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Florentin Weibel represents clients in proceedings before state courts, arbitral tribunals (ICC, Swiss Rules, DIS, ad hoc, etc.) and administrative bodies. Based on his experience as a corporate and M&A transaction lawyer, Florentin focuses on corporate and shareholder disputes and M&A-related proceedings, including crypto- and blockchain-related disputes. Florentin also regularly represents employees, managers and directors in the context of internal investigations, FINMA enforcement proceedings and criminal matters. He also acts as tribunal secretary.

Professional Experience

- Associate with Nater Dallafor Rechtsanwälte AG, Zurich, since 2021
- Legal employee and associate with Bär & Karrer AG, Zurich (2018-2021)
- Legal trainee at Regional Court in Biel/Bienne (2017-2018)
- Junior associate at law firm in Bern (2016-2017)
- Trainee with the Swiss Embassy in the Slovak Republic (2014)

Education

- LL.M. in Commercial Law, University of Cambridge (St John's College) (2024)
- Swiss Bar Admission (2019)
- MLaw, Universities of Geneva and Basel (2016)
- Exchange semester, Saint Petersburg State University, Russia (2015)
- Bachelor in International Relations, University of Geneva (2014)

Other Professional Activities

- Member of the board of the Zurich Bar Association Below 40 Group
- Founding Member of the Zurich Crypto Arbitration Forum

Recent Cases: Corporate and Shareholder Disputes, including M&A related Disputes

- Representing an investment company in a post M&A dispute regarding the enforcement of an earn-out arising out of a share purchase agreement for the purchase of an asset management company
- Representing an investment company which is a subsidiary of a global bank in a post M&A dispute regarding claims for the breach of a representation
- Representing a seller in a post M&A dispute regarding the payment of the deferred consideration portion
- Representing a 49% shareholder against an asset management company regarding a special audit and regarding the enforcement of liability claims against the directors (including the 51% shareholder)
- Representing two high-net-worth individuals in complex cross-border arbitration (Swiss Rules) and state court proceedings regarding a dispute in the context of a simple partnership structure
- Representing a Swiss investment company in settlement negotiations against a former member of the executive board regarding a dispute under a shareholders' agreement
- Representing a Swiss family foundation regarding the dismissal of a member of the foundation board and the enforcement of liability claims
- Representing a manager regarding the enforcement of claims arising out of a carried interest pool in the private equity business
- Representing a Swiss listed company against a shareholder in public tender proceedings before the Swiss Takeover Board
- Representing an insurance company against an alleged creditor against the creditor's claim to inspect the financial statements (art. 958e CO)
- Representing a member of a Swiss association regarding the annulment of resolutions of the general assembly including ex parte interim measures and the correction of organizational deficiencies

Recent Cases: Banking & Finance Disputes

- Representing groups of AT1 bond holders against FINMA/UBS in proceedings regarding the write down of AT 1 bonds
- Representing a bank manager in issues around problems of Credit Suisse, including in the context of internal investigations, FINMA enforcement proceedings and criminal proceedings
- Representing a bank against an outsourcing company in connection with the outsourcing of IT Services
- Representing a real estate company in the recovery of a bridge loan used by a failed real estate developer as a surety to finance the acquisition of a property
- Advising a Swiss bank on issues relating to the Swiss Federal Law on Consumer Credit

Recent Cases: White Collar Crime

- Representing a bank manager in issues around problems of Credit Suisse, including in the context of internal investigations, FINMA enforcement proceedings and criminal proceedings
- Representing a bank manager in criminal proceedings regarding the alleged breach of the duty to notify suspicious activities under the anti-money-laundering legislation

Recent Cases: International Arbitration

- Representing several entities of a large media group in arbitration proceedings under the Swiss Rules regarding a shareholder dispute
- Advising a multinational trading company regarding a billion USD claim arising from the cross-border sale of goods
- Representing a group of individuals in the enforcement of a non-Swiss arbitration award against a foreign State and asset attachment proceedings in Switzerland
- Representing two high-net-worth individuals in complex cross-border arbitration and state court proceedings regarding disputes in the context of a simple partnership structure and the family companies
- Secretary in an ICC arbitration regarding a dispute between a market maker and a crypto exchange
- Secretary in a sport arbitration at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) regarding a doping case

Publications

- Cost-related Issues of Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration in Switzerland, in: Jus Mundi (Hrsg.), The Future of Swiss Arbitration, 2023 (together with Célia Huart/Eliane Fischer)
- Statutarische Schiedsklauseln – Echte Game Changer?, GesKR 1/2023, S. 34-47 (together with Roberto Dallafior)
- Ohne Vorschuss (k)ein Anwaltshonorar? – Überblick zur neusten Praxis betreffend die Entbindung vom Anwaltsgeheimnis, in: Bohnet/Chappuis/Schiller/Schumacher (Hrsg.), Gegenwart und Zukunft des Anwaltsverbandes, Festschrift zum 125. Jubiläum des Schweizerischen Anwaltsverbandes, Bern 2023, S. 429-452 (together with Benjamin Schumacher)

Speaking Engagements

- "Avoiding the Danger Zone: Keeping Directors, Officers, Shareholders and Affiliates Safe from Business Disputes", organised by the International Arbitration and Litigation Commissions, AIJA Half-Year November Conference, 14 November 2024, Luxembourg

- Co-Convenor of the 9th Cambridge Arbitration Days, Cambridge University Arbitration Society, 20 April 2024, Cambridge
- "Decrypting Disputes: Tales from the Hearing Room", 2nd Annual Conference of the Crypto Arbitration Forum, 11 April 2024, Zurich
- Dos and Don'ts (junger) Anwältinnen und Anwälte vor Gericht, Spring Conference of the Zurich Bar Association U-40 Group, 22 May 2023, Zurich

Client / Market Feedback

- **Chambers Europe & Chambers Global:** Florentin "is super responsive and very confident". He "went deep into the material and produced clean work".

Expertise

- Commercial & Corporate Litigation
- Banking & Finance Disputes
- White-Collar Crime
- International Arbitration
- Insolvency Disputes & Asset Recovery