

Dentons expands Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy practice with two additions in Germany

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Frankfurt —Global law firm Dentons has further strengthened its Frankfurt office with the recruitment of partner Petra Brenner and counsel Verena Etzel. Both will be part of the renowned Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy practice team, headed by Andreas Ziegenhagen. Furthermore they will work closely with the Banking and Capital Markets teams, led by Dr Arne Klüwer and Robert Michels, on capital structuring issues.

Dr Petra Brenner, who joined Dentons in April 2018, was previously with corporate finance advisory firm One Square, where she served as Managing Director of the Frankfurt office. She has tremendous experience in banking and finance related issues as well as in financial restructuring, inside and outside of insolvency. She has worked for leading international law firms, as well as for a large British bank and an international investment bank.

Verena Etzel will join at the beginning of May. She advises companies, creditors and investors on all German insolvency-related issues and on complex restructuring mandates, such as the financial restructuring of APCOA PARKING, BASLER fashion and Praktiker. She advises on distressed M&A transactions and has practical experience in structured finance, NPL-transactions and insolvency administration. At the moment, she is completing an executive MBA at the University of St. Gallen. She has vast experience in international law firms, having worked at Clifford Chance, Linklaters and, most recently, Willkie Farr & Gallagher.

Andreas Ziegenhagen, Germany Managing Partner and Head of the Europe and German Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy practice group, commented: “Petra Brenner and Verena Etzel will reinforce our insolvency advisory capabilities in Frankfurt, one of Europe’s largest financial centers.”

Robert Michels, Managing Partner of the Frankfurt office: “We are very happy to welcome Petra and Verena, whose experience in financial restructuring will interface well with our banking and capital markets offering.”

Dr Petra Brenner, said: “I very much look forward to the upcoming challenges at Dentons and to collaborating with my new colleagues.”

Verena Etzel said, “Dentons is a first class law firm for sophisticated and thorough restructuring and insolvency advisory. I look forward to working with such a renowned and widely skilled team.”

Including the two newcomers, Dentons’ Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy practice now includes more than 20 lawyers in Germany. Other recent additions to the team include partner Daniel Fritz, who also works in Frankfurt. The Frankfurt office has doubled its personnel in the last two years to more than 45 lawyers and professionals.

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