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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 has been a Counsel at Thouvenin since 2026.

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, sports and real estate 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 has a particular focus on bankruptcy and insolvency related litigation, on which he has written a doctoral thesis.

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

2026 Counsel, Thouvenin Rechtsanwälte KLG, Zurich

2024 – 2025 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