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Partner

Patrik Salzmann is specialized in domestic and cross-border litigation with a focus on commercial and corporate litigation, inheritance disputes and white-collar crime. His practice includes criminal defense, regulatory and administrative proceedings, shareholder and association disputes, enforcement proceedings, asset recovery and legal assistance.

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Profile

Recognitions

- Ranked in **Legal 500** in Dispute Resolution: Litigation
- Ranked in **Leaders League** (2022) in the categories Commercial Litigation («Excellent»), Asset Recovery («Highly recommended»), and White-Collar Crime («Recommended»)

Professional Experience

- Partner with Nater Dallafior Rechtsanwälte AG, since 2016
- Associate with Nater Dallafior Rechtsanwälte AG, Zurich (2009–2015)
- Admitted to the bar since 2009
- Law clerk with the Supreme Court of the Canton of Zurich, I. Criminal Chamber (2009)
- Law clerk with the District Court of Meilen (2005–2007)

Education

- Postgraduate studies at the UC Berkeley (LL.M., 2012)
- Studies at the University of Lausanne (2003)
- Studies at the University of Deusto/Spain (2001–2002)
- Bachelor and master studies at the University of Zurich (lic. iur., 1999 – 2005)

Expertise

White-Collar Crime
Private Client Disputes
Commercial & Corporate Litigation
Insolvency Disputes & Asset Recovery

Recent Cases

White-Collar Crime

- Representing defendant in crypto currency fraud case
- Defense of sales manager in professional fraud and criminal mismanagement case relating to software licensing
- Representing affected parties by asset freezing and confiscation proceedings in connection with the international bribery case of the Venezuelan oil company PDVSA
- Representing plaintiff in construction fraud case
- Representing plaintiff in personality fraud case in connection with wealthy banker dynasty
- Successful representation of Peruvian citizen against extradition sentence due to social security fraud
- Criminal defense against charges for unlawful activities on behalf of a foreign state (article 271 CC) relating to the collection of Italian penalties for traffic violations on Swiss territory

Commercial & Corporate Litigation

- Representing client against crypto asset service provider in connection with sanctions
- Representing and advising Swiss manufacturing company in cross-border dispute against Spanish company regarding breach of contract and guarantee obligations in connection with anti-vibration isolation
- Advising shareholders relating to litigation strategies in connection with the merger between UBS and Credit Suisse
- Representation of clients in disputes regarding the annulment of resolutions of an association including ex parte interim measures

Private Client Disputes

- Representing clients before Swiss courts in inheritance disputes involving partition of the estate and invalidity of a will
- Representing heir against his siblings in international inheritance dispute involving conflict of Swiss and Sharia law.
- Representing family members in shareholder and corporate disputes in connection with international real estate portfolio
- Representing heir in cross-border inheritance dispute in international arbitration proceedings

Asset Recovery

- Representing damaged parties in major ponzi scheme of asset manager known for his investments in renewable energy investments
- In the aftermath of the successfully averted forced liquidation, Nater Dallafior lodged more than 25 claw-back actions against numerous creditors with civil courts across Switzerland, Germany and Austria for the recovery of funds paid to creditors whose unjustified or inflated claims had been satisfied to obtain the revocation of the bankruptcy.

Recent Cases & Speaking Engagements

Legal and Administrative Assistance

- Successful representation of a financial service provider with domicile in Liechtenstein and its directors and employees in three leading cases in international administrative assistance proceedings against the Swiss Federal Tax Administration in relation to a request of the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- Representing and advising client in legal assistance proceedings based on embezzlement investigations in Barcelona
- Representing a Moroccan entrepreneur in legal assistance proceedings brought by the Vietnamese government against asset freezing and document production order
- Representing Swiss companies in legal assistance and criminal proceedings in connection with alleged corruption scandal in Gambia

Administrative Proceedings

- Defense of CEO of Swiss company in tax fraud case in connection with international uranium trading

Speaking Engagements

- There is no need to argue about inheritance, Infopoint NRS Treuhand und Investor's Dialogue, 1 April 2019, Zurich
- Corporate risk of private bribery - are reimbursements in the media agency business punishable by law?, Media law conference, 16 May 2017, FIFA Museum Zurich
- Private bribery as a corporate risk, Luncheon, 1 December 2016

Client / Market Feedback

Legal 500:

«Patrik Salzmänn stands out for his absolute reliability, high professional expertise, and outstanding work ethic as well as his friendly and honest approach.»

Legal 500:

«Salzmänn demonstrates prowess across complex domestic and cross-border dispute resolution.»