



Press release

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Sebastian Benz joins Seitz with tax law team from Linklaters

- Sebastian Benz joins Seitz as a partner from Linklaters on January 1, 2025 and strengthens the tax practice in Cologne
- Ines Marquardt and Haakon Richter from the Linklaters tax law team are also joining Seitz

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Benz, one of the most renowned lawyers in German and international tax law, joins Seitz as a partner. Following the transfer of several employment law teams, the expansion of the corporate law department and the opening of five offices, Seitz is continuing its long-standing success story and further expanding its excellent market position as a commercial law firm.

Sebastian Benz, together with associates Ines Marquardt and Dr. Haakon Richter will join forces with long-standing partners Nils Kröber, Dr. Julian Peters and Christoph Frey on January 1, 2025 further strengthening the tax law team of around 20 people. Benz is a proven expert in group tax law and in providing tax advice on corporate acquisitions and restructurings, often with an international dimension.

Sebastian Benz has been a partner at Linklaters since 2001 and was head of the German tax practice for over seven years. He is responsible for the Knowledge & Learning division of Linklaters Europe and also teaches corporate tax law and international tax law as an honorary professor at the University of Münster. Benz heads the state commission for budget, taxes and finance of the Economic Council of the CDU in North Rhine-Westphalia and is also a member of various associations and working groups for tax law and tax advice. For years, JUVE Steuermarkt has described Sebastian Benz as a "leading name" in group tax law and transaction tax law. Chambers Europe lists him as a "Ranked Individual" in Germany.

Nils Kröber, responsible for tax law, criminal tax law and tax advice at Seitz: "Sebastian Benz has been one of the highest ranked lawyers in tax law for years. The fact that he is moving from Linklaters to Seitz confirms that we are on the right path as one of the leading commercial law firms to further expand our traditional tax practice area and lead it to the top of the market in Germany."

"After almost thirty successful years at Linklaters, I am delighted to now be part of the renowned Seitz team. Seitz's success story is impressive, and the quality standards and corporate culture have convinced me. I am very much looking forward to working with Nils Kröber, Stefan Seitz and their numerous renowned partners and their teams in Cologne, Munich, Frankfurt, Düsseldorf and soon Berlin," adds Prof. Dr. Sebastian Benz.

Seitz has already attracted particular attention this year with the move of Gleiss Lutz partner Dr. Jens Günther and his employment law team, the establishment of the corporate law practice in Munich, the recently announced opening of an office in Berlin as well as numerous top mandates and industry awards.

About Seitz

Seitz is one of the leading German commercial law firms and is one of the market leaders in labor and employment law in Germany. At its future five offices in Cologne, Munich, Frankfurt am Main, Düsseldorf and Berlin, Seitz advises international groups, DAX companies, family businesses, medium-sized companies as well as top athletes and well-known personalities from politics, business and society with over 130 lawyers in the areas of employment law, corporate law, tax and seitz.digital.

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