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Languages

German, English

Expertise

Lukas Beeler specializes in domestic and international litigation and arbitration proceedings. He also represents clients in administrative litigation, in particular before regulatory authorities and courts. He is particularly versed in contract, corporate, banking and security disputes and has extensive experience in international and cross-border matters.

Besides his dispute resolution practice, Lukas Beeler regularly advises clients on various contractual matters, in particular in connection with sale and purchase, agency, manufacturing and distribution agreements, as well as on corporate and compliance matters.

Lukas has worked for a U.S. litigation law firm as a foreign associate in Washington, D.C., where he was particularly involved in international white collar civil and criminal litigation.

Lukas Beeler received an LL.M. from Harvard Law School (2015) and a Ph.D. from University of Zurich (2013).

Lukas Beeler has authored an award winning Ph.D. thesis in the field of securities law (Issekutz Award and Prof. Walther Hug Award). He has also published articles in the areas of contract, commercial and banking law. Lukas Beeler has been listed as "Next Generation Partner" by Legal 500 2023, "Leading Individual" by Who's Who Legal Litigation – Future Leaders Partners 2022, as well as by Best Lawyers and Chambers.

Dispute Resolution

Investigations & White Collar

Career

- 2020 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2018 Senior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2016 Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2015 Foreign Associate with Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, in Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey

- 2012 Short-term employment at the Swiss National Bank (legal department, financial stability)
- 2010 Research and teaching assistant to Prof. Dr. iur. Hans Caspar von der Crone in the fields of Private and Commercial Law at the University of Zurich
- 2008 Clerk with the District Court of Meilen

Education

- 2015 LL.M., Harvard Law School
- 2013 Ph.D./Dr.iur. (summa cum laude, Issekutz Award and Prof. Walther Hug Award), University of Zurich
- 2009 Admitted to the Swiss and Zurich Bar (Rechtsanwalt)
- 2007 Licentiate, lic. iur. (summa cum laude), University of Zurich

Professional Memberships

Swiss Bar Association, Zurich Bar Association, Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA), International Bar Association (IBA)

Experience

The following is a selection of Lukas Beeler's activity:

- Representing an Israeli plaintiff against its contractual counterparty in an ICC arbitration related to the export of defense goods
- Representation of a minority shareholder and former board member in a dispute against a listed European travel agent corporation
- Counsel to a leading European car manufacturer in disputes related to distribution agreements
- Representation of Spanish parties in ICC proceedings seated in Switzerland commenced by their Turkish joint venture party in a hydroelectric plant dispute
- Advising and representing the Bill & Melinda Gate Foundation Trust in the successful defense of Sika AG against the hostile takeover attempt by Saint-Gobain
- Representation of a Georgian commodities company in a dispute with a Swiss domiciled commodities trader
- Counsel to a Swiss financial institution in an internal investigation and in enforcement proceedings initiated by FINMA, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, in connection with an alleged breach of anti-money laundering regulations
- Counsel to the leading Swiss retail bank group that allegedly violated its duties under a long standing cooperation agreement in arbitration proceedings initiated by a listed private bank

Publications

- Lukas Beeler, Bucheffekten – Übertragung, Stornierung und gutgläubiger Erwerb, Dissertation Universität Zürich 2013, Schweizer Schriften zum Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht, Band 317, Zürich/St. Gallen 2013
- Lukas Beeler/Hans Caspar von der Crone, Die Regulierung von systemrelevanten Finanzinstituten nach schweizerischem Recht, in: Zeitschrift für Bankrecht und Bankwirtschaft (ZBB) 2012, Heft 1, 12 ff.
- Lukas Beeler/Hans Caspar von der Crone, Regelung Systemrelevanter Banken aus wirtschaftsrechtlicher Sicht - Lösungsansätze zur Too-big-to-fail-Problematik in der Schweiz, in: Zeitschrift für Schweizerisches Recht (ZSR), Band 130 (2011) I, Heft 2, 177 ff.
- Lukas Beeler/Hans Caspar von der Crone, Auflösungsklage nach Art. 736 Abs. 4 OR, in: Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsrecht (SZW) 82 (2010), 329 ff.

Market Perception

"Lukas Beeler is a very good lawyer: He has broad legal knowledge, is committed to serve the clients in the best possible way, and keeps oversight even in complex situations." (Chambers 2023)

"Lukas Beeler has an excellent grasp of the law, is very thorough in his approach and highly intelligent. He is able to construct extremely effective and persuasive arguments." (Legal 500 2023 – Dispute Resolution: Arbitration)

"We work with Lukas Beeler, who is an exceptional lawyer. He provides very clear advice that we always follow; He further always explains the options and suggests which option would be the best for us; He is a superb sparring partner. He always provides clear timelines; His filing drafts are exceptionally good, both from wording and content; Lukas always makes sure that we understand all the legal implications and explains everything in a very simple way; Lukas is always available to talk to and makes sure to also provide short notice advice." (Legal 500 2022)

"Very competent, diligent and very knowledgeable, strong analytical skills." (IFLR 1000 2021)

"Lukas Beeler is the best choice for international and complex disputes. Lukas is able to manoeuvre different EU jurisdictions and proceedings before the European Court of Justice. He has also impressed us with his impeccable work-ethic. He is always available and ready to solve complex questions the client may have." (Legal 500 2021 – Dispute Resolution: Litigation)

"Lukas Beeler, a young partner in NKF's litigation team, is a particularly skilled and talented litigator and one of the brightest young minds on the market. Without a doubt, Dr. Beeler can be described as a young star in the field of complex international banking litigation." (Legal 500 2021 – Dispute Resolution: Litigation)

"Lukas Beeler stands out as an excellent litigator who is calm, knowledgeable and a pleasure to work with." (Legal 500 2021 – Dispute Resolution: Litigation)

"Lukas Beeler has proved to be a brilliant litigator who has the knowledge and experience and who pays attention to every detail that will later turn around the case." (Legal 500 2021 – Dispute Resolution: Litigation)

"Lukas Beeler is an excellent practitioner and international arbitration specialist." (Who's Who Legal Litigation – Future Leaders 2019)

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Lukas Beeler at Niederer Kraft Frey is an "excellent" litigator and "very impressive lawyer", focusing on domestic and cross-border cases in a range of industries and sectors. (Who's Who Legal Litigation – Future Leaders 2018)

