

PRESS RELEASE

WINHELLER Celebrates 15 Years of Lawyering and Seven New Hires

Consulting additions in the areas of data protection law, non-profit law, U.S. law, tax law and compliance

Frankfurt/Main, 12.01.2021 - Just in time for the 15th anniversary of the firm, the team of consultants at WINHELLER has been expanded by seven new professionals: Attorney and tax advisor Christine Pauly complements the tax and corporate law teams. Attorney at Law Paul Bess advises on U.S. law. Attorney Patricia Jechel joins the IP/data protection team. Attorney and tax advisor Katharina von Campenhausen joins the non-profit team as an Of Counsel. Tax advisor Xenia Zaiser counsels international commercial clients. Together with the recently announced additions of Dr. Constantin Goette and Sandra Maurer (Compliance), the team of consultants has, thus, grown to 29 attorneys-at-law and seven tax advisors.

"This month we will celebrate our 15th anniversary as a law firm, and I look back with immense gratitude at what our team has accomplished together with our clients, business partners and friends over the past 15 years. It is incredibly motivating to be a part of this structure, which has grown organically over the years, and I am thrilled about every single colleague who joins us," explains Managing Director Stefan Winheller. WINHELLER Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH was founded by Atty. Stefan Winheller in 2006. With a staff of 80 employees, it is a business law firm offering legal and tax advice to non-profit organizations as well as business clients and wealthy private individuals from Germany and abroad. "I am particularly pleased that our agile law firm concept is so well received and that top consultants keep knocking on our door wanting to join us. Our strong service team will enable us to continue to grow steadily in the coming years. We still have a lot of work ahead of us," says Atty. Winheller.

As an attorney and tax advisor, **Christine Pauly** provides comprehensive advice in all areas of tax law as well as inheritance law and corporate law. She supports her clients with tax structuring issues and the structuring of companies, in particular those with links to English- and French-speaking countries. Another focus of Christine Pauly's consulting work is (corporate) succession planning. She came to WINHELLER from EY and previously spent several years at PwC.

U.S. attorney-at-law **Paul Bess** being a part of WINHELLER's U.S. desk advises companies based in Germany on U.S. law and international trade law, corporate law and commercial law. Prior to joining WINHELLER, he worked for the Nuremberg law firm NZP Nagy Legal and as a Judge-Advocate for international law, contract law, mediation law, administrative law, military law, and criminal law with the U.S. Army in Germany. Paul Bess was born in the San Francisco Bay Area (California).

Dr. Constantin Goette worked for the American law firms Shearman & Sterling and Gibson Dunn before joining WINHELLER, and he was most recently a partner at the multidisciplinary law firms Sonntag & Partner and Baker Tilly. In addition to his main areas of expertise in corporate governance, preventive advice on executive liability issues and Business Judgment Rule as well as compliance issues, he advises and represents private clients in avoiding and defending against liability claims.

Sandra Maurer holds a degree in business law and an LL.M. and also advises on corporate law (including due diligence audits), executive liability issues and compliance management systems. Furthermore, she focuses on building and implementing sophisticated compliance management structures. Sandra Maurer previously supported Constantin Goette's team at Baker Tilly in Munich; her previous stations include Weil Gotshal & Manges and Hogan Lovells.

Attorney **Patricia Jechel** starts as a young professional and advises medium-sized clients in the areas of intellectual property and data protection. Her main focus is consulting on trademark, copyright and competition law.

Katharina von Campenhausen, attorney and tax advisor, consults NPOs throughout Germany on all questions of non-profit law from her office in Berlin as an Of Counsel. Before teaming up with WINHELLER, she worked for the law firm Schomerus & Partner and for PwC. She was also a self-employed tax advisor for over 15 years in her own firm with a focus on non-profit organizations.

Tax advisor and certified business administrator **Xenia Zaiser** advises national and international business clients as well as wealthy private individuals on all tax and business management issues. One focus of her work is on complex issues in the areas of income tax and VAT as well as the implementation of BEPS requirements. Before coming to WINHELLER, Xenia Zaiser worked for Commerzbank AG and Fraport AG in Frankfurt am Main as well as for the auditing company KPMG AG in Berlin.

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