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The first presentation at the 2005 German Lawyers Day in Dresden

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On the 2005 Lawyers Day in Dresden the initial release will be Family Law with its 13 volumes of approx. 8,000 pages. The other volumes will be offered online later.

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