



## Daniel Schafer

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### EXPERTISE

Daniel Schafer is a partner and certified tax expert with strong experience in civil, contract and commercial law. As Deputy Head Private Clients, Daniel principally advises on tax and legal questions in connection with private clients (UHNWIs and/or entrepreneurs), with a particular focus on estate & wealth planning as well as on real estate matters (transaction, structuring and acquisition). In this context he further practices domestic and international taxation in relation with corporate tax (including M&A, restructuring and relocation, and private equity) and Swiss VAT, often from the angle of the advice needed by the entrepreneurs and shareholders. In 2022, he was recognised in corporate tax by Who's Who Legal's Thought Leaders guide for Switzerland.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2024	Deputy Head Private Clients at Lenz & Staehelin
2008	Partner at Lenz & Staehelin
1999	Joined Lenz & Staehelin
2004	Certified Tax Expert
2001	Boston University (LL.M.)
1999	Admission to the Bar
1996	University of Hanover (M.L.E.)
1996	University of Fribourg (lic. iur.)

### SPECIALIST AREAS

Tax, Administration, Commercial and Contracts, Private Clients, Real Estate

### LANGUAGES

French, English, German

### MEMBERSHIPS

International Fiscal Association (IFA), Swiss Bar Association (SAV), Swiss Fiduciary Chamber, Ordre romand des experts fiscaux (OREF)

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Schafer D., National Report 2012 on Debt-Equity Conundrum, in: Cahier de



- droit fiscal international, IFA Boston Congress 2012
- Schafer D., Corporate taxation in Switzerland, in: IFLR China Outbound Investment Guide 2012
  - Schafer D., Peter ., Taxation of Trusts in Switzerland, in: Trust Quarterly Review, Volume 6, Issue 1, 2008, 21-23
  - Stahler O., Schafer D., Poskriakov F., Private Equity Fund Structures in Europe, an EVCA Tax and Legal Committee Paper, edited by SJ Berwin, January 2006
  - Schafer D., Can ., Swiss VAT system and its treatment of leasing as a supply of goods, in: International Tax Review - Indirect Taxes, n° 31, 4th edition, 2006, 47-51

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#### REFERENCES

Daniel Schafer is a superb tax lawyer and very client-minded.

*Chambers and Partners, 2024*

Daniel Schafer and his team are very efficient and very flexible to adapt to your needs. They are easygoing, always motivated and will provide you exactly with the assistance you are looking for, even if the situation is particularly tough. Very useful in negotiations with authorities and able to adapt to surprising situations. Any day of the week, I would recommend Daniel and his team.

*Legal 500, 2022*

Daniel Schafer is a very unique individual in the tax field. He's pragmatic, result-driven and he's not shy to try new things which is extremely valuable in this field.

*Legal 500, 2022*

Practical, pragmatic and very pleasant to work with.

*Chambers and Partners, 2021*

Very great, high-quality advice.

*Chambers and Partners, 2021*

He comes highly recommended for his depth of experience and market-leading work in the tax sector.

*Who's Who Legal, 2021*

Brilliant mind, optimistic, reliable, one could only hope all counsels would achieve his level of dedication to his clients.

*Legal 500, 2021*

He keeps things simple to understand and gives you the big picture so you understand the solution recommended.

*Legal 500, 2021*

A market-leading name who is recommended for his smart and sharp approach to cases.

*Who's Who Legal, 2020*