Christina Rinne

Partner, Attorney-at-law, Certified German Tax Expert

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Languages

German, English, French

Expertise

Christina Rinne is an accomplished partner at Niederer Kraft Frey with over two decades of expertise in national and international value-added tax, customs, and excise duties. Her profound knowledge and experience make her a trusted advisor in the realm of indirect tax and customs law, where she offers comprehensive guidance to clients. She not only represents their interests in dealings with tax and customs authorities and administrative courts but also excels in optimising their operations for enhanced VAT efficiency and improved cash flow.

Christina Rinne specialises in structuring cross-border activities, facilitating M&A and finance transactions, and providing invaluable insights for real estate dealings Additionally, she focuses on advising on customs issues, particularly those connected with import VAT. Her proficiency extends to effectively addressing indirect tax and customs disputes and skilfully negotiating rulings with relevant tax and customs authorities, ensuring her clients navigate these challenges with ease. Additionally, Christina remains committed to staying up to date with the ever-evolving landscape of indirect tax and customs legislation, consistently identifying associated risks and opportunities.

Christina is also a frequent lecturer on Swiss and European VAT matters, sharing her wealth of knowledge with diverse audiences.

Christina Rinne is distinguished as a leading tax expert with foreign expertise by Chambers Global, while Who's Who Legal recognises her as a leading individual in corporate tax. The Legal 500 has ranked her as a "Leading Individual" in tax, showcasing her innovative and forward-thinking approach to her work. Furthermore, her excellence in the field has been underscored by her recognition as a highly regarded lawyer in ITR World Tax for 2024–2026. Furthermore, Christina Rinne has been recognised as one of the top 10 tax attorneys in Switzerland, revolutionising the field in 2023 according to the Business Today Lawyer Awards 2023.

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Career

2019	Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey
2016	Counsel, Niederer Kraft Frey
2009	Partner at a major Swiss law firm, Zurich
2002	Senior Manager, Ernst & Young Ltd, Zurich
2002	Manager, Arthur Andersen Ltd, Zurich
2001	Tax Consultant, SwissVAT Ltd, Zurich
1998	Tax Consultant, KPMG, Nuremberg
1997	Trainee, Price Waterhouse, Munich

Education

2017	Admitted to the Swiss Bar (Rechtsanwältin)
2009	Admitted to the Swiss Bar (Rechtsanwältin, as per Art. 28 BGFA)
2001	Admitted to German Chamber of Tax Consultants (Steuerberaterin, Dusseldorf)
1998	Admitted to the German Bar (Rechtsanwältin, Dusseldorf)
1998	Second State Law Exam (District Court of Passau)
1995	First State Law Exam (University Bayreuth)

Market Perception

"Christina Rinne is one of the best indirect tax advisers in Switzerland." (Chambers Global 2026 – Tax)

"Christina Rinne is an exceptional and very experienced lawyer who we depend upon whenever we face a complicated issue. She is always available and ready to give some pragmatic advice." (Chambers Global 2026 – Tax)

"Christina Rinne has excellent know-how but is also very interested in how we are working. You will have a tailored solution and not just a solution." (The Legal 500 2025 – Tax)

"Christina Rinne is a very good lawyer." (Chambers Global 2025 – Tax)

"Christina Rinne provides great advice. She is very available, very hands-on and experienced." (Chambers Global 2024 – Tax)

"Christina Rinne has a great knowledge of our business and always finds a perfect solution to our problems very fast." (The Legal 500 2024 – Tax)

"NKF's tax team is one of the leading tax teams in Switzerland, which we especially use for their unrivalled expertise in indirect taxes (VAT and customs) related to cross-border transactions and international supply chain structuring" (The Legal 500 2023 – Tax)

"Christina Rinne is definitely the go-to expert! Her extraordinary expertise and know-how allows us to find (tax) efficient solutions for global supply chain challenges" (The Legal 500 2023 – Tax)

"Christina Rinne is well regarded by interviewees for her expertise in VAT mandates, with sources highlighting her as 'very specialised in this field.' She is experienced handling tax issues pertaining to corporate and financing transactions. Rinne is a member of the Bar in Switzerland and Germany." (Chambers Europe 2021 – Tax)

"Christina Rinne is a key contact and trusted adviser for Swiss customs and tax matters. She is very well connected to all authorities to discuss in advance what will be needed to make a project a success. She is a real business enabler with a sense of ownership" (The Legal 500 2020 – Tax)

"A member of the Bar in both Switzerland and Germany, Christina Rinne is particularly highlighted for her work on indirect taxation. Clients report that "it sometimes feels as if she is part of our team as she is so committed to getting us to the next level. "Rinne also assists clients with VAT and withholding tax matters.'"
(Chambers Global 2020 – Tax)

"One client enthuses: 'I trust her know-how and really appreciate her proactive style.'"
(Chambers Global 2019 – Tax)

Sources say that Christina Rinne has "a deep understanding of business needs" and is able to "suggest practical next steps based on the legal findings to get the best possible outcome." (Chambers Global 2018 – Tax)

"... brilliant for VAT, offers first class advice." (Chambers Europe 2016 – Tax)