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Areas of Practice

Litigation, Arbitration, White Collar Crime, Enforcement and Compliance, Insolvency and Restructuring, General Contract Law

Expertise and Recent Experience

David Trachsel joined Thouvenin in 2024. Prior to joining Thouvenin, he worked at a renowned business law firm in Zurich and at the Commercial Court of the Canton of Berne.

His practice focuses on international and national litigation and arbitration. He advises and represents companies and private individuals at all stages of the dispute resolution process, with a focus on complex contractual, corporate and enforcement disputes. His experience covers post-M&A, joint venture and shareholder disputes as well as disputes in the insurance and sports industry. In addition, he regularly represents clients in proceedings for interim measures, enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards and cross-border asset tracing. David Trachsel is writing a doctoral thesis in the field of civil procedure and enforcement law.

He is mentioned in Legal 500 EMEA (2023) (*"He is a young lawyer but his legal know-how and capacity to understand the big picture are impressive"*).

Recent experience includes the following:

- Successful representation of Asian industrial group in Swiss enforcement (attachment) proceedings, leading to recovery of over CHF 80 million
- Successful defense of middle eastern investment firm in civil court litigation regarding M&A dispute, including before Swiss Federal Supreme Court
- Successful representation of foreign investment firm in shareholder dispute before civil court, including related criminal matters
- Representation of international organization in insurance coverage dispute before Commercial Court of Zurich
- Handling of tort claims and related insurance claims for international organization
- Successful handling of various foreign requests for international administrative assistance in tax matters
- Successful representation of real estate firm in tax litigation regarding real estate transaction before the Federal Administrative Court

Professional Experience

- 2024 Associate, Thouvenin Rechtsanwälte KLG, Zurich
- 2019 – 2024 Associate, Bär & Karrer, Zurich
- 2018 Legal Employee, Bär & Karrer, Zurich
- 2017 Law Clerk, Commercial Court of the Canton of Berne
- 2015 – 2016 Trainee Lawyer, Bär & Karrer, Zurich

Legal Education / Bar Admission

- 2019 Admission to Zurich Bar
- 2015 Master of Law (MLaw), University of Fribourg / Durham University (UK)
- 2013 Bachelor of Law (BLaw), University of Fribourg

Memberships in Professional Associations

- Swiss Bar Association
- Zurich Bar Association
- SchKG-Vereinigung (Association of debt enforcement and bankruptcy law)

Languages

German, English and Spanish