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Languages

German, English, French

Expertise

Juerg Bloch's practice focuses on advising companies and individuals on corporate internal and regulatory investigations, white collar crime, crisis management, corporate governance, compliance and international civil and criminal judicial assistance matters. Much of Juerg's work is international and involves regular contact with regulators and prosecutors in Switzerland, Europe, and the United States. In addition, Juerg advises clients in domestic and international cross-border disputes.

Juerg has represented numerous financial institutions and major corporations as well as their senior management in large-scale cross-border investigations initiated by Swiss and U.S. authorities, including the U.S. Department of Justice, the New York Department of Financial Services and other regulators. He has conducted comprehensive reviews of corporate compliance programs and advised organisations on the implementation of best practice in regulatory compliance and whistleblower regulation.

Juerg is admitted to practice in Switzerland and is also a member of the New York State Bar. He holds a JD (lic.iur.) as well as a doctorate (Dr. iur.) from the University of Fribourg and a Corporate Law LL.M. from the New York University School of Law. In addition, Juerg is a Certified Fraud Examiner.

Juerg has been listed as "Most Highly Regarded" and "Future Leader" by Who's Who Legal Investigations – Future Leaders 2019 and 2020. In addition, Juerg has been recognised by the GIR in their "40 under 40" feature in 2020. Sources describe him as "a technically excellent lawyer with notable experience in external and internal investigations" as well as an "exceptionally bright, extremely hard-working attorney, who is always available and 100 per cent dedicated".

Career

2020	Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey
2017	Visiting Lawyer, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP
2016	Senior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
2013	Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
2011	Academic Career Research Fellow at New York University School of Law
2008	Associate with a major Business Law Firm in Zurich
2006	Clerk with the District Court of Uster
2004	Junior Associate with a Business Law Firm in Zurich

Education

2018	Association of Certified Fraud Examiners: Certified Fraud Examiner
2014	University of Fribourg (Dr. iur., magna cum laude)
2011	Admitted to the New York State Bar
2011	New York University School of Law, LL.M. in Corporate Law
2008	Admitted to all courts in Switzerland
2004	University of Fribourg (lic.iur. with additional degree in European Law)

Admission

Zurich (including all Swiss courts)

New York

Professional Memberships

Swiss Bar Association

Zurich Bar Association

New York City Bar Association

IBA International Bar Association

ACFE Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

Experience

The following is a selection of matters in which Juerg recently acted as counsel:

- A Swiss based medical company in an internal investigation relating to a CEO-Fraud scheme
- A global steel manufacturer in a cross-border investigation regarding global sanctions compliance (Iran) triggered by a whistleblower
- A leading global manufacturer in an internal investigation into allegations of harassment by a senior executive
- A global manufacturing company regarding bribery allegations in an entity in Asia
- Advising on sanction compliance (Iran)
- Several Swiss banks regarding MLAT requests by US authorities and requests for judicial assistance under the Hague convention in civil matters
- A Swiss bank regarding compliance to cooperate with foreign authorities under the Swiss blocking statutes and Swiss bank secrecy laws
- A Swiss company in criminal proceedings against their CFO
- A UK company in an ABAC due diligence and regarding questions on Swiss corporate criminal liability

- A major financial institution in a large internal investigation to explore possible criminal and regulatory breaches in multiple jurisdictions involving bribery, fraud and other corporate misconduct
- Several large financial institutions in connection with anti-money laundering compliance issues
- A multi-national company in connection with the design and review of their anti-corruption compliance programs and policies
- An individual in extradition proceedings initiated by Germany
- BSI SA to reach a Non-Prosecution Agreement with the United States Department of Justice's (DOJ) under the DOJ's Program for Non-Prosecution Agreements or Non-Target Letters for Swiss banks. BSI participated in this Program as "Category 2 bank" and was the first bank to reach a resolution under the Program

Publications

- Juerg Bloch, Philipp Candrea, The European, Middle East and African Investigations Review 2021: Switzerland, in: Global Investigations Review, 2021
- Juerg Bloch, Thomas A. Frick and Philipp Candrea, Europe, Middle East and Africa Investigations Review 2020: Switzerland, in: Global Investigations Review, 2020
- Juerg Bloch, Annotierter Kommentar StGB, Mitautor Art. 265-278, Stämpfli Verlag AG, Zürich, 1. Auflage, 2020
- Juerg Bloch, Nicole Gütlung, Corporate Internal Investigations under Swiss Law, SZW 3/2019, S. 275 - 285
- Juerg Bloch, Nicole Gütlung, GwG-Meldepflicht - quo vadis?, in: SJZ 114/2018, S. 565 - 571
- Juerg Bloch, Olivia Biehal, NKF Client News: Whistleblower Protection in the Private Sector: Proposed Partial Revision of the Swiss Code of Obligations, November 2018
- Juerg Bloch, Nicole Gütlung, NKF Client News: Proposed Amendment to the Anti-Money Laundering Act: Abolition of the Right to Report (art. 305ter para. 2 Swiss Criminal Code), September 2018
- Juerg Bloch, Olivia Biehal, NKF Client News: Whistleblower Protection: Impact Of The EU Commission's Proposed Directive On Whistleblower Protection On The Swiss Legal Framework, July 2018
- Juerg Bloch, Nicole Gütlung, Corporate Internal Investigations under Swiss Law: Information Gathering and Employee Interviews, in: Internal Investigations Update, 3 May 2018
- Juerg Bloch, Urs Feller, Kommentierung der Art. 11, 12, 19, 32-34 ZPO, in: Kommentar zur Schweizerischen Zivilprozessordnung (ZPO), T. Sutter-Somm, F. Hasenböhler, C. Leuenberger (Eds.), 3. Aufl., Zürich 2016
- Juerg Bloch, Executive Share Ownership Guidelines - Kapitalbeteiligungsvorschriften für Verwaltungsrat und Geschäftsleitung börsenkotierter Aktiengesellschaften, in: Schweizerische Schriften zum Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht, SSHW Bd. 322, Zürich 2014

Market Perception

Juerg Bloch is a brilliant thinker, available round the clock and always remains calm and clear-headed under the most pressing circumstances. (Who's Who Legal Investigations: Future Leaders 2021)

Juerg Bloch is an extremely dedicated and skilled attorney who was zealously focused on achieving the best result. (Who's Who Legal Investigations: Future Leaders 2021)

Juerg Bloch is a strategic mastermind. (Who's Who Legal Investigations: Future Leaders 2021)

Juerg Bloch has excellent analytical skills and shows an impressive ability to solve the most complex legal matters. (Who's Who Legal Investigations: Future Leaders 2021)

Juerg Bloch is an extremely talented litigator and white-collar defense attorney. (Legal 500 2021 - Dispute Resolution: Litigation)

Juerg Bloch "always brings a creative approach to the table". In addition, his advice is always well thought out, measured and to the point. (Who's Who Legal Investigations: Future Leaders 2020)

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