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After continuing her academic career she joined MDR in 1991 as a consultant in the Legal Directorate and in 1993 was appointed deputy Legal Director. She took up her post as Legal Director in November 1996.

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In recognition of her outstanding services to cultural cooperation between Germany and France, Prof. Wille was made a «Chevalier de l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres» by the French Ministry of Culture. In January 2019, Prof. Wille took over as Chair of the International Press Institute's German National Committee.