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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

Highly recommended for his stellar financial and regulatory advice
Who's Who Legal, 2020

He is a well-recognised practitioner in the Swiss market, known for his impressive handling of major banking transactions both in Switzerland and internationally.
Who's Who Legal, 2020

He has good overview of the market and can spot the weak points in arguments immediately.
Chambers, 2019

Impressive analytical skills
Chambers, 2018