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### **Change in leadership: The Corporate/M&A practice group appoints Barbara Mayer as co-head alongside Hans-Josef Vogel; Christian von Wistinghausen to coordinate M&A at ADVANT level**

**Dusseldorf/Freiburg, 25 November 2022** - ADVANT Beiten's Corporate and Commercial/M&A practice group has a new co-head: Dr Barbara Mayer joins Prof. Dr Hans-Josef Vogel as co-head of the practice group of approximately 60 lawyers with immediate effect. Dr Mayer succeeds Dr Christian von Wistinghausen who will now focus on his new role as coordinator of ADVANT's international M&A practice.

Dr Barbara Mayer joined ADVANT Beiten in summer - together with a large team of renowned corporate/M&A experts led by Gerhard Manz and Dr Jan Barth - and opened the firm's new office in Freiburg, Germany.

At the most recent practice group meeting, the firm's corporate partners set the course for the future. After a successful year in 2022, Mayer and Vogel will deepen the cooperation across locations and practice groups, while Dr von Wistinghausen will push international cooperation and joint client acquisition at an ADVANT level.

"I've been impressed by what I've experienced at ADVANT Beiten over the last few months. Cooperation between colleagues, both nationally and internationally, is great. Everyone is highly motivated; it's a pleasure to become more involved and vigorously advance the practice group," explains Dr Mayer.

Prof. Vogel adds: "I'm looking forward to continuing the work with Barbara Mayer that I had the pleasure of starting with Christian von Wistinghausen. Thanks to her many years of experience as managing partner of another German law firm, Barbara brings new ideas and perspectives to the table. We are confident that we will make the practice group even more powerful and successful in 2023."

ADVANT brings together 110 professionals in a joint M&A Practice and 156 professionals in a joint Corporate & Commercial practice. On an international level, ADVANT practice groups operate jointly and are led by coordinators from the national practice groups in Germany, France and Italy.

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