



Catherine Grun Meyer

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Languages

German, English

Expertise

Catherine Grun specializes in all matters relating to private clients. She regularly advises and represents high net worth individuals (HNWIs) and families in all aspects of their private, public and business life (e.g. international estate planning, inheritance law, marital and marital property law and family law as well as corporate, commercial and employment law and dispute resolution in these areas). Her practice also focuses on succession planning for family businesses.

Catherine Grun further regularly advises public and private companies and foundations as well as senior management employees on employment law, in particular with regard to complex bonus schemes (LTIPs/STIPs), termination of senior management employees and personnel lending.

Catherine Grun distinguishes herself through her high level of specialist knowledge and competence. Her broad legal knowledge and extensive practical experience enable her to tackle intricate factual and legal issues involving also difficult personal situations where she can benefit from her vast family and employment law experience.

Catherine Grun served as Head of Finance, Risk & Compliance and vice chair of NKF's executive committee from 2021 until 2024.

Private Clients

Employment

Dispute Resolution

Commercial

Career

- 2015 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey (from 2021 – 2024 vice chair of executive committee)
- 2009 Senior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2003 Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2001 Judicial Clerk with the District Court of Sargans-Werdenberg (civil and penal)

Education

- 2006 University of Miami, School of Law, USA, LL.M. (with distinction)
- 2003 Admitted to the Bar (Rechtsanwältin)
- 2001 Law School of University of Zurich, (licentiata iuris, magna cum laude)

Experience

In the past years, Catherine Grun has acted as legal counsel, among others, to:

- Ultra High Net Worth Individuals (UHNWI) regarding their international estate planning and the transfer of their estates to the next generation
- Charitable foundations with a focus on art regarding best governance and various art projects and exhibitions funded by the foundations
- A high net worth individual on estate litigation and a claim regarding jurisdiction in Switzerland
- UHNWIs on various aspects of family law, e.g. concubinage, parental authority or legal representation of minors
- Various HNWIs regarding marital and marital property law as well as inheritance law in an international environment
- Internationally recognized art dealers and collectors on issues arising in the context of their businesses, especially with regard to contractual warranties and claims under the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods
- Several family businesses regarding corporate and contract law, employment law and succession planning (including partnership/shareholders' agreements)
- Various private and listed companies with regard to employment law issues, including international employment contracts, mass dismissals, separation from members of the senior management, bonus claims, personnel lending etc.
- Several foundations and family offices with regard to corporate, commercial and regulatory law issues

Market Perception

Quotes:

Catherine is an amazing professional in every aspect - she has a strategic mindset, excellent expertise and pragmatic and flawless implementation and execution. (Chambers Private Wealth Law 2024)

Catherine Grun has outstanding legal skills in the private client field. The response times to enquiries are incredibly short, and the answers always impress us with their level of detail. (Legal 500 2024 – Private Clients)

Best advice and great collaboration. Ms Grun is one of the smartest and fast-thinking people I have ever met. (Legal 500 2024 – Private Clients)

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Catherine Grun Meyer is a great pleasure to work with. Her advice is well-thought out, measured and to-the-point. She has a capacity to understand and deal with what is going on at every level. She applies her deep legal expertise and broad industry knowledge to get to the results a client needs. She is a first-class lawyer. (Legal500 2023 – Employment)

Catherine Grun Meyer is my first person of contact and a very much appreciated legal colleague. With many years of experience in the practice of private clients, she is truly a luminary in the field of private client law with a strong technical knowledge. It is amazing how smoothly the cooperation with Catherine Grun Meyer always runs and it is a real pleasure to work with her. (Legal500 2023 – Private Client)

Catherine Grun Meyer is commended by peers as a "pleasure to work with" and "capable of applying her deep legal expertise and broad social knowledge to get results". (Who's Who Legal 2023 – Private Clients)

Catherine Grun Meyer is "an extremely intelligent lawyer" who "meets deadlines with ease and is able to think on her feet". (Who's Who Legal 2022 - Private Clients)

She impresses clients with her "clear guidance, consistency in delivering exceptional advice and sharpness in her analysis of complex topics". (Who's Who Legal 2022 – Private Clients)

Catherine Grun Meyer: Excellent legal expertise, brilliant and extremely quick yet thought-through analysis, presence and convincing line of reasoning in front of court. Very professional yet personable, impressive communication and case management skills, savvy staffing, but always in control. Takes ownership of case and consistently ensures client feel being well-represented/ -covered. (Legal 500 2022 – Private Clients)

I would like to especially mention Catherine Grun Meyer, a private client expert working in the team. She is very smart, easy to work with and provides brilliant advice. (Legal 500 2022 – Private Clients)

Catherine Grun Meyer has great communication skills and is a strategic thinker. She is always available and is able to tailor her services to my wishes. (Legal 500 2021 – Employment)

Catherine Grun Meyer is an outstanding lawyer, exceptional strategic thinker and second to none expert in her field. Always available despite her very busy agenda, she is fully dedicated to excellently represent her clients. (Legal 500 2021 – Private Clients)

Catherine Grun Meyer is appreciated for her professionalism, experience and intelligence. She provides outstanding work. (Legal 500 2020 – Private Clients)

Catherine Grun Meyer is the one to turn to for all employment law matters. She understands the facts and circumstances in no time and offers tailor-made solutions. (Legal 500 2020 – Employment)

Catherine Grun Meyer is a "First-class lawyer". (Legal 500 2019 – Employment)

"'highly competent stand-out practitioner' Catherine Grun Meyer" (Legal 500 2019 – Private Clients)

Catherine Grun Meyer is a "talented, practical and thorough" lawyer, who "always asks the right questions" and is "effective in driving projects forward". (Legal 500 2018 – Private Clients)

"Clients appreciate the 'well thought-out, measured advice' of 'smart and fast first-class employment lawyer' Catherine Grun Meyer". (Legal 500 2018 – Employment)

Awards:

- Lawyer of the Year (gold) (Citywealth Magic Circle Awards 2022)
- Lawyer of the Year – Switzerland (bronze) (Citywealth IFC Awards 2021)
- Woman of the Year (bronze) (Citywealth Magic Circle Awards 2021)

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Recognitions:

- Leading Individual (Legal 500 2022-2024 – Private Client)
- Leading Individual (Legal 500 2024 – Employment)
- Private Wealth Law (Chambers High Net Worth Guide 2020-2024)
- Next Generation Partner (Legal 500 2022 and 2023 – Employment)
- Thought Leaders – Private Client 2022 (Who's Who Legal 2022)

