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Seeing corporate law firms as commercial enterprises, SMP establishes a top level of business management and appoints former CEO of Bucerius Law School as the firm's CEO

Berlin – As of 1 April 2019, Hariolf Wenzler will join Schnittker Möllmann Partners (SMP) as the firm's CEO. Before joining SMP he was with Baker McKenzie where he oversaw the firm's EMEA business development. Previous positions include ten years as CEO of the Hamburg-based Bucerius Law School; he continues to be a member of the Executive Faculty of the school's Center on the Legal Profession (CLP). In addition, Hariolf served as founding president of the European Legal Technology Association (ELTA) and is an initiator of ReInvent.Law, Europe's first legal innovation hub. As SMP's CEO, Hariolf will be responsible for the professionalization of the firm's internal processes; in addition, he will manage the firm's growth and open up new, related business fields for the firm, inter alia by investing in the field of legal tech.

Helder Schnittker and Peter Möllmann, the two founding partners of SMP, view "modern law firms as enterprises that require professional management and focused business development." "In Hariolf Wenzler, we have succeeded in gaining a CEO whose managerial track record and expertise in the field of Legal Technology & Innovation will enable SMP to grow beyond the provision of classic legal advice," says SMP Managing Partner Peter Möllmann. "We will invest in processes, products and technologies in our core fields of Tax, Funds and Transactions with a view to establishing SMP as a provider of high-end Managed Legal Services," Helder Schnittker concurs.

Hariolf Wenzler adds: „The market for legal services faces fundamental changes. This brings fantastic opportunities for those ready to move fast and to set their sights on new horizons. SMP has the right mindset, and its founding partners are committed to being a next-generation law firm. SMP's philosophy is to attract the finest lawyers who are keen to provide high-quality legal advice but do not want to be part of 'Big Law' and who, thanks to professional management, are able to deliver excellent results. I am very much looking forward to playing my part in all of that."

About Schnittker Möllmann Partners:

Schnittker Möllmann Partners is a boutique law firm for tax and business law which is active in three core fields: Tax, Funds and Transactions. The attorneys at Schnittker Möllmann Partners represent a broad client base, which ranges from emerging technology companies and family-run SMEs to large corporations as well as private equity and venture capital funds.

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