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Practice Areas

banking law, stock exchange and financial market law, private international law

Languages

English, French, Luxembourgish, German

Areas of Specialization

- All legal and regulatory aspects relating to the distribution and placement of foreign collective investment schemes in Switzerland
- Authorisation of foreign collective investment schemes and securities dealers by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA, the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA), and the Securities and Commodities Authority in the United Arab Emirates
- Incorporation of Luxembourg collective investment schemes, commercial companies and securitization vehicles
- Representation of collective Investment schemes vis-à-vis the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF), Luxembourg
- Wealth management and estate planning, including the establishment of family offices, trusts and foundations
- Swiss and international tax law advice for individuals, family offices, trusts and foundations

Education

- 2007 Swiss Advanced Certificate in Trust Management - STEP, Geneva
- 1998 International Finance (LL.M) - Institut pour l'étude des relations internationales, Paris
- 1998 International Law (L.L.M) - University of Nice
- 1997 French Law (LL.B) - University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne
- 1995 English Law (LL.B) - King's College London



Professional Experience

Since 2022	Founding Partner at The Governance Law Firm, Geneva
Since 2019	Head of Legal and Compliance at Green Blue Invest (GBI) SA, Nyon
2019-2022	Partner at Spinedi, Street & Associés, Geneva
2009-2019	Partner at Bonnard Lawson, Geneva/Luxembourg/Dubai
2007-2009	Partner at Des Gouttes & Associés, Geneva
2004-2007	Senior Associate at Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva
1999-2003	Junior Associate at Bonn Steichen & Partners, Luxembourg

Membership

Geneva Bar Association
Swiss Bar Association
Luxembourg Bar Association
Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)

Selected Publications

- “The Importance of the ‘G’ - an Example from an ESG-Investing Foundation”, Philanthropy Impact Magazine, Issue 25 - Summer 2021 (co-authored with Delphine Bottge)
- “Convertible Vehicle - an Overview on the Limited Qualified Investor Fund, a New Investment Vehicle in Switzerland”, Step Journal, Issue 3/2021
- “Luxembourg: recent developments in anti-money-laundering and combat terrorist financing”, March 2020
- “Switzerland: new financial markets legislation”, February 2020
- “Le FIAR luxembourgeois, une opportunité pour les conseillers suisses”, Le Temps, 12 January 2020
- “DIFC: a new employment legislation”, December 2019
- “Switzerland: banking secrecy ‘not exportable’”, November 2019
- “Switzerland: existing and upcoming rules pertaining to family offices”, November 2019
- “Switzerland: regime on inducements”, October 2019
- “Luxembourg: the EU Prospectus Regulation and the new Prospectus Law”, September 2019
- “EU: Prospectus Regulation”, June 2019
- “United Arab Emirates: a nationwide passporting scheme for funds”, May 2019
- “Luxembourg/Hong Kong: Mutual Recognition of Funds”, February 2019
- Guide pratique de la commercialisation des placements collectifs en Suisse, Schulthess, Zurich, 2016 (co-authored with Vaik Müller)

