



Thomas Hochstrasser

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Languages

German, English, French

Expertise

Thomas Hochstrasser advises Swiss and foreign private clients, entrepreneurs and executives, regarding all matters of commercial, corporate, banking, finance and regulatory law. He also regularly represents national and international clients in complex litigation proceedings. Further he is a leading expert in the field of sports law. Thomas Hochstrasser has been ranked in his working field by Legal 500 as "Next Generation Partner" and won the gold award in the category "Lawyer of the Year IFC" at the Citywealth Future Leaders Awards 2023 in London. He is a member of the board of several corporations, especially member of the board of the Club zum Rennweg, member of the foundation board of the Laureus Foundation Switzerland and chairman of a FINMA authorized asset manager of collective investments and Co-Founder of the Entrepreneurs Roundtable Next Generation.

Private Clients

Sports

Banking, Finance & Regulatory

Dispute Resolution

Career

- 2024 Partner, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2019 Senior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2015 Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2014 Junior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2013 Law clerk at District Court of Aarau
- 2012 Junior Associate, Niederer Kraft Frey
- 2009 Scientific Assistant for Business Law
- 2008 Internship, District Court of Lenzburg
- 2006 Human Resources Assistant at a large company

Education

2020	LL.M., Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago
2020	Certificate of Business Administration, IE University, Madrid
2019	Financial intermediary SRO SAV/SNV
2017	SIX Swiss Exchange – Recognition as competent representative
2014	Admitted to the Bar (Rechtsanwalt)
2012	University of Berne, Master Degree (MLaw; summa cum laude)
2010	University of Berne, Bachelor Degree (BLaw; summa cum laude)

Experience

The following is a selection of cases in which Mr. Hochstrasser acted as counsel to:

- A Swiss Super League Football Club regarding all legal matters
- A shareholder in connection with the shareholder dispute at FC Luzern
- Former Swiss national football player and entrepreneur David Degen on the acquisition of a majority of the shares in FC Basel Holding AG from Bernhard Burgener
- Private clients and family offices regarding the structuring of investments
- Ultra-high and high net worth individuals regarding various litigation cases
- Private clients, family businesses, startup companies, fintech companies and sports clubs regarding commercial and contract law matters
- Sport agencies in the international transfer business
- Individual athletes in contractual matters and civil proceedings
- Sports clubs regarding legal proceedings
- Swiss private equity asset managers regarding regulatory change projects (including the implementation of the Financial Services Act)
- Fund managers concerning the distribution of foreign collective investment schemes in Switzerland
- Investment banks regarding the listing and delisting of ETFs with SIX and BX
- Swiss issuers of structured products concerning the drafting of their issuance programmes for structured products and numerous structured products thereunder
- Institutional asset managers in obtaining newly required FINMA investment fund manager license
- Swiss banks and other industrial companies on internal investigations
- A bank in proceedings on stock exchange law issues (disclosure duties; front running) of FINMA
- Swiss Prime Site in connection with its successful launch of the Swiss Prime Investment Foundation with a primary issuance of CHF 550 million. The setting up of the investment foundation comprised a regulatory product approval proceeding before the Occupational Pension Supervisory Commission (OPSC)
- Swiss Capital Group in connection with its successful launch of the Swiss Capital Investment Foundation I. In this context, two innovative investment groups in the asset class Private Debt (Private Debt Allocator I

and II) where launched. The setting up of the investment foundation comprised a regulatory product approval proceeding before the Occupational Pension Supervisory Commission (OPSC)

- Swiss Prime Site with respect to obtaining an asset management license regarding real estate asset management for pension funds from the OPSC
- Bank of America and Merrill Lynch concerning the registration of their Note, Warrant and Certificate Programme with SIX
- A global investment bank regarding the structuring of express certificates
- A bank regarding the financing of a luxury hotel OC Oerlikon Corporation AG in the CHF 1 billion acquisition of Sulzer Metco

Market Perception

"Thomas Hochstrasser is for me the best lawyer I have ever worked with." (Legal 500 2025 – Private Clients)

"The team holds on against all odds and pressure, led by Tom Hochstrasser." (Legal 500 2025 – Sports Law)

"Outstanding commitment - beyond expectations." (Legal 500 2025 – Sports Law)

"I was in very good hands and my requests were resolved as quickly as possible and in my favour. His client service and general level of service is very strong. He has a very strong level of sophistication, and very strong commercial awareness and vision." (Chambers 2024 - Sport)

"Tom Hochstrasser is handling sports disputes with great skills and good oversight." (Legal 500 2024 - Litigation)

"Thomas Hochstrasser is extremely solution-oriented and pragmatic." (Chambers 2023 - Sport)

"I am particularly impressed by Thomas Hochstrasser. Thomas is an extremely versatile lawyer with excellent expertise in numerous legal areas. He is very responsive, a legal expert which you can really rely upon. If you have him at your side, you are in good hands. I can highly recommend him." (Legal 500 2022)

"Thomas Hochstrasser is a lawyer with very good oversight, and he is able to successfully address the needs of the client." (Chambers 2022)

"Thomas Hochstrasser is a great lawyer who quickly sees the key points. He has very good oversight, legal and tactical knowledge, and he is responsive." (Chambers 2022)

