# Profile

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**Practice Areas**
Private Clients, Banking and Finance, Investment Funds, Corporate and M&A, Insolvency, Contract and Commercial

**Education and Professional Experience**

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| 1983 | University of Zurich (lic. iur.) |
| 1984 | College of Europe, Brügge (Diplôme des Hautes Etudes Européennes) |
| 1986 | Admission to Zurich Bar |
| 1987 | University of Zurich (Dr. iur.) |
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| 1989 | Joined Lenz & Staehelin |
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**Memberships**
International Bar Association (IBA, former Co-Chair of the Sub Committee on Banking Regulation), Secretary of the Swiss Society of International Law (SVIR)

**Publications (Selection)**
- Gaberthüel, T., Breitenstein, S., Heikler Bereinigungsprozess im Bankensektor, in: Finanz und Wirtschaft, 21 May 2014
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