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Languages

German, English, French

## Expertise

Brigitte Knecht's work focuses on domestic and international commercial disputes. She regularly represents clients in state courts and arbitration proceedings. Furthermore, she renders legal advice in the areas of contract law, corporate law and employment law. Bankruptcy proceedings as well as matters of white-collar crime and international judicial assistance are also part of Brigitte Knecht's practice.

## Career

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| Since 2019 | Counsel, Niederer Kraft Frey            |
| 2012       | Senior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey   |
| 2006       | Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey          |
| 2002       | Clerk with the District Court of Zurich |

## Education

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| 2011 | University of California Los Angeles, School of Law, LL.M.   |
| 2011 | The Center for Understanding in Conflict / Center for Mediation in Law, Mill Valley (California), Mediation Intensive Training |
| 2011 | Center for Dispute Resolution, Santa Monica (California), Mediation and Conflict Resolution Training                           |
| 2005 | Admitted to the Bar (Rechtsanwältin)   |
| 2001 | University of Zurich, lic.iur. (magna cum laude)   |

## Experience

The following is a selection of recent cases in which Ms. Knecht acted as counsel:

- Counsel to an international bank in the context of the misappropriation of client funds by a customer relationship officer; representing the bank in criminal and civil proceedings against the CRO and clients
- Counsel to a defendant in a series of D&O claims brought by the liquidator in connection with the bankruptcy of one of the largest Swiss groups of companies
- Counsel to a Swiss bank with regard to employment law, including litigation and arbitration proceedings
- Counsel to a defendant in a complex international inheritance law dispute regarding account information from a Swiss bank
- Member of the Niederer Kraft Frey team representing a listed company in arbitration proceedings under the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration in an M&A related dispute
- Counsel to a Swiss bank faced with a lawsuit in Switzerland brought by an alleged heir of a client of the bank
- Counsel to a Swiss bank in a wealth management dispute involving criminal activities

## Publications

- Valerie Meyer Bahar, Daniel Eisele, Tamir Livschitz, Brigitte Knecht, The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guide: Switzerland: Litigation  
in: The Legal 500 Country Comparative, 2020
- Valerie Meyer Bahar, Daniel Eisele, Tamir Livschitz, Brigitte Knecht, Global Guide to Arbitration: Switzerland, in: The Legal 500 & The In-House Comparative Legal Guide, 2019
- Ernst Felix Schmid, Brigitte Knecht, Schiedsvereinbarung und provisorische Rechtsöffnung, in: SJZ 105 (2009) 537-544