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EXPERTISE

Dr. Stefan Breitenstein has a broad private client, corporate, banking and finance practice and regularly advises on international and domestic transactions including financial regulatory matters. He was our firm's managing partner from 2015 to 2021.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2023	Senior Counsel, Lenz & Staehelin
1994	Partner, Lenz & Staehelin
1989	Joined Lenz & Staehelin
1988	Harvard Law School, USA (LL.M.)
1987	University of Zurich (Dr. iur.)
1986	Swiss Bar Admission
1984	College of Europe, Brügge (Diplôme des Hautes Etudes Européennes)
1983	University of Zurich (lic. iur.)

SPECIALIST AREAS

Private Clients, Banking and Finance, Investment Funds, Corporate and M&A, Insolvency, Commercial and Contracts

LANGUAGES

German, English, French

MEMBERSHIPS

International Bar Association (IBA, former Co-Chair of the Sub Committee on Banking Regulation), Swiss Society of International Law (SVIR, Secretary General from 1998 to 2022)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Barmes M., Vijverberg L., Breitenstein S., Greter A., Relevant changes for trustees in final ordinance of the Financial Institutions Act, Lenz & Staehelin Update Newsflash, November 2019
- du Pasquier S., Breitenstein S., Poskriakov F., Private Banking & Wealth Management 2020 - Switzerland (Contributing editors), in: Getting the Deal Through, October 2019, 74-84

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- Breitenstein S., Die Regulierung von Rohwarenhändlern, in: Unternehmen - Transaktion - Recht (Liber Amicorum for Rolf Watter), DIKE Zurich/St.Gallen 2008, 65-81
- Breitenstein S., Poskriakov F., International Acquisition Finance in Switzerland, in: International Acquisition Finance: Law and Practice, Oxford University Press 2006, 563-600
- Breitenstein S., Schleiffer P., Money Laundering Law in Switzerland, in: Butterworths Money Laundering Law, Issue 12/2004, 2601-2611
- Breitenstein S., Bank Confidentiality in Switzerland, in: Neate: Bank Confidentiality Third Edition, LexisNexis UK 2003, 588-614
- Breitenstein S., Internationales Insolvenzrecht der Schweiz und der Vereinigten Staaten, Schweizer Studien zum internationalen Recht, Volume 64, Zurich 1990

REFERENCES

Stefan has a strong background in banking law.

Who's Who Legal, 2024

He is a very good name in the market.

Who's Who Legal, 2024

He has extremely strong analytical skills.

Who's Who Legal, 2023

Stefan is a very experienced banking lawyer.

Who's Who Legal, 2023

Stefan Breitenstein enjoys a sterling reputation for his market-leading banking and finance practice, which encompasses a broad range of regulatory matters.

Who's Who Legal, 2022

Stefan Breitenstein is widely endorsed for his profound expertise advising domestic and international clients on a range of financial and wealth planning matters.

Who's Who Legal, 2022

Stefan Breitenstein is an esteemed finance regulatory specialist in the Swiss market, with over 30 years of experience in the field.

Who's Who Legal, 2021

Stefan Breitenstein is a first-class banking and finance specialist, with strong experience advising clients on international and domestic transactions.

Who's Who Legal, 2021

Stefan Breitenstein is highly sought after thanks to his sterling advice to clients across a range of issues including finance transactions and wealth structuring.

Who's Who Legal, 2021