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Languages

German, English, French

Expertise

Juerg Bloch is the managing partner of Niederer Kraft Frey. Juerg's practice focuses on advising companies and individuals on corporate internal and regulatory investigations, administrative 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.

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. He has also conducted several administrative investigations (*Administrativuntersuchungen*) for parliamentary and governmental bodies, as well as state-owned entities.

In addition, Juerg has extensive experience in complex domestic and cross-border litigation, enforcement and criminal proceedings.

Juerg is admitted to practice in Switzerland and is also a member of the New York State Bar. He holds 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. In 2021, Juerg was elected co-chair of the Compliance and Investigations group of the Zurich Bar Association.

Juerg Bloch regularly receives national and international recognition of his work. Juerg has been listed as "Next Generation Partner" by Legal500, "Most Highly Regarded" and "Future Leader" by Who's Who Legal Investigations – Future Leaders, in the Business Crime Defence and Investigation chapters by Who's Who Legal, as well as in Chambers Europe. 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".

Investigations & White Collar

Banking, Finance & Regulatory

Dispute Resolution

Commercial

Compliance

Career

- 2020 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey (since 2024 Managing Partner)
- 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:

- An international sports federation regarding sanction compliance
- Numerous clients on sanction compliance in connection with the situation in Ukraine
- A global steel manufacturer in a cross-border investigation regarding global sanctions compliance triggered by a whistleblower
- A leading global manufacturer in an internal investigation into allegations of harassment by a senior executive
- Lead counsel in a multi-billion cross-border litigation involving over six different jurisdictions
- A global manufacturing company regarding bribery allegations in an entity in Asia
- A Swiss based medical company in an internal investigation relating to a CEO-Fraud scheme
- 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

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- Juerg Bloch, Philipp Candreia, The European, Middle East and African Investigations Review 2022: Switzerland, in: Global Investigations Review, 2022
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- 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
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- 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 leading figure in the Swiss internal investigations and white collar market. He is extremely hard working, has a creative approach, brings out of the box ideas and is extraordinarily convincing - a strategic mastermind. (Legal 500 2025 – Regulatory, compliance and investigations)

Juerg Bloch has an incredible international network and is a strategic mastermind. He is the lawyer you want to have next to you if it really counts. (Chambers 2025 – White-Collar Crime)

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Juerg Bloch is an extremely experienced and fantastic attorney. His advice is always thorough and well thought through. He is really hands-on and always very familiar with the details of the case. (Chambers 2025 – White-Collar Crime)

He is an extremely experienced lawyer who handles the most difficult and delicate situations in an incredibly cool and clear-headed way. He stays calm, even if he is under a lot of pressure. (Chambers 2025 – White-Collar Crime)

Juerg Bloch is very committed. He is very engaged and really works for us. He is powerful and reasonable in the way that he brings everything together. (Chambers 2025 – White-Collar Crime)

He is available day and night, and his advice is always thorough and well thought through". "He is very measured and sure-footed to deal with the ups and downs and keep the client comfortable". "He is a very diligent and hard-working lawyer with a lot of attention to detail. (Chambers 2024 – White-Collar Crime)

Juerg Bloch is fantastic and has both the experience and relationships to assist any company involved in an investigation that has touch points with Switzerland and Swiss authorities. (Legal 500 2024 – Regulatory, compliance and investigations)

Juerg Bloch is a leading figure in the Swiss internal investigations and white-collar market. With a broad international experience, Juerg is at the top in his fields (both compliance and investigations). Juerg is extremely hard working, has a creative approach, out-of-the-box ideas and is extraordinarily convincing. Having a fighting spirit, he is determined to win cases and to reach the optimum for his clients. Juerg is a strategic mastermind. He is simply the BEST. (Legal 500 2024 – Regulatory, compliance and investigations)

Juerg is the strategic mastermind who at the same time is on top of every detail. It is very easy to work with Juerg as he is a low-key and a very pleasant person. Juerg and his team work extremely efficiently and are worth every cent. Juerg is incredibly responsive which means he has been available 24/7 for the past years. Literally, Juerg has managed various time zones effortlessly over the past years. (Legal 500 2023 – Regulatory, compliance and investigations)

Juerg Bloch is among the best lawyers available to counsel US clients on navigating the complex world of obtaining evidence or litigating in Switzerland. (Legal 500 2023 – Regulatory, compliance and investigations)

He is quick to analyse a legal problem, and has a great legal mind paired with great business acumen.; He will think outside of the box in a very complex procedure, and always has the big picture in mind. (Chambers Europe 2023 – White-Collar Crime)

Juerg Bloch is revered as "an absolute go-to lawyer for complex investigations matters" and is highlighted for his strength in cross-border matters. (Who's Who Legal 2023 – Investigations)

Juerg Bloch is a well-renowned name in business crime defence arena whose outstanding practice focuses on corporate internal and regulatory investigations. (Who's Who Legal 2023 – Business Crime Defence)

Juerg Bloch is a star lawyer in regulatory, compliance and investigation matters. He is extremely responsive and offers excellent quality work and a superb support team. He is a strategic mastermind and has an excellent command of his client's needs. (Legal 500 2022 – Regulatory, Compliance & Investigations)

Juerg Bloch is the most competent lawyer for large cross-border litigation. He has an incredible international network and is a strategic thought leader. Juerg is the lawyer you want on your side when it really matters. (Legal 500 2022 – Dispute Resolution: Litigation)

Juerg Bloch is a very focused and experienced person with very good instincts. He is also a brilliant tactician. (Chambers 2022)

Juerg Bloch is "incredibly pragmatic and excellent to work with" applaud sources who note that "he has extensive experience with very high-profile cases". (Who's Who Legal 2022 – Investigations: Future Leaders)

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Juerg Bloch is an "amazing white-collar crime specialist" who is "exceptionally committed" and brings a "creative approach to the table while being consistently reliable and accurate". (Who's Who Legal 2022 – Business Crime Defence)

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 2021 – Investigations: Future Leaders)

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

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

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

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 2020 – Investigations: Future Leaders)

Juerg Bloch at Niederer Kraft Frey is "a technically excellent" lawyer with notable experience in external and internal investigations. (Who's Who Legal 2019 – Investigations – Future Leaders)

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