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Florentin Weibel, LL.M.

Senior Associate

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.

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Profile

Professional Experience

- Associate with Nater Dallafior 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

Expertise

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

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

Banking & Finance Disputes

- Representing groups of AT1 bond holders against FINMA/UBS in proceedings regarding the write down of AT1 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

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

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 & Speaking Engagements

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».