



Christina Rinne

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Languages

German, English, French

Expertise

For more than 20 years Christina Rinne has specialized in national and international value added tax, customs, excise duties and international trade matters.

She regularly advises clients on all aspects of indirect tax law and represents them in dealings with the tax authorities and before the administrative courts, including making their operations more VAT-efficient and improving cash-flow, structuring their cross-border activities, M&A and finance, and real estate transactions, dealing with indirect tax disputes and negotiating rulings with the relevant tax authorities, and keeping up with changes in indirect tax legislation and the risks and opportunities related thereto. Additionally, she focuses on advising customs issues, in particular, connected with import VAT.

She is frequently asked to speak at seminars on Swiss and European VAT matters.

Christina Rinne is distinguished by Chambers Global 2019 as a leading tax expert with foreign expertise and Who's Who Legal 2016 ranks her as a leading individual in corporate tax. Christina Rinne has been listed as "Recommended" by The Legal 500 2019.

Career

Since 2019	Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey
2016	Counsel, Niederer Kraft Frey
2009	Partner at a major Swiss law firm, Zurich
2002	Senior Manager, Ernst & Young Ltd, Zurich
2002	Manager, Arthur Andersen Ltd, Zurich
2001	Tax Consultant, SwissVAT Ltd, Zurich
1998	Tax Consultant, KPMG, Nuremberg
1997	Trainee, Price Waterhouse, Munich

Education

2017	Admitted to the Swiss Bar (Rechtsanwältin)
2009	Admitted to the Swiss Bar (Rechtsanwältin, as per Art. 28 BGFA)
2001	Admitted to German Chamber of Tax Consultants (Steuerberaterin, Dusseldorf)
1998	Admitted to the German Bar (Rechtsanwältin, Dusseldorf)
1998	Second State Law Exam (District Court of Passau)
1995	First State Law Exam (University Bayreuth)

Market Perception

“Christina Rinne is well regarded by interviewees for her expertise in VAT mandates, with sources highlighting her as ‘very specialised in this field.’ She is experienced handling tax issues pertaining to corporate and financing transactions. Rinne is a member of the Bar in Switzerland and Germany.”
(Chambers Europe 2021 – Tax)

“Christina Rinne is a key contact and trusted adviser for Swiss customs and tax matters. She is very well connected to all authorities to discuss in advance what will be needed to make a project a success. She is a real business enabler with a sense of ownership”
(The Legal 500 2020 – Tax)

“A member of the Bar in both Switzerland and Germany, Christina Rinne is particularly highlighted for her work on indirect taxation. Clients report that “it sometimes feels as if she is part of our team as she is so committed to getting us to the next level. “Rinne also assists clients with VAT and withholding tax matters.”
(Chambers Global 2020 – Tax)

“One client enthuses: ‘I trust her know-how and really appreciate her proactive style.’”
(Chambers Global 2019 – Tax)

Sources say that Christina Rinne has “a deep understanding of business needs” and is able to “suggest practical next steps based on the legal findings to get the best possible outcome.”
(Chambers Global 2018 – Tax)

“... brilliant for VAT, offers first class advice.” (Chambers Europe 2016 – Tax)

