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### **Next high-profile partner hire at bpv Huegel: Sabine Fehringer and team strengthen the IP/IT, Data Protection and Digitalisation practice group**

*Sabine Fehringer brings decades of experience in IP/IT, technology transfer, research & development, life sciences, unfair competition law, as well as telecommunications and e-commerce law. With her arrival, the IP/IT/Data Protection practice group further consolidates its strong market position. bpv Huegel continues on its strong growth trajectory.*

**05 March 2026.** As of March 2026, Sabine Fehringer joins bpv Huegel as a partner in the firm's IP/IT, Data Protection and Digitalisation practice group. She joins the firm together with her established team, further expanding the practice. Stefan Panic joins as Counsel and Elisabeth Bernegger as Associate.

With Sabine Fehringer, the firm gains a highly regarded specialist with extensive transactional experience and an outstanding international profile, joining from DLA Piper. Her clients include numerous industrial and commercial companies as well as research institutions and universities. Stefan Panic is a recognised expert with extensive experience in strategically significant IT, technology transfer, data protection, telecommunications, digitalisation, AI and cybersecurity projects, advising clients across industries on complex matters.

With the addition of Sabine Fehringer and her team, bpv Huegel strengthens a key advisory area that is becoming increasingly strategic due to market-changing developments in new technologies, artificial intelligence and digitalisation, growing regulatory requirements, new IT compliance obligations and cyber risks, particularly in connection with the implementation of IT projects.

Sonja Dürager, Head of the practice group at bpv Huegel, commented: "Sabine brings tremendous experience, an international outlook and extensive transactional and project expertise. She is both a professional and strategic asset to our team. We very much look forward to working together."

Sabine Fehringer added: "bpv Huegel combines outstanding quality standards with exceptional personal commitment. These values, together with the team's strong focus on IT and technology projects and the firm's particular transactional strength in the TMT sector, provide the ideal environment to deliver excellent advice to my clients."

Sabine Fehringer is also a sworn translator for the English language. She has an extensive international academic background (Mag. iur., University of Vienna; Mag. rer. soc. oec., Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration; Master of Laws, London School of Economics and Business Administration). She has been admitted to the Austrian Bar since 1996 and is the author of numerous professional publications.

Prior to joining bpv Huegel, she worked at several leading international law firms, most recently for nearly 16 years as a partner and head of the Intellectual Property & Technology practice at DLA Piper in Vienna.

### **About bpv Huegel**

As one of Austria's leading law firms, bpv Huegel advises national and international clients in all sectors. It is regarded as the first address for highly complex mandates, the handling of which requires specialised tax and legal knowledge, many years of experience and economic understanding.

With its Brussels office, bpv Huegel has a competence centre for EU law, European merger and antitrust law as well as regulatory and public procurement law located directly at the European institutions. bpv Huegel is a member of the "bpv LEGAL" alliance with offices in Bratislava, Bucharest, Budapest and Prague and thus offers tailor-made solutions throughout CEE. In addition, the firm has long-standing cooperation agreements with leading international law firms worldwide. The full-service law firm was founded in 1979 and is represented in Austria by offices in Vienna, Baden and Salzburg, where it employs around 100 staff, including around 50 lawyers.

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