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Recognitions

- Chambers and Partners Global/Europe: Litigation since 2022
- The Legal 500: Key Lawyer in Dispute Resolution: Litigation 2024, Key Lawyer in Banking & Finance Zurich since 2025, Key Lawyer in Regulatory, Compliance and Investigations since 2025; Key Lawyer in Insolvency and Corporate recovery since 2026
- Lexology Index: Thought Leader in Asset Recovery since 2021; Thought Leader in Commercial Litigation since 2025; Recommended in Business Crime Defence since 2024; Recommended in Investigations since 2024

Languages

German, English, French, Italian

Selected Publications

- Getting the "G" Right: Managing ESG Litigation Risk
- Schnittstellen zwischen Strafrecht (StGB/StPO) und SchKG
- Proposed amendments to Switzerland's anti-money laundering and sanctions framework
- ESG litigation in Switzerland – Risks and possible defence strategies

Matthias Gstoehl is a Partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's Dispute Resolution and White Collar Crime Groups in Zurich. He has extensive experience in complex domestic and multi-jurisdictional proceedings and internal investigations, with a particular focus on white-collar crime (including corruption, fraud and money laundering), asset recovery, insolvency, international mutual assistance, sanctions and ESG litigation. Drawing on his prior front-office experience in derivatives structuring and corporate treasury solutions at leading international investment banks in London and Zurich, he is especially active in contentious banking and finance matters, and regularly advises clients in sectors such as healthcare, natural resources, sports and trusts.

Matthias is recognised by Chambers and Partners, The Legal 500 and Lexology as a leading litigator and investigations specialist, and is described as "an extremely impressive" and "very responsive and diligent" lawyer. He serves as Vice-Chair of the IBA Anti-Corruption Committee and is a member of the Expert Group for Digitalization of the Swiss Bar Association.

Expertise

- Dispute Resolution
- Internal Corporate Investigations
- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Blockchain-Technologies & FinTech
- Financial Services
- Sports
- International Arbitration

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Experience

- Acted for a group of institutional investors representing an aggregate investment of USD 2.5bn in complex criminal and civil proceedings for the recovery of their losses in connection with a financial investment
- Conducting a compliance investigation for a listed Swiss multinational into all of the group's joint venture partners and consultants worldwide, with a focus on sanctions and bribery risks. Based on the results of the investigation, the group decided to exit 14 relationships. Advising the group on the exit and related criminal liability, sanctions and litigation risks
- Acting for the liquidators of a foreign bank in connection with a 500m EUR asset recovery claim
- Acting for a private equity fund in connection with criminal proceedings against the management of one of its holdings for suspected fraud
- Co-led a large-scale investigation into aggravated medical malpractice and fraud allegations for a leading healthcare provider

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Career

2024	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2017	Partner at a business law firm in Zurich
2012	Partner at a leading boutique law firm in Zurich
2006	Derivatives structuring / corporate treasury solutions (front office business role) at two leading international investment banks (London and Zurich)
2001	Associate at a business law firm
1998	Trainee Lawyer at a business law firm in Geneva

Education

2006	Master of Science in Finance, London Business School
2001	Bar Admission in Switzerland (ranked first)
1998	Master of Law, University of Geneva
1997	Exchange program, University of Vienna

Additional Professional Activities

- Senior Vice-Chair of the IBA Anti-Corruption Committee
- Member of the Expert Group for Digitization of the Swiss Bar Association