

Littler Opens Fifth Office in Germany With Frankfurt Location

Vangard, a part of **Littler's** global platform, has opened a new office in Frankfurt, its fifth location in Germany. The new office will be headed by partners Christoph Crisolli and Peter Hoppenstaedt, who will be joined by partner Dr. Frank Zaumseil and associates Dr. Antje Peterhänsel, Dr. Stefanie Reiche, Ulrike Schulke, and Stephanie Koch.

"We're continuing to expand globally to address the evolving business and legal needs of our clients," Tom Bender and Jeremy Roth, co-managing directors of Littler, said in a joint statement. "Frankfurt is one of the key economic centers in Europe and having an office in this city further strengthens our presence throughout Germany. Led by Christoph and Peter, this outstanding group broadens our ability to provide local companies with comprehensive services covering the full range of workplace issues."

Christoph Crisolli, who has led the Frankfurt office of Kliemt.Arbeitsrecht since 2005, specializes in restructuring, with an additional focus on international employment law. His recent work includes the merger of Dell and EMC, the relocation of the European supply chain of Olympus to Poland, and the reorganization of the works council structure at Western Union.

Peter Hoppenstaedt serves domestic and international clients with an emphasis on industrial codetermination matters. He also has extensive experience in the hotel industry and most recently guided the integration of Starwood in the Marriott Group.

"We are thrilled to be establishing vangard's fifth office. It

is an exciting opportunity that will offer tremendous perspectives for our younger colleagues, too," said Crisolli. "Our long-time clients place great value on close, personal service and comprehensive advice in employment matters, and with vangard they find continuity at the highest level at home and around the world through Littler an international legal practice comprised of reputable firms spanning three continents to create a single source solution provider."

"This top-notch addition complements vangard tremendously. We are very much looking forward to collaborating with our new colleagues, whose experience in the Frankfurt market represents a significant value-add for us and our clients," said vangard founding partner Dr. Frauke Biester-Junker.

Thomas Griebbe, a founding partner with vangard added, "The addition of the Frankfurt office strongly positions us in Germany's major economic centers and we are excited to have these seven attorneys part of our team as we continue to grow our presence and respond to the needs of our national and multinational clients."

With the opening of the new office in Frankfurt, which is considered one of Europe's most important and vibrant financial hubs, vangard and Littler continue to rigorously pursue their strategy, and the practice is strengthening both its national and international client service capabilities through this latest addition. vangard also serves clients through its offices in Hamburg, Berlin, Düsseldorf and Munich, and with this latest expansion will grow to 50 employment law experts across Germany.