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ESCHE continues to grow: Three new partners and two associate partners as of 1 January 2026

At the turn of the year, Esche Schümann Commichau is expanding its partnership and appointing Marc Heinrich, Stefan Gatz and Florian Ludwig as new partners. Marie-Louis Schott and Elena Esche are also being appointed as associate partners.

"By expanding our circle of partners, we are sending a clear signal about the sustainable development of our firm. The appointments and promotions reflect outstanding professional achievements, entrepreneurial commitment and a strong connection to ESCHE. We offer our warmest congratulations and look forward to shaping our future development together," said Dr Andreas von Criegern and Dr Philipp Engelhoven, the firm's managing partners.

Appointment of three new partners

Marc Heinrich is an attorney at law, certified specialist for insolvency and restructuring law and insolvency administrator. He is appointed as an insolvency administrator by several courts in northern Germany.

Stefan Gatz is an attorney at law and certified specialist in labour law. Stefan Gatz advises companies comprehensively on all labour law issues – including in the context of transactions – as well as on internal investigations, the design of whistleblower systems and HR compliance.

Florian Ludwig is a certified auditor, tax advisor and sustainability auditor (IDW). Florian Ludwig has extensive experience in annual and consolidated financial statements as well as ESG reporting. He advises on compliance, risk management and internal control systems.

Appointment of two new associated partners

Marie-Louis Schott is a tax advisor and specialist advisor for international tax law. Marie-Louis Schott specialises in tax advice for corporations and advises in particular on international transactions as well as M&A and restructuring processes. She provides expert support to companies on complex tax issues.

Elena Esche is a tax advisor and specialist advisor for international tax law. Ms Esche advises medium-sized family businesses, shareholders and high net worth individuals on tax issues. She supports them with ongoing tax advice, restructuring and the planning and implementation of complex succession and inheritance tax concepts.

ESCHE warmly congratulates the new partners and the newly appointed associated partners and wishes them every success in their new areas of responsibility.

Esche Schümann Commichau
With 106 experienced experts in law, tax and auditing and around 170 other specialists, Esche Schümann Commichau is one of Germany's leading multidisciplinary law firms. ESCHE stands for practical and excellent advice, an entrepreneurial approach, and solutions that ensure long-term

economic success. The firm focuses on advising large corporations, medium-sized companies with a national or international presence, shareholders, and wealthy private individuals. In particular, ESCHE supports the latter in the areas of asset succession and tax law.

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