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## **Schellenberg Wittmer announces new Partner and Counsel / January 2021**

We are extremely proud to announce Grégoire Tribolet as Partner in our Banking & Finance practice, Giulia Marchettini as Counsel in our Dispute Resolution practice, and Katherine Bell as Counsel in our Dispute Resolution and Construction practices, as of 1 January 2021.

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**Grégoire Tribolet (Geneva)** is a member of the Swiss bar and the New York bar, and holds a Master of Laws from Columbia Law School. He specializes in banking and finance, advising banks, asset managers and other financial service providers on all types of legal and regulatory topics, including on organizational requirements, digitalization of financial services, outsourcing, cross-border activities, compliance with AML regulations, secrecy and confidentiality rules, duties of conduct, and corporate governance matters.

Grégoire has assisted clients in obtaining licenses and authorizations from the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) and is an expert in banking transactions, having advised Swiss and international banks on acquisitions and sales of private banking businesses in Switzerland, as well as regularly advising lenders on large-scale financing.

Grégoire is specialized in conducting internal corporate investigations, having assisted clients in some of the major regulatory investigations of recent years. He also advises Swiss and foreign financial institutions on fintech matters, including blockchain projects, as well as on data protection.

Before joining Schellenberg Wittmer as an associate in 2013, Grégoire was a legal consultant at an international auditing firm in Geneva. Prior to this, he gained experience at another business law firm. During his time at Schellenberg Wittmer, Grégoire completed a secondment with a leading European bank. Grégoire Tribolet is recognized by the Legal 500. He regularly speaks and publishes in his areas of expertise. His CV can be found [here](#).

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*I am very proud of being promoted in such a renowned firm and thank all the partners for their trust. I am grateful for the continued opportunity to further bolster our very dynamic and growing Banking & Finance practice and to support our clients in their most challenging and important projects*

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Grégoire Tribolet on joining the partnership.

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**Giulia Marchettini (Geneva)** is a member of the Swiss bar and holds an Executive Degree in Environmental Governance. She has represented clients and drafted legal opinions in complex and multi-jurisdictional litigation including enforcement of foreign decisions, freezing injunctions, contentious labor law matters, cross-border contractual disputes, disputes arising out of financial advisory work, joint ventures and partnerships. She also has strong expertise in international legal assistance in civil matters.

Prior to joining Schellenberg Wittmer as an associate in 2015, Giulia worked at another business law firm, representing clients in multi-jurisdictional litigation including labor law matters, family law disputes and white-collar crime.

With a strong interest in environmental causes, Giulia has prior experience working with non-governmental organizations, drafting policy papers and devising strategies for advocacy campaigns. Giulia is also a member of CIMBAR – the innovation and modernization commission of the Geneva Bar Association. Her CV can be found [here](#).

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*I am honored and proud to be able to contribute to the evolution and development of the firm by being part of the new generation of Counsel and taking a more active role within the firm*

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Giulia Marchettini on her promotion.

**Katherine Bell (Zurich)** is a member of the Swiss bar. Her practice focuses on the resolution of disputes arising out of complex construction, engineering and infrastructure projects across a variety of industries. She acts as counsel in ADR and arbitral proceedings and as arbitrator, represents parties in litigation proceedings before Swiss courts, and assists clients in negotiating and drafting construction contracts.

Katherine regularly publishes in her areas of expertise. She is a member of several professional organizations, including the Swiss Arbitration Association, the Arbitral Women Association, the ICC Young Arbitrators Forum and YConstruction.

Before joining Schellenberg Wittmer in 2014, Katherine was a contract manager for an international healthcare company. Katherine was also a legal intern at the High Prosecutor's Office of the Canton of Bern, after which she served as a law clerk at the District Court of Horgen, Zurich, where she was also chair of the conciliation authority for disputes concerning tenancies and leases.

Katherine Bell is recognized by Who's Who Legal as a Future Leader in the fields of construction and arbitration. Her CV can be found [here](#).

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*I am thrilled to take on this exciting new role within Schellenberg Wittmer's top-tier Dispute Resolution practice. I look forward to developing my practice on a more strategic level*

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Katherine Bell on becoming counsel.

On behalf of the partnership, Managing Partner **Philippe Bärtsch** states: *"It is a pleasure to announce our new partner and counsel. This was a clear development as three first-class and talented lawyers who stand out exceptionally amongst their peers."* Philippe Bärtsch further comments that these promotions *"are a very positive and strategic step in the continuing expansion of the firm's top-tier banking and finance, dispute resolution and construction practices."*

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## About Schellenberg Wittmer

Schellenberg Wittmer is your leading Swiss business law firm with more than 150 lawyers in Zurich and Geneva, and an office in Singapore. We take care of all your legal needs – transactions, advisory, disputes.

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