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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**

2026            Dr. iur. (PhD), University of Fribourg  
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