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Recognitions

- Chambers and Partners Europe: Litigation since 2022
- The Legal 500: Key Lawyer in Dispute Resolution: Litigation
- Who's Who Legal: Thought Leader in Asset Recovery since 2021; Recommended in Commercial Litigation since 2023; Recommended in Business Crime Defence since 2024; Recommended in Investigations since 2024

Languages

German, English, French, Italian

Selected Publications

- Schnittstellen zwischen Strafrecht (StGB/StPO) und SchKG
- Proposed amendments to Switzerland's anti-money laundering and sanctions framework
- ESG litigation in Switzerland – Risks and possible defence strategies

Matthias Gstoehl is a Partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's Dispute Resolution and White Collar Crime Groups in Zurich. Matthias brings extensive experience in complex domestic and multi-jurisdictional proceedings and (internal) investigations. His expertise spans white-collar crime, including corruption, fraud and money laundering, asset recovery, insolvency, international mutual assistance, international sanctions, and ESG litigation. Matthias primarily focuses on contentious banking and finance related matters, capitalizing on his strong background in that industry. He also regularly advises clients on disputes across various sectors, including healthcare, natural resources, sports, and trusts.

Expertise

- Dispute Resolution
- Internal Corporate Investigations
- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Blockchain-Technologies & FinTech
- Financial Services
- Sports

Experience

- Acted for a group of institutional investors representing an aggregate investment of USD 2.5bn in complex criminal and civil proceedings for the recovery of their losses in connection with a financial investment
 - Conducting a compliance investigation for a listed Swiss multinational into all of the group's joint venture partners and consultants worldwide, with a focus on sanctions and bribery risks. Based on the results of the investigation, the group decided to exit 14 relationships. Advising the group on the exit and related criminal liability, sanctions and litigation risks
 - Acting for the liquidators of a foreign bank in connection with a 500m EUR asset recovery claim
 - Acting for a private equity fund in connection with criminal proceedings against the management of one of its holdings for suspected fraud
 - Co-led a large-scale investigation into aggravated medical malpractice and fraud allegations for a leading healthcare provider
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Career

2024 Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2017 Partner at a business law firm in Zurich
2012 Partner at a leading boutique law firm in Zurich
2006 Derivatives structuring / corporate treasury solutions (front office business role) at two leading international investment banks (London and Zurich)
2001 Associate at a business law firm
1998 Trainee Lawyer at a business law firm in Geneva

Education

2006 Master of Science in Finance, London Business School
2001 Bar Admission in Switzerland (ranked first)
1998 Master of Law, University of Geneva
1997 Exchange program, University of Vienna

Additional Professional Activities

- Secretary of the IBA Anti-Corruption Committee
- Member of the Expert Group for Digitization of the Swiss Bar Association