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### **JUVE Awards 2014: CMS Hasche Sigle named Law Firm of the Year for Banking and Finance**

Berlin – CMS Hasche Sigle has been named "Law Firm of the Year for Banking and Finance" by JUVE, the industry magazine for commercial lawyers. Representatives of the firm were presented with the coveted award at a gala ceremony held in Frankfurt am Main. The prize winners are chosen on the basis of extensive editorial research carried out for the annual JUVE Handbook, among other criteria.

"We are delighted to receive this award. This year has seen us launch a range of projects, such as new functions for the business areas and a key account programme, while also advising on interesting instructions from our long-standing SME clients and increasingly also from international corporations," said managing partner Dr Hubertus Kolster. "Positive client feedback and this award are further impressive testimony to the firm's capabilities."

One of the reasons cited by the JUVE jury for recognising CMS Hasche Sigle as Law Firm of the Year for Banking and Finance is that the firm has achieved a major leap forward in areas such as regulatory law and advising investment funds. The legal support it provided for the establishment of a bank by engineering company Trumpf attracted the attention of the entire industry, for example. In selecting CMS Hasche Sigle, the jury also highlighted its successful work for foreign banks in M&A deals and when setting up branch offices. In addition to the long-standing success of the capital markets practice, the firm is now also making an impact in the field of bonds and structured finance, the jury added.

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Partner Dr Markus Pfaff, one of the two section heads for Banking & Finance at CMS Hasche Sigle, shares the assessment: "The past year was a particularly innovative and successful one for us. The jury has recognised our commitment to advising on even more demanding matters with a wider international reach and also the strategic strengthening of our team." Co-section head Dr Thomas de la Motte added: "We are delighted with this award for our Banking & Finance team. We see it as an incentive to continue providing our clients with the very highest level of advice going forward."

Since the JUVE awards were first introduced, CMS Hasche Sigle has received awards on 24 occasions, in addition to the latest award as Law Firm of the Year for M&A (2013), Law Firm of the Year Region West (2012), for Media, Succession, Assets and Trusts, and Region North (2011), Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and for Distribution (2010), Law Firm of the Year Region South (2008), Law Firm of the Year for Sport, Insurance, Procurement and Information Technology (2007), Law Firm of the Year for M&A, Media and Distribution (2006), Law Firm of the Year for Promotion of Young Lawyers and for Employment (2005), Law Firm of the Year for Energy, Employment and Dispute Resolution (2003), and Law Firm of the Year for Private Equity and Telecommunications plus Management Team of the Year (2002).

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