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Recognitions
- Chambers and Partners High Net Worth: Private Wealth Law since 2026
- The Legal 500: Key Lawyer in Private Client
- Lexology Index: Recommended in Private Client since 2025
- Private Client Global Elite List since 2024

Languages
French, English, German

Selected Publications
- Trusts in Switzerland: Legal, Tax & Regulatory Aspects
- The Rise of Arbitration in Private Wealth Disputes
- The intentionally defective grantor trust: a strategy for Swiss resident US persons engaging in US gift tax exemption planning
- The New Regulation of Professional Trustees in Switzerland
- Le trust en Suisse - Point de situation
- Johnny Hallyday's death exposes the stark differences between US and European inheritance principles

Guillaume Grisel is a Partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's Private Wealth group. He assists high net worth individuals and families, including entertainers, art collectors and philanthropists. Guillaume Grisel regularly advises banks, wealth managers, family offices and professional trustees in compliance and regulatory matters too. He is the author of the only comprehensive textbook on trust law in Switzerland (Le Trust en Suisse).

Expertise
- Private Wealth
- Art and Entertainment
- International Mobility & Investment Migration
- Banking & Finance
- ESG
- Taxation
- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- Blockchain-Technologies & FinTech
- Data
- Financial Services

Experience
- Estate and tax planning for high net worth individuals and families
- Trust law, taxation of trusts
- Regulation of financial institutions
- Anti-money laundering law
- Mutual assistance and automatic exchange of information in tax matters (CRS, FATCA)

Career

2023	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2014	Partner at a Swiss law firm
2010	Associate at a Swiss law firm
2006	Trainee Lawyer at a Swiss law firm
2002	Research and teaching assistant in commercial law, University of Lausanne

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Education

2010	Trust & Estate Practitioner (TEP)
2010	LL.M., University of Cambridge (UK)
2010	Dr. iur., University of Lausanne
2008	Bar Admission in Switzerland
2002	Lic. iur. Universities of Lausanne and Zurich

Additional Professional Activities

- Presiding Judge for the STEP Private Client Awards (2024 and 2025)
- Vice-Chairman of the Swiss & Liechtenstein STEP Federation
- Committee member and former Chairman, STEP Lausanne
- Former Chairman of the Lausanne Chapter of the British-Swiss Chamber of Commerce (BSCC)