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Baumgartner Baumann welcomes Prof. Dr. Boris Paal as Of Counsel

Renowned AI, digital, and data law expert Prof. Dr. Boris Paal will join the Munich-based law firm BAUMGARTNER BAUMANN, which specializes in data and digital law, on June 1, 2025.

Boris Paal holds the Chair of Law and Regulation of the Digital Transformation at the Technical University of Munich (TUM). There, he researches the legal challenges and implications of digital transformation with a focus on the digital and data economy, competition and innovation, artificial intelligence, and data governance. With more than 25 years of experience in cutting-edge academic research, practical consulting, and work as a judge, mediator, and arbitrator, he is one of the leading international legal experts in digital and data law.

Boris Paal will be bringing his experience and expertise to BAUMGARTNER BAUMANN with immediate effect.

"Boris Paal is a great asset to our young law firm. He is one of the most renowned and technically brilliant data law experts with great charisma, which will also inspire our young colleagues. We can hardly wait to work with him and make his wealth of experience available to our clients. We are proud to have Prof. Paal on board," says BAUMGARTNER BAUMANN partner Dr. Ulrich Baumgartner.

"I am very much looking forward to working with BAUMGARTNER BAUMANN, both professionally and personally – a law firm that stands for the highest professional quality, innovative strength, and strategic foresight in digital and data law. At a time

when technological developments and legal options are becoming increasingly intertwined, this cooperation offers ideal conditions for jointly developing forward-looking solutions and exciting projects," says Boris Paal.

After studying in Tübingen, Konstanz, and Oxford, among other places, and completing his habilitation in Heidelberg, Boris Paal was initially appointed founding director of the Institute for Media and Information Law and full professor of civil law with a focus on information law, media law, and Internet law at the University of Freiburg. After turning down several offers, he accepted a professorship in civil law and information law, data and media law at the University of Leipzig before being appointed to a "beacon" professorship at TUM in October 2023. At the same time, Boris Paal served for several years as a judge at the Hamburg Regional Court (Chamber for Copyright and IT Law) and works as a certified business mediator, mediator, and arbitrator. His research and teaching have taken him to numerous universities of excellence, including New York (Columbia, Fordham, NYU), Oxford (UK), Beijing (CUPL, Tsinghua), Seoul (SNU), Shanghai (ECUPL, Jiao Tong), and Yale.

About BAUMGARTNER BAUMANN

BAUMGARTNER BAUMANN is a law firm specializing in high-end consulting in data and digital law. Dr. Ulrich Baumgartner and Dr. Johannes Baumann founded the firm in 2021. Both have decades of experience as partners in major international law firms. The firm focuses on data law, IT contracts, AI regulation, IT security law, and technology transactions. The firm and its partners are recommended nationally and internationally by JUVE, Best Lawyers, Legal500, Handelsblatt, and Chambers.