Practice Group

Internal Corporate Investigations

Schellenberg Wittmer

Schellenberg Wittmer's Internal Corporate Investigations Group features multilingual lawyers versed in both civil law and common law traditions. Our cross-divisional approach enables us to respond quickly and efficiently to the most resource-intensive demands.

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Expertise

Schellenberg Wittmer has extensive experience in the investigation of a broad range of legal and regulatory matters, including:

- Bribery and corruption
- Fraud and violation of tax laws
- Violation of banking and capital market rules
- Disclosure and accounting issues
- Competition and antitrust
- Executive misconduct

We also act regularly on behalf of regulators and other law enforcement authorities.

Strong teams in dispute resolution, white collar crime and antitrust form the foundation of our practice, which is supported by other practice areas such as corporate, banking and finance, capital markets and tax. A tailor-made team is assembled for each issue, comprising partners, associates and junior lawyers from the relevant practice areas.

Deals and Cases

- Counsel to two major Brazilian conglomerates Odebrecht and Braskem in AML proceedings opened by the Office of the Attorney General in Switzerland in the context of the multibillion-dollar Petrobras corruption scandal. This is a landmark case, one of the first and largest corporate criminal liability cases ever settled in Switzerland, reached in close coordination with resolutions in Brazil and the US
- Lead Swiss counsel to Credit Suisse in offshore tax evasion investigation launched by US authorities in 2011, and in the subsequent settlement reached between the bank and the US government
- Lead Swiss counsel to EFG Bank in its compliance under the US DOJ offshore voluntary disclosure programme for Swiss banks. Schellenberg Wittmer advised the client on the full spectrum of legal issues involved, including internal investigation and representation of EFG Bank before the US DOJ and in various related Swiss court proceedings

Recognitions

The group and leading practitioners are highly ranked among leading law firms in international directories and publications:

- GIR 100
- Chambers Europe in White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- Boutique/Regional Investigations Practice of the Year 2024 at GIR Awards
- Lexology Index Switzerland
- Expert Guide

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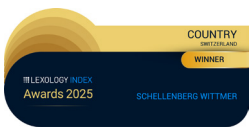

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