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Professor Willi Erdmann appointed Chairman for arbitration proceedings

Herzogenaurach - The arbitrators appointed by adidas and the German Football Association (DFB) have chosen Prof. Dr. Willi Erdmann, a former Presiding Judge at the German Federal Court of Justice (Bundesgerichtshof) as Chairman for the arbitration proceedings relating to the extension of their equipment agreement.

Until July 2002, the 69-year-old honorary professor was Presiding Judge of the First Senate responsible for copyright law, publishing law, protection of industrial property law (in particular competition and trademark law), shipping, warehousing and freight law at the Federal Court of Justice in Karlsruhe. In addition to serving as a judge at the Federal Court of Justice for more than twenty years – as Presiding Judge of the Senate from 1996 to 2002 – he has distinguished himself through academic publications relating to copyright and trademark law. He is an honorary professor at the University of Osnabrück, where he teaches copyright, competition and trademark law.

Professor Erdmann completes the arbitration panel, which also includes the two university professors appointed by the parties, Harm Peter Westermann (69) of the University of Tübingen for the DFB and Peter W. Heermann (45) of the University of Bayreuth for adidas. Like his two assessors, Professor Erdmann has extensive experience in arbitration proceedings. Both parties have agreed to maintain confidentiality with respect to further details of the proceedings.

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