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Languages

German, English, French

## Expertise

Brigitte Knecht's work focuses on domestic and international commercial disputes. She regularly represents clients in state courts and arbitration proceedings. Furthermore, she renders legal advice in the areas of contract law, corporate law and employment law. Bankruptcy proceedings as well as matters of white-collar crime and international judicial assistance are also part of Brigitte Knecht's practice.

Dispute Resolution

Commercial

Banking, Finance & Regulatory

Investigations & White Collar

## Career

- 2019 Counsel, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2012 Senior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2006 Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2002 Clerk with the District Court of Zurich

## Education

- 2011 University of California Los Angeles, School of Law, LL.M.
- 2011 The Center for Understanding in Conflict / Center for Mediation in Law, Mill Valley (California), Mediation Intensive Training
- 2011 Center for Dispute Resolution, Santa Monica (California), Mediation and Conflict Resolution Training
- 2005 Admitted to the Bar (Rechtsanwältin)
- 2001 University of Zurich, lic.iur. (magna cum laude)

## Experience

The following is a selection of recent cases in which Ms. Knecht acted as counsel:

- Counsel to an international bank in the context of the misappropriation of client funds by a customer relationship officer; representing the bank in criminal and civil proceedings against the CRO and clients
- Counsel to a defendant in a series of D&O claims brought by the liquidator in connection with the bankruptcy of one of the largest Swiss groups of companies
- Counsel to a Swiss bank with regard to employment law, including litigation and arbitration proceedings
- Counsel to a defendant in a complex international inheritance law dispute regarding account information from a Swiss bank
- Member of the Niederer Kraft Frey team representing a listed company in arbitration proceedings under the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration in an M&A related dispute
- Counsel to a Swiss bank faced with a lawsuit in Switzerland brought by an alleged heir of a client of the bank
- Counsel to a Swiss bank in a wealth management dispute involving criminal activities

## Publications

- Valerie Meyer Bahar, Daniel Eisele, Tamir Livschitz, Brigitte Knecht, The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guide: Switzerland: Litigation in: The Legal 500 Country Comparative, 2020
- Valerie Meyer Bahar, Daniel Eisele, Tamir Livschitz, Brigitte Knecht, Global Guide to Arbitration: Switzerland, in: The Legal 500 & The In-House Comparative Legal Guide, 2019
- Ernst Felix Schmid, Brigitte Knecht, Schiedsvereinbarung und provisorische Rechtsöffnung, in: SJZ 105 (2009) 537-544

## Market Perception

"Brigitte Knecht is a huge asset to the firm with extraordinary litigation skills." (Legal 500 2024)

"very dedicated to the clients' needs." (Legal 500 2024)

