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Prof. Dr. Dres. h.c. Baums was appointed as member of the Regierungskommission Deutscher Corporate Governance Kodex in June 2009. He significantly contributed to the Commission in its present form as a chairman of the former German commission “Corporate Governance – Unternehmensführung – Unternehmenskontrolle – Modernisierung des Aktienrechts” in 2000 and 2001. Prof. Dr. Baums, Professor for civil law, commercial law and economic law, initiated in 1999 the Frankfurt Corporate Governance Commission. In 2005 the European Commission appointed Prof. Dr. Baums to its council for corporate governance and company law. Furthermore he received the Euro Corporate Governance Quality Award in 2005 from the German Minister of Justice.

After a university career in Münster and Osnabrück, and stays as visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley as well as visiting professor at the universities of Vienna, Stanford and Columbia (New York), Prof. Dr. Baums headed the department of banking law at the institute of labour, economic and civil law at the “Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität” in Frankfurt. He is both a founding and a board member of the Goethe-University’s Institute for Law and Finance.

Prof. Dr. Baums is the editor and co-editor of numerous journals and further scientific publications in Germany and abroad. His list of publications in company law, capital markets law and competition law amounts to over 150 titles. He has acted as an advisor in legal questions to various national and international public institutions (Federal German Government, Deutscher Bundestag, World bank OECD, EU Commission). In 2006 he has been awarded the “Verdienstkreuz 1. Klasse des Verdienstordens der Bundesrepublik Deutschland“ by the German Federal President.