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Success for CMS Hasche Sigle: Dispute with Klitschko brothers ends in knock-out for Universum Federal Court of Justice upholds denial of leave to appeal

Hamburg – The long-running court case between boxing world champions Vitali and Wladimir Klitschko and Hamburg-based Universum Box-Promotion GmbH has finally come to an end, with the Federal Court of Justice (BGH) in Karlsruhe dismissing the promoter's appeal against denial of leave to appeal.

A team led by CMS Hasche Sigle partner Dr Sebastian Cording, who specialises in sports law, advised the Klitschko brothers on all aspects of the case right from the start.

The case before the Federal Court of Justice involved the admissibility of an appeal against the ruling of the Hamburg Higher Regional Court, which had rejected such an appeal "due to lack of an overriding interest". The legal dispute had been ongoing for more than four years and was triggered by the different views of the plaintiff and defendant regarding termination dates of contracts. Universum claimed that the expired contracts should be extended by the duration of alleged periods of inactivity. The Federal Court of Justice's decision means that the judgment of the Hamburg Higher Regional Court in favour of the Klitschko brothers is now final.

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