Dr. iur. et phil. Thomas Sprecher

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Languages

German, English, French

Expertise

Thomas Sprecher is much appreciated for his expertise in Foundation Law, Association Law and Law of Succession. He acts as counsel to national and international foundations, associations, and private clients. His broad legal knowledge and expertise enables him to tackle intricate factual and legal issues involving also difficult personal situations, especially with regard to estate planning. Dr. Sprecher is a member of the Legal Counsel of SwissFoundations and regularly takes the chair in foundations seminars. Due to his vast experience, Thomas Sprecher has been elected as editor of the Swiss Foundation Code.

Furthermore, Dr. Sprecher has devoted a substantial amount of time to advising in litigation, bankruptcy and restructuring law. He regularly speaks at professional conferences. In connection with the Europe Institute of Zurich, he chairs a yearly seminar on insolvency of companies. He has served as chairman and member of several creditors' committees. He regularly acts as counsel in national and international litigation cases.

His fields of expertise include commercial issues. He regularly advises companies and institutional clients with regard to general corporate law issues, contracts as well as litigation. In his employment law practice, Thomas Sprecher advises employers and employees on all issues of private labour law such as drafting of employment agreements or dismissals, where he can benefit from his broad experience. Also, his work includes Media Law.

Thomas Sprecher is member of several boards of foundations as well as of boards of directors. He authored numerous books and articles, especially on foundation law and in the field of restructuring and insolvency law. He contributed also to various commentaries (Debt Enforcement and Bankruptcy and Code of Civil Procedure).

Foundations and Associations | Dispute Resolution | Commercial | Private Clients

Career

2023	Of Counsel, Niederer Kraft Frey
2001	Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey
1997	Secondment to a Magic Circle law firm in London
1992	Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
1989	Clerk with the District Court of Zurich
1985	Assistant at University of Zurich

Education

2004	University of Zurich, LL.M. in International Business Law, distinguished with the "Preis für das beste Ergebnis des Spezialisierungskurses Vertragsrecht und Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit"
2003	University of Zurich, PhD (Dr. iur., summa cum laude)
1992	Admitted to the Bar (Rechtsanwalt)
1989	University of Zurich, Master of Law (lic. iur.)
1985	University of Zurich, PhD (Dr. phil.)

Mandates

Mr. Sprecher was and still is president and member of several:

— Boards of Directors (Balgrist Beteiligungs AG, 25Segments AG, etc.)

— Foundations Boards (Fondation des Fondateurs, Fondazione Minerva, etc.)

— Creditors' Committees (Zeromax GmbH)

Professional Associations/Memberships

International Bar Association

Swiss Bar Association

Zurich Bar Association

SwissFoundations, Member of the Legal Counsel

Association for Debt Enforcement and Bankruptcy Law

Europe Institute of Zurich

Market Perception

"I have been very impressed by the legal services provided to us by Thomas Sprecher." (Chambers 2024)

"Thomas Sprecher is "a very active and well-known lawyer" with an encyclopaedic understanding of insolvency law." (Who's Who Legal 2022)

"Thomas Sprecher is a seasoned lawyer who excels in restructuring and bankruptcy cases." (Who's Who Legal 2021)

"Thomas Sprecher is lauded for being 'very responsive.'" (Chambers Europe 2021)

"Sources say: 'He is an excellent representative of his clients' interests, is very creative and has a lot of knowledge.'" (Chambers Europe 2019)

"Thomas Sprecher is described by one source as 'superb' when it comes to contentious matters. He is recognised for his particular expertise when it comes to heritage and succession law issues." (Who's Who Legal 2018)

"Thomas Sprecher is 'very experienced in advising on foundations'." (Legal 500 2018)

"'He has a practical appreciation of how things work and is well connected,' say interviewees." (Chambers Global 2014)

"Sources endorse Thomas Sprecher as a 'down-to-earth, clear and thorough' restructuring and insolvency practitioner." (Chambers Global 2014)

"Co-head" of the department Insolvency and Corporate Recovery Thomas Sprecher is "recommended." (Legal 500 2013)

Publications

Please visit Thomas Sprecher's webprofile to view all his publications: Link

Lectures, Speeches and other Professional Activities

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