

PRESS RELEASE

PONTES hires new Equity Partner and strengthens its reputation in wealth structuring and business succession

Continuing its expansion strategy, PONTES is hiring two expert lawyers from Taylor Wessing with effect from **1 September 2026**: Dr Cornelia Maetschke-Biersack will join the firm as an equity partner, accompanied by fellow lawyer Hannah Berger.

- **Dr. Cornelia Maetschke-Biersack** is a specialist lawyer in family law and a mediator. She is recognised in the market for her outstanding expertise in negotiating and drafting marriage agreements both with entrepreneurial and cross-border elements. Her clients include members of the most successful entrepreneurial families in Germany as well as other well known and prominent individuals.

She also advises high-net-worth individuals on all aspects of wealth structuring and (business) succession, both by way of lifetime gifts made in anticipation of succession as well as estate planning, in particular testamentary dispositions. Again, her focus is on matters with an international dimension. Dr Cornelia Maetschke-Biersack is regularly recognised and recommended as a leading lawyer in family law and private client matters in national and international rankings.

With her arrival, PONTES is increasing the number of its equity partners to five.

- **Hannah Berger** will further strengthen the firm's legal team. She also advises on wealth structuring and business succession, particularly for business families and high-net-worth individuals. Her practice includes the drafting of wills and other testamentary dispositions, as well as structuring lifetime transfers of assets. She also represents clients in estate disputes as well as estate administration and settlement matters. In addition, she advises on issues at the interface between family and corporate law.

“We are delighted to have attracted two exceptionally talented and highly experienced colleagues to our firm in Dr Cornelia Maetschke-Biersack and Hannah Berger. Their arrival strengthens our advisory offering in family and succession law and perfectly complements our well-established specialisation in tax-efficient wealth structuring for high-net-worth individuals. On a personal level, both colleagues are also an excellent fit for our firm and our pragmatic, highly specialised advisory approach,” explain the partners of PONTES.

With the addition of Dr Cornelia Maetschke-Biersack and Hannah Berger, PONTES is continuing its strategic expansion. The firm is thereby strengthening its advisory capabilities and reaffirming its ambition to support clients as a **private client boutique** at the highest professional level, providing interdisciplinary advice on tax and civil law matters with a personal approach.

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Über PONTES tax & law

The firm has now seven partners, including five equity partners, twelve advisors and seven additional employees across its offices in Düsseldorf, Frankfurt am Main and Munich. The firm’s name, **Pontes**—Latin for “bridges”—stands for the connection between tax and legal advice, as well as the transfer of professional excellence from large commercial law firms to a privately managed boutique law firm. Its range of services extends from tax compliance advice, including tax audits and appeal proceedings, to project-related advisory work, particularly in the areas of (business) succession and wealth structuring.

Further information is available at pontes-partner.com.

Attached photos:



The PONTES Partner Quintet, featuring Gabriele Müller, Pawel Blusz, Dr. Claudia Klümpen-Neusel, Dr. Cornelia Maetschke-Biersack, and Christoph Hübner (from left to right)



Dr. Cornelia Maetschke-Biersack



Lawyer Hannah Berger