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ZENK drives its Berlin Office growth with a new M&A/Corporate hire

Christopher J. Wright, J.D. LL.M. joins ZENK and strengthens the firm's M&A and Corporate capabilities. The strategic growth of the firm's Berlin Office continues apace with this important lateral hire.

"We are delighted to have recruited experienced transactions lawyer Christopher J. Wright for our Berlin Office. Christopher will enhance our Berlin focus on M&A transactions and corporate law with his expertise in complex cross-border transactions," says Jan Birkefeld, ZENK Partner and head of ZENK's Corporate/M&A Practice Group in Berlin. "Christopher's hire is a logical continuation of our strategy to add greater depth and strength to our Berlin Office, primarily in our transactional practice for the German Mittelstand. At the same time, Christopher highlights our ambition to serve as an attractive partner for foreign businesses who regard Germany as a key growth market."

Christopher J. Wright, J.D. LL.M. is admitted as a Canadian Barrister & Solicitor (Ontario) and commenced his professional career at an international law firm in Toronto. From 2007 to 2023 he advised domestic and foreign clients on M&A and corporate law matters with the Berlin office of a major independent German law firm. He frequently serves as the first point of contact for well-known domestic and foreign clients in connection with their affairs in Germany, from strategic acquisitions to multi-jurisdictional reorganizations and investments. His clients include multinational corporate groups and innovative Berlin-based businesses that consider Germany as the basis for further expansion.

Jan Birkefeld continues: *"Christopher's contacts in the German market and at many foreign independent law firms will support us to more comprehensively serve our core clients in the German Mittelstand sectors on their EU-wide and North America-related projects."* Christopher himself notes: *"The colleagues at ZENK have built an enduring and forward-looking firm with remarkably high-quality standards which is aimed at providing pragmatic, service-oriented advice. I am very excited to join the dynamic and engaged colleagues here in Berlin and in Hamburg and to offer an additional internationally-oriented perspective. Above all, businesses*

based elsewhere will find at ZENK ambitious but down to earth full-service partners who are extremely well connected on the ground."

With Christopher's hire ZENK's Berlin Office now has 4 partners in the Corporate/M&A area. ZENK is aiming at further growth in this area to meet the significant needs of its German and EU-based clients. ZENK Berlin expanded recently in [November 2022](#) with prominent hire Irene Schmid, LL.M. (Cambridge).

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