

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Freiburg: ADVANT Beiten Opens Office with a Team of 16 Professionals from Friedrich Graf von Westphalen in the Southwest of Germany**

**Munich/Freiburg, 5 April 2022** – ADVANT Beiten is expected to open an office in Freiburg in the second half of 2022 and has won a team of 16 professionals for this purpose from Friedrich Graf von Westphalen.

Dr Barbara Mayer, awarded "Leading Consultant in Baden-Wuerttemberg" by the industry magazine JUVE, and Dr Jan Barth join ADVANT Beiten as Equity Partners. Gerhard Manz, also a "Leading Advisor in BadenWuerttemberg" comes as Of Counsel.

In total, the team setting up the Freiburg office consists of ten professionals of various seniority levels, the former Head of BD & Marketing of FGvW and Support Staff. The team has notable strength in the area of Corporate / M&A and is an excellent addition to ADVANT Beiten's existing practice group. In particular, their longstanding experience in cross-border transactions and in corporate law advice fit perfectly into the strategy of ADVANT.

In the medium term, the office is to be expanded into a full-service unit including labour law and IP.

"Our strength in Corporate / M&A represents a perfect strategic fit", explains Dr Barbara Mayer and adds: "On a national level, the Lake Constance region in particular offers considerable growth potential, which we would like to exploit together with ADVANT Beiten's Munich and Frankfurt offices. And we see a very interesting perspective in the joint expansion of the international ADVANT alliance."

Philipp Cotta, Managing Partner of ADVANT Beiten, comments: "Baden-Wuerttemberg has been part of our growth strategy for some time now. We are all the more pleased to have gained a team with excellent professional quality and outstanding reputation in Dr Barbara Mayer, Dr Jan Barth and Gerhard Manz. Thus, we are starting out with a leading market position in the highly attractive economic region in the southwest."

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