 2012. He was admitted to the German Bar in 2006 and joined Kapellmann und Partner Rechtsanwälte mbB in 2008.

Brief Profile Luther

Luther is a leading German commercial law firm that offers comprehensive legal and tax services. The full-service law firm employs over 350 lawyers and tax advisors and is represented at 11 German economic centres and at important investment locations and financial centres in Europe and Asia with international offices in Brussels, London, Luxembourg, Shanghai and Singapore. Our clients are 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.

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. Further information is available at: www.luther-lawfirm.com

Press contact

Katja Hilbig Press Officer Phone +49 221 9937 25070 Mobile +49 1520 16 25070 katja.hilbig@luther-lawfirm.com Daniel Reitz, LL.M. (Stellenbosch) Public Relations Manager Phone +49 221 9937 25098 Mobile +49 1520 16 25098 daniel.reitz@luther-lawfirm.com