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Languages
German, English, Japanese

Expertise

Sven Kälin is a highly experienced tax lawyer with a focus on corporate tax law, acquisitions and reorganizations, private equity, criminal tax law and social security. He is also experienced in advising High Net Worth Individuals on all tax aspects of their private and business activities. With his expertise in these areas, Sven provides his clients with comprehensive and tailored advice to help them achieve their business objectives.

As a specialist for Japan and East-Asia, he has in-depth knowledge of the local economic, political and cultural conditions to support his clients.

Tax

Career

- 2021 Senior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2020 Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2017 Associate with a law firm in Zug
- 2016 Consultant, International Tax Service with a Big Four accounting firm
- 2015 Junior Associate with a law firm in Lachen
- 2014 Junior Associate with a law firm in Bern
- 2014 Lawyer at the District Governor's Office in Bern Education

Education

2023	Specialist in Social Insurance with Federal Diploma of Professional Education and Training
2023	LL.M Certificate in Global Legal Practice, Keio University, Tokyo (Winner of the Gerald P. McAlinn Award in International and Comparative Law)
2021	Certificate of Advanced Studies in Valuation and M&A, University of Zurich
2019	Certified Tax Expert (dipl. Steuerexperte)
2017	Admission to the Bar (Rechtsanwalt)
2014	Master of Law (Specialisation certificate in business law), University of Bern
2012	Bachelor of Arts in Japanese Studies and Law, University of Zurich
2011	Japanese Studies, Kyoto University for Foreign Studies

Experience

Recent public matter in which Sven Kälin acted as counsel to:

- Qatar Investment Authority on its investment in Audi's F1 project (2024)
- Georg Fischer on the divestment of its GF Machining Solutions division (2024)
- GreenState on its acquisition of Yasai AG (2024)
- Stelux Group on the sale of Universal Genève SA to Breitling (2023)
- CGS Management AG and Advaton AG on the merger of Advaton with the French company SAS Eurotandem (2023)
- Julius Baer on the bond issuance by its parent company, Julius Baer Group Ltd (2021)
- Invision AG on its acquisition of a majority stake in SkySale (2021)
- Flatfox AG on its sale to Mobiliar (2021)
- Leoni AG on the sale of Leoni Schweiz AG (2021)
- Franke Group on the sale of Franke Water System to Equistone (2021)
- EFG International on its successful placement and issuance of bonds (2021)
- Credit Suisse AG as Arranger on the overall structuring of Crédit Agricole next bank (Suisse) SA's innovative 2 billion Covered Bond Programme (2020)
- Invision AG on the sale of Vantage Education AG (2020)
- beecom Products AG on its acquisition by Appfire (2020)
- CGS Management on the acquisition of Kalt Maschinenbau AG (2020)

Professional Memberships

SAV Swiss Bar Association

ZAV Zurich Bar Association

EXPERTsuisse Swiss Expert Association for audit, tax and fiduciary

SVDS Swiss Association for certified tax experts

IFA International Fiscal Association

AIJA International Association of Young Lawyers

SCCIJ Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan

SVS Nord-Ostschweiz (Association of Social Security Professionals)

Publications

- Sven Kälin, Katja Lötscher, Abzüge bei volljährigen Kindern: Sonderfälle, in: Rechnungswesen & Controlling 02/19
- Sven Kälin, Katja Lötscher, Abzüge bei volljährigen Kindern: Steuerliche Fallstricke, in: Rechnungswesen & Controlling 01/19
- Sven Kälin, Katja Lötscher, Neuerungen bei der Rückerstattung der Verrechnungssteuer, in: Rechnungswesen & Controlling 04/18
- Reto Giger, Sven Kälin, Der Betriebsstättenbegriff im Wandel, in: Rechnungswesen & Controlling 03/18
- Jannis Flachsmann, Sven Kälin, Die Mehrwertabgabe und deren Verhältnis zur Grundstückgewinnsteuer, in: Rechnungswesen & Controlling 02/18
- Jannis Flachsmann, Sven Kälin, Entwicklungen im Datenschutzrecht, in: Rechnungswesen & Controlling 01/18
- Peter Aschwanden, Sven Kälin, Internationaler Informationsaustausch: Die Möglichkeiten für Betroffene und Berater, in: Rechnungswesen & Controlling 03/17
- Markus F. Huber, Sita Mahawattage, Fabian Berr, Sven Kälin, Blickpunkt International Juni, in: SteuerRevue 06/2017
- Markus F. Huber, Sita Mahawattage, Sven Kälin, Blickpunkt International April, in: SteuerRevue 04/2017
- Markus F. Huber, Sita Mahawattage, Sven Kälin, Blickpunkt International Februar, in: SteuerRevue 02/2017
- Markus F. Huber, Sita Mahawattage, Sven Kälin, Blickpunkt International Dezember, in: SteuerRevue 12/2016

Market Perception

"I have worked with Sven Kälin at NKF. He specialises in taxes. I can certainly recommend him. He is very competent and proactive." (Chambers 2025 – Tax)

