

Press Release

Bottermann Khorrami wins lawyer Sigrid Guardia and further expands the Legal Asset Management division

- Expert for commercial tenancy law joins the law firm Bottermann Khorrami on 1 July
- Increased need for advice in legal asset management due to COVID 19 pandemic

Berlin, 6 July 2020 - The Berlin law firm Bottermann Khorrami (BK Law) has won Sigrid Guardia as a new lawyer for the firm. The 43-year-old lawyer specialises in commercial tenancy laws, her focus of interest is on legal asset management. Sigrid Guardia has been working as a lawyer since 2004. As an expert in commercial tenancy laws, she has provided legal advice and support to international retail chains during their expansion in Germany. Before joining BK Law, Guardia was most recently employed as in-house counsel for a real estate investment and development company for commercial and retail properties operating throughout Germany.

"We are delighted that Sigrid Guardia, a proven expert in commercial tenancy laws, will join our law firm. With her extensive professional experience in advising international retail chains, she will perfectly complement our multilingual team", explains Esfandiar Khorrami, lawyer and partner at Bottermann Khorrami.

Uwe Bottermann, lawyer and partner at Bottermann Khorrami, adds: "In the current COVID 19 pandemic we have observed highly increased demand for advice in legal asset management. We are therefore particularly pleased that Sigrid Guardia, as a specialist in commercial tenancy laws, has joined us, especially in the current phase".

Bottermann continues: "Many commercial tenants are experiencing existential problems meeting their rental payment obligations due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The need for advice is correspondingly high, especially for asset managers with a large proportion of retail, hotel and restaurant properties in their portfolio. In addition, the COVID 19 laws have created a high degree of legal uncertainty. And the legal possibility of rent deferral alone does not help either the tenants or the landlords".

Sigrid Guardia is looking forward to the new challenge at BK Law and explains: "In consulting practice, we see time and again that, with regard to COVID 19-related effects, it is a question of an appropriate distribution of burdens between the tenant's and landlord's sides, and it is a question of finding in a cooperative manner suitable solutions that both sides can bear well. So-called COVID 19 supplements range from partial remissions of rents, which may be temporarily limited, to the optimisation of contractual agreements". Prior to her previous

positions as a lawyer, in-house lawyer and legal advisor, Sigrid Guardia studied law in Bonn, Strasbourg, and Berlin (Humboldt University).

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Bottermann Khorrami is a law firm of lawyers, notaries and tax consultants based in Berlin. The company employs around 35 people. The firm's clients include private individuals and medium-sized companies – but above all investors, project developers and investment companies. In addition to advising German market participants, the firm specialises in representing foreign investors and companies with projects in Germany. The lawyers, tax consultants and notaries at Bottermann Khorrami work multilingually and are familiar with intercultural backgrounds.