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Lovells partner quits for labour boutique



Legal Week Global reports

A senior employment partner has quit Lovells' German arm to join a local boutique run by former Clifford Chance (CC) lawyers.

The departing partner, Duesseldorf-based Markus **Bohnau**, this week joined Kliemt & Volstadt, the employment boutique was set up by CC partners Michael Kliemt and Oliver Vollstadt in April 2002.

Last year the niche firm opened an office in Berlin after hiring employment partner Elisabeth Mueller from Denton Wilde Sapte's former ally Heuking Kuhn Luer Wotjek.

In a statement **Bohnau** said: "The big firms are focussing more and more on M&A and a result the clients' employment law needs are being increasingly neglected."

And in a deliberate side-swipe at Lovells and its array of international offices he added: "A Beijing office is rarely much use for employment law proceedings in Germany."

The move reflects a wider exodus of lawyers in non-transactional areas like employment and public law that have left German law firms in recent years after their practices have been taken over by foreign practices.

Lovells notably has been moving to bolster the corporate profile of its German arm since the 2000 merger with top 10 national firm Boesebeck Droste.

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