

Dentons further expands its Competition and Antitrust practice

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Berlin —Global law firm Dentons will expand its Competition and Antitrust practice with Counsel Dr René Grafunder starting on 1 June 2016. Dr. Grafunder joins from Linklaters, where he worked in Dusseldorf, Brussels and Beijing since 2008.

Grafunder advises clients in particular in the healthcare, postal and industrial sectors in antitrust, abuse and merger control proceedings before antitrust authorities and courts. He has represented clients in several proceedings before the European Commission, and he recently represented companies before the Federal Cartel Office in “sausage” antitrust proceedings and in two in-depth merger control investigations. Furthermore Grafunder is well versed in antitrust compliance and state aid law, having advised various banks in the context of the financial crisis.

Andreas Ziegenhagen, Managing Partner Germany commented, “Dentons continues to set its sights on growth in Germany. By strengthening our successful Competition and Antitrust practice with the hire of René Grafunder, we are responding to the growing demand of our clients.”

Dr Jörg Karenfort, Head of Dentons’ European and Co-Head of Dentons’ Global Competition and Antitrust Group added, “I am happy about the addition of René Grafunder, both personally and professionally. He will support us to meet the increasing workload in an excellent way, and we will capture further potentials.”

Dr René Grafunder commented, “Dentons offers an excellent platform in a renowned team with interesting mandates on both the European and German levels. Furthermore, I am looking forward to the Firm’s great international potential, not least in China.”

With the hire of Grafunder, the Competition and Antitrust practice in Germany will comprise nine lawyers. Since the beginning of this year, three new partners have joined Dentons in Berlin and Frankfurt, bringing the total of lawyers in the German team to more than 100.

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