

Urs Hofer
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Urs Hofer specializes in general corporate, financial services regulations and insolvency handling. His regulatory experience includes all aspects of Swiss fund regulation and public banking law, anti-money laundering regulations, insider trading and market manipulation rules (including FINMA and SIX applications and proceedings in these contexts), as well as strategic advice to Swiss financial service providers and FinTech institutions in relation to upcoming new regulation (such as the Federal Financial Services Act, the Federal Financial Institutions Act, easing of Swiss regulatory framework for FinTech institutions). In addition, Urs Hofer lectures regularly on regulatory topics in external training modules (i.e. by VisionCompliance) and/or public seminars. Urs Hofer's M&A experience includes complex domestic and cross-border acquisitions, divestitures, mergers, joint ventures, and corporate restructurings. Finally, he regularly provides advice and legal opinions on private law matters such as on general contract law, legal aspects of the advisory and asset management business, as well as on corporate law. Due to his many years of experience in highly renowned, international law firms, Urs Hofer is accustomed to quickly analyzing complex, challenging problem settings and providing solutions therefore that are both sophisticated as well as practicable.

Professional Career

2017	Partner, Kanzlei im Turm Ltd., Winterthur
2016	Senior Associate with Niederer Kraft & Frey, Zurich
2013 – 2015	Associate with Niederer Kraft & Frey, Zurich
2010 – 2012	Research Assistant at the Chair of Prof. Dr. Alexander (Chair for Financial Market Law at the University of Zurich)
2010 – 2011	Professional Pilot in the Swiss Air Force
2008 – 2009	Junior Associate with Lenz & Staehelin, Zurich
2003 – 2004	Account Manager with Swisslex AG, Zurich
2000	Internship at UBS Warburg, Glattbrugg

Education

2014	PhD at the University of Zurich (<i>Dr. iur.</i>)
2014	Upgrading Super Puma/Cougar (<i>Pilot-in-Command</i>)
2011	Admitted to the Zurich Bar (<i>Attorney-at-Law</i>)
2008	Law Studies, University of Zurich and Neuchâtel (<i>lic. iur.</i>)
2002	Military Pilot License
2000	Matura Typus B, Kantonsschule Rychenberg, Winterthur
1998	Graduation Truman High School, Independence, Missouri, U.S.

Languages

- German (native language)
- English (fluent)
- French
- Spanish (basic)

Main Areas of Practice

- Company Law and Commercial Law
- Financial Market Law (incl. FinTech, Asset Management, FINSA, FSA)
- Contract Law
- Insolvency Law
- Criminal Law (White Collar Crime)
- Public Law

Memberships

- Swiss Bar Association SAV
- Zurich Bar Association SAV
- Business Association Banking Law
- Member of the Municipal Council of Winterthur (FDP)
- Member of the Supervisory Commission of the Municipal Council of Winterthur
- President of the Board of Eulachhallen AG, Board Member of swisspeers AG, Startup & Innovation Space AG and Dürr Dental Schweiz Ltd

Publications / Awards

- UNKLARE ZÜRCHER PRAXIS – BEWERTUNG VON STARTUPS BEIM THEMA VERMÖGENSSTEUER, Urs Hofer, Andreas Käppeli in: kmuRundschau, Ausgabe 02/2017
- SWITZERLAND'S NEW FINANCIAL MARKET ARCHITECTURE, Sandro Abegglen, François M. Bianchi, Luca Bianchi, Nina Bremi, Thomas A. Frick, Marco Häusermann, Nico Hess, Thomas Hochstrasser, Urs Hofer, Andrea Huber, Adrian W. Kammerer, Bertrand G. Schott, Yannick Wettstein, NKF-Schriftenreihe Publikation # 20, 2. Auflage, Mai 2016
- PFANDRECHTE IN DER INSOLVENZ, Marco Häusermann, Urs Hofer, in: Thomas Sprecher (Hrsg.): Sanierung und Insolvenz von Unternehmen VII, Kreditsicherheiten, Schulthess Juristische Medien AG, Zürich/Basel/Genf 2016
- OVERHAUL OF SWISS FINANCIAL MARKETS REGULATION, Bertrand G. Schott, Urs Hofer, in: Legal Week 11/2015, S. 24
- TOO BIG TO FAIL AND STRUCTURAL REFORMS, Urs Hofer, Schulthess Juristische Medien AG, Zürich/Basel/Genf 2014
- LMG Rising Star Award 2015 & 2016 in Banking and Finance (ExpertGuides by Legal Media Group)

Additional Engagements / Personal Interests

- President of Parliamentary Group (FDP)
- President FDP Winterthur-Veltheim
- Candidate City Council of Winterthur 2020
- Candidate National Council 2015 and 2019
- Board Member and Player-Coach VBC Nürensdorf
- Skiing Instructor, Swiss Ski School Lenzerheide, Season 2002/2003

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