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Languages

German, English, French, Spanish

Expertise

Mr. Bianchi specialises in the fields of banking regulatory and capital market transactions. He also has a strong practice in the field of internal investigations.

Mr. Bianchi frequently advises and represents financial institutions in regulatory proceedings before the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA).

He has devoted a substantial amount of time to advising banks, issuers and institutional investors in debt and equity capital market transactions, structuring and registration of collective investment schemes, structuring of derivative transactions, i.e. straight bond issues, equity-linked bond issues (such as 'Alpine' convertible issues of Japanese issuers), structured finance transactions, EMTN programs, warrant programs and structured products programs. He regularly advises clients on all aspects of securities law and represents clients in listing and enforcement proceedings before the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX). He is a recognised representative for listings on SIX.

Mr. Bianchi serves on the board of various regulated financial services providers.

Mr. Bianchi is distinguished as a leading Banking, Capital Markets and Investment Fund lawyer by Chambers, IFLR 1000, Legal 500, Who's Who Legal and Best Lawyers.

Banking, Finance & Regulatory

Capital Markets

Investigations & White Collar

Derivatives and Structured Products

Career

- 2022 Senior Counsel, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 1996 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 1987 Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 1982 Legal Counsel Disclosure Department of SIX Swiss Exchange

Education

- 1986 University of Miami, School of Law, LL.M.
- 1984 Admitted to the Bar (Rechtsanwalt)
- 1981 University of Zurich, PhD (magna cum laude)

Market Perception

François Bianchi works with us and has always been extremely helpful and competent. He clearly knows his area of expertise and he delivers clear and timely advice. (Chambers Global 2023)

François Bianchi comes highly recommended for his impressive work advising on structured finance transactions and collective investment schemes. (Who's Who Legal 2022)

"François M Bianchi is a standout name, earning acclaim for his immense experience advising domestic and international clients on collective investment arrangements." (Who's Who Legal 2021)

"François Bianchi earns plaudits for his decades of experience advising issuers and investors on debt, equity and structured finance deals." (Who's Who Legal 2021)

"François Bianchi often works with banks and financial institutions as issuers and lead managers in DCM mandates. He is considered by sources to be a 'debt capital specialist.'" (Chambers Global 2020)

"François Bianchi is highly esteemed for his extensive experience in the structuring and registration of collective investment schemes." (Who's Who Legal 2020)

"François Bianchi impresses market commentators with his remarkable facility for providing first-rate counsel on debt and equity transactions, as well as regulation." (Who's Who Legal 2020)

"François Bianchi is highlighted as a standout name when it comes to equity capital markets matters." (Who's Who Legal 2019)

"François Bianchi is 'very well known for banking regulatory work' and is highly experienced in FINMA regulatory proceedings." (Who's Who Legal 2018)

"The 'excellent' François Bianchi boasts a superb reputation for debt and equity capital markets transactions, with sources commenting, 'He is particularly strong in the debt space.'" (Who's Who Legal 2018)

"Outstanding, diligent and pro-active" (Legal 500 2018)

"Sources confirm that he is "very well known" in the market." (Chambers Global 2018)

"François Bianchi is a 'trusted resource' for many banks and institutional clients in Switzerland." (Chambers Global 2015)

"Department head François Bianchi is an experienced adviser, considered a 'distinct expert' in this field." (Chambers Global 2015)

"He is very calm, understands the key issues immediately, and hits the nail on the head,' say interviewees." (Chambers Global 2014)

"François Bianchi is highlighted for his regulatory expertise. 'He has a sharp mind, and is always focused on the job,' report sources. Bianchi is also well known for his investment funds and capital markets knowledge." (Chambers Europe 2014)

"The 'highly impressive' François Bianchi has a 'respected' capital markets practice and is recognised for his 'intelligence and pragmatism'." (Who's Who Legal 2014)

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"François Bianchi is 'always clear and practical and unequivocal'." (Legal 500 2013)

"Sources describe François Bianchi as 'a first-class negotiator'." (Chambers Europe 2013)

