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Recognitions

- Legal 500: Key Lawyer in Dispute Resolution: Litigation 2022; Key Lawyer in Regulatory, Compliance & Investigations since 2023

Languages

French, English, German

Selected Publications

- Défaut de vigilance en matière d'opérations financières et droit de communication (art. 305ter CP)
- Swiss Supreme Court confirms prohibition for Swiss banks to disclose the names of lawyers associated with the banks' U.S. clients to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Department of Justice (DoJ)
- Switzerland: Automatic Exchange Of Information: A Chance Or A Risk?

Charles Goumaz is a Partner in our Dispute Resolution Group in Geneva. Specializing in white-collar and cybercrime defense as well as commercial litigation, Charles provides legal and strategic representation to high-profile individuals, corporate clients, and financial institutions in a wide range of matters involving sensitive issues and multi-jurisdictional aspects.

His practice also includes crisis and reputation management, international mutual legal assistance and enforcement proceedings, asset tracing and recovery, as well as internal investigations.

Charles is a Certified Specialist SBA (Swiss Bar Association) in Criminal Law.

Expertise

- Dispute Resolution
- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- IT Security and Cybercrime
- Internal Corporate Investigations

Experience

- Defense of banks, financial intermediaries, commodities trading companies and senior executives in criminal and mutual legal assistance proceedings, involving inter alia fraud, mismanagement, bribery, money laundering, forgery and war crime allegations.
- Defense of senior executives and financial institutions in enforcement and administrative criminal proceedings.
- Representation of clients in complex shareholders disputes involving litigation proceedings and settlements negotiation.
- Defense of cybercrime victims, including data breach notification processes as well as asset tracing and recovery.

Career

2024	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2018	Senior Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
2015	Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
2013	Trainee Lawyer at Schellenberg Wittmer

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Education

2022	Certified Specialist SBA Criminal Law
2015	Bar Admission in Switzerland
2013	Certificate of Advanced Studies in Legal Professions, University of Geneva
2012	Master of Law, University of Fribourg and Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid
2011	Bachelor of Law, University of Fribourg

Additional Professional Activities

- Member of the Geneva Bar Association (Oda), of the Geneva Business Law Association (AGDA), of the Swiss Bar Association (SBA), of the International Bar Association (IBA) and of the Certified Specialist in Criminal Law Association (ARPEN).
- Author for the iusNet Criminal Law and Procedure module of Schulthess (<https://droit-penal-procedure-penale.iusnet.ch/>)