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EXPERTISE

Dr. Astrid Waser is a partner and leading practitioner in our Competition & Regulated Market and Investigations groups and heads the ESG practice in Zurich. She specialises in regulated markets, particularly competition (antitrust) law, public procurement law, media and telecoms law, and environmental law. She also advises on regulatory, administrative and internal investigations, and has long-standing experience in compliance matters. Astrid advises in non-contentious cases and also represents clients before Swiss authorities and courts – particularly in investigations and infringement procedures of the Swiss Competition Commission as well as in merger filings and public procurement procedures. Astrid is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars and recognised by Global Competition Review as one of the worldwide Leading Women in Antitrust.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2023-24	Lecturer for competition law at University of Bern
2012	Partner, Lenz & Staehelin
2004	European Commission / DG Competition - Secondment in a leading Brussel's law firm
2002	Joined Lenz & Staehelin
2000-01	Research Associate, the Europa Institut at the University of Zurich
2002	University of Zurich (Dr. iur.)
1999	Swiss Bar Admission
1997	College of Europe (LL.M.)
1996	University of Lausanne (lic. iur.)
1995	University College Dublin

SPECIALIST AREAS

Competition / Antitrust Law, Compliance, Investigations, Public Law, Public Procurement Law, Technology, Media & Telecoms, Energy Law and Environmental Law

LANGUAGES

German, English, French, Italian, Spanish

MEMBERSHIPS

Board member of the Competition Law Commission of the Swiss Bar Association (SAV), Co-Chair of the Competition Law Section of the Zurich Bar Association (ZAV), Member of the Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht eV, Swiss Association for Competition Law (ASAS is a member of the International League of Competition Law - LIDC)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Waser A., Erni S., Foreign Investment Review 2025 - Switzerland, in: Lexology Panoramic, February 2025
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- Waser A., Grundrechte der Beteiligten im europäischen und schweizerischen Wettbewerbsverfahren, Doctoral Thesis, Zurich 2002, 341 et seqq.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Co-Head of the ZAV Competition Law Group
- Member of the Competition Law Committee of the Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Founding member of Working Moms Switzerland
- Board member of Women At Competition Switzerland.
- Member of Women Lawyers Switzerland.

REFERENCES

Astrid Waser is a leading lawyer with deep expertise in internal investigations, compliance and regulatory matters.

Who's Who Legal, 2024

Astrid is very pragmatic and to the point, and clearly understands very complex facts and contexts.

Who's Who Legal, 2024

Astrid Waser has built up an impressive foreign investment control practice thanks to her experience in competition and other areas of regulatory law.

Who's Who Legal, 2024

Astrid is always a pleasure to work with

Chambers & Partners, 2023

She is well known for her deep competition expertise

Who's Who Legal, 2022

Very experienced and customer-oriented.

Chambers & Partners, 2021

Astrid Waser is renowned for her excellent work handling complex large-scale merger filings, and is hailed by sources as very competent with a good standing in the market.

Who's Who Legal, 2021

She is brilliant.

The Legal 500, 2020