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## **Languages**

German, English, French, Hungarian, Spanish

## ■ **Areas of Practice**

Mrs. Sosso specializes in banking, corporate and commercial law as well as related litigation and proceedings.

She provides a diverse array of general corporate services to banks, financial institutions, and companies engaged in various other industries (such as commodities, automobile, sports, health, or technology). Particular areas of emphasis involve regulatory proceedings initiated by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA), foreign governmental investigations and Swiss secrecy laws. With regard to corporate law she regularly advises companies on corporate governance issues, directors' rights and liability and shareholders proxy fights. Her litigation practice encompasses various types of complex litigation, including securities, post-mergers & acquisitions, insurance and other commercial litigation.

## ■ **Professional Career**

- 2013 – Secondment with UBS (5 months)
- 2013 – Senior Associate, Niederer Kraft & Frey
- 2007 – 2012 Associate, Niederer Kraft & Frey
- 2004 – Clerk with the District Court of Meilen

## ■ **Education**

- 2010 – Columbia University, New York, USA, LL.M.
- 2007 – Admitted to the Bar (*Rechtsanwältin*)
- 2003 – University of St. Gallen, lic. iur.
- 2001 – University exchange term at Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po), Paris, France

## ■ **Recent Experience**

The following is a selection of cases in which Mrs. Sosso acted as counsel to:

- Numerous cases regarding Swiss companies involved in foreign governmental investigations and the taking of evidence in Switzerland for use in foreign proceedings
- Advising banks on the implications of the Swiss Supreme Court's landmark decision on distribution fees
- Advising banks on various regulatory and contract law topics, drafting of the entire range of banking contracts
- Cooperation and outsourcing projects of banks and financial institutions
- Various cases relating to stock exchange reporting requirements and disclosure duties
- Transnational litigation including advice with respect to US-style discovery
- Public M&A transaction of a SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX) listed company
- CHF 150–200 million arbitration proceeding against a European listed company regarding post-merger warranty claims and purchase price adjustments
- Regulatory proceedings against a Swiss bank regarding disclosure rules, alleged sneaking tactics, and compliance management
- Complex directors and officers' liability claim in a proceeding between a SIX listed Swiss company and an international insurance carrier
- Multiple seller transaction in the amount of CHF 250–300 million between the shareholders of an international Swiss-based group engaged in the field of precious metals and an independent French private equity firm
- Litigation between a Swiss asset management company and a pension fund regarding alleged kickback payments

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- Proxy fight litigation between an investment company and one of its Swiss listed portfolio companies (landmark case)
- Various intense and highly adversarial post-merger disputes of a domestic bank in the aggregate amount of CHF 150–200 million that involved civil, administrative, criminal, and further dispute proceedings. All defense work was coordinated and managed by a legal team consisting of 20–25 lawyers. Niederer Kraft & Frey closely worked with numerous reputed scholars who provided 24 opinions and expertises on a variety of complex legal questions (landmark case with unprecedented media coverage).