

## Media release

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### Three new partners at NKF: expansion of Dispute Resolution, White Collar Crime & Investigations and M&A practice areas

Niederer Kraft Frey is pleased to announce the appointment of three new partners from within its own ranks. On 1 January 2020, Lukas Beeler, Juerg Bloch and Moritz Maurer joined the partnership.

Lukas Beeler specialises in domestic and international litigation and arbitration proceedings, with a particular focus on international and cross border matters. He also represents clients in administrative and regulatory litigation, in particular enforcement and other regulatory proceedings initiated by FINMA, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, or other authorities. As a member of the Dispute Resolution team, Lukas will further strengthen and develop NKF's litigation and arbitration practice. Lukas joined NKF as an associate in 2013 after a clerkship at a district court and a dissertation at the University of Zurich. In 2015, Lukas received an LL.M. from Harvard University in the U.S. In 2015/16 he was seconded to the Washington DC office of a leading U.S. litigation firm.

Juerg Bloch's practice focuses on advising companies and individuals in corporate internal and regulatory investigations, white collar crime, enforcement and international legal assistance matters. In addition, his practice covers crisis management, corporate governance, trade sanctions and compliance matters. As a dual-qualified lawyer (CH/NY), much of Juerg's work is international and involves regular interaction with authorities in Switzerland and the United States. Juerg joined NKF in 2013. In 2018, he was seconded to the white collar practice of a leading U.S. firm in New York. Juerg will strengthen and develop the investigations and white collar crime practice as a member of the Dispute Resolution team.

Moritz Maurer focuses on mergers & acquisitions, in particular as buyer's advisor of privately held companies in various industries (especially retail). Other areas of work include venture capital and private equity transactions as well as general corporate law. Moritz joined NKF as senior associate in 2017. He is the president of the AIJA Corporate/M&A Commission as well as the Swiss representative of the IBA Young Lawyers Committee.

With the appointment of these three new partners, NKF recognises and commends their achievements. The appointments illustrate NKF's commitment and dedication to promoting talented, internationally-minded lawyers, offering them attractive career prospects and opening doors. The newly appointed partners will continue to drive forward NKF's strategic Dispute Resolution, White Collar Crime & Investigations and M&A practice areas with national and international reach and further broaden the services NKF offers its clients.

Philippe Weber, Managing Partner: "On behalf of the whole firm, we congratulate the newly appointed partners and welcome them to our partnership. They are outstanding lawyers and excellent colleagues. We all look forward to continuing to proactively shape the future of NKF with them."

With the appointment of the three new partners in January 2020, the number of partners at NKF increases to 36. Over the last decade, NKF's partnership has grown steadily. Since 2010, NKF has



appointed a total of 16 new partners from within its own ranks, as well as the two lateral hires, Clara-Ann Gordon (2016) and Till Spillmann (2018).

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