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Prominent Partners Joining RASCHKE VON KNOBELSDORFF HEISER

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The recognized corporate/M&A expert Dr. Dominik Ziegenhahn and the well-known tax and corporate law expert Prof. Dr. Christian Möller joined the well-established Hamburg law firm of RASCHKE VON KNOBELSDORFF HEISER (RKH) on 1 March of this year. Dr. Nico Torka had already been named a partner in the firm at the beginning of the year.

Ziegenhahn previously worked at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Brussels, Hamburg, Milan and Frankfurt/Main for seven years until 2009 and was a partner at GvW Graf von Westphalen until February 2015. He was the head of the M&A practice group as well as the firm's international relations committee. Ziegenhahn has many years of experience in advising on German and crossborder corporate transactions, especially mergers and acquisitions and setting up joint ventures. Transactions involving China, Russia, Italy and the United States are a main focus of his work. Ziegenhahn, who is frequently recommended in the fields of M&A, corporate and corporate governance, is considered by clients to be an "excellent and personally very convincing attorney". Ziegenhahn's associate, Dr. Jan Hermann, has also accompanied him to RKH.

Möller has worked in Hamburg since 2004 as a judge and as an attorney and tax advisor in commercial law firms, including also Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer as well as Latham & Watkins. He has been a professor for commercial law at the university in Hanover since 2012 and is mentioned in many publications as an expert on tax and corporate law. His practice and research focus primarily on corporate law and real estate tax law. He has joined RKH as a tax advisor and Of Counsel in order to work at the interface between corporate and tax law. Working on complex matters at RKH as a highly specialized corporate/M&A boutique and Möller's academic work at the university represent an ideal combination.

"We are very pleased that we have been able to newly occupy the partner positions that opened up in our practice areas of "M&A and Private Equity" as well as "Taxes in Transactions" with professionally extraordinarily competent and respected specialists in the person of Dr. Dominik Ziegenhahn and Prof. Dr. Christian Möller. "We know both of them from our time together at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and have always maintained a close friendship," said founding partner Dr. Kristian J. Heiser with regard to the new hires.

At the beginning of the year, Dr. Nico Torka was also promoted to partner. Torka has worked as an attorney at the firm since 2007. In the future, he will focus on further growing the firm's commercial practice.

"We are very pleased to have this reinforcement for our firm, and based on our structure and specialization, we will continue to be one of the primary firms for providing advice in complex tax and corporate matters," added Gilbert von Knobelsdorff, also a founding partner of the firm.

Background

RASCHKE VON KNOBELSDORFF HEISER is a partnership with around ten attorneys. The firm was established in the year 2005 as a spin-off from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and today is one of the leading corporate/M&A boutiques in Germany. We accordingly focus on high-end advice for German and foreign clients in complex issues of corporate law, corporate transactions and litigation. Our clients include well-known family companies, German and international industrial and commercial corporations, private equity firms, Hamburg football clubs as well as banks and other financial service providers. You can find more information about us in the internet at www.rrkh.de.

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