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THE FIRM

Wolf Theiss opened its first office in Vienna in 1957 and soon established a reputation as one of the region's leading law firms. The firm has since grown into a multinational team of approximately 320 lawyers, making it one of the largest integrated law firms in the region. It has offices* in Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Ukraine.

This presence on the ground is one of the firm's key strengths. It works in a fast-moving part of the world that requires deep local knowledge and experience. By combining expertise with a strong international network, the firm is well-placed to handle complex cross-border transactions with a high degree of speed and flexibility.

Apart from its local offices in 13 CEE/SEE countries, Wolf Theiss also offers extensive regional experience in other countries in the region, such as Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Turkey.

*As a technical aside, the firm has regulatory frameworks within which it needs to comply. So by 'presence', it is meant a legal form that is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations in that country.

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**OTHER
OFFICES**

Belgrade, Bratislava,
Bucharest, Budapest, Kiev,
Ljubljana, Prague, Sarajevo,
Sofia, Tirana, Warsaw,
Zagreb

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Wolf Theiss' full range of services covers financial services, competition and antitrust, corporate/mergers and acquisitions, employment law, energy and infrastructure, intellectual property and information technology, litigation and alternative dispute resolution, real estate and construction, regulatory and procurement, and tax. The firm's dedicated practice teams provide in-depth specialist knowledge in their respective areas, and are able to work closely together through a fully integrated network of 13 offices. In addition, the firm has set up four dedicated industry groups – financial services, energy and infrastructure, real estate and life sciences – in order to better serve its clients in these industries.

Austria: this is where it all began in 1957. The team is now one of the most recognised names in Austrian law and has received numerous recognitions and accolades of its excellence over the past years. Most of the lawyers are multilingual and have practised abroad, so there's a real multinational character to the office. Wolf Theiss Vienna – led by the firm's managing partners Erik Steger, Richard Wolf and Nikolaus Paul – comprises 130 lawyers (including 36 partners).

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Administrative law and public sector

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“**Wolf Theiss**'s team is led by Kurt Retter and acts for clients across a range of industries including energy, infrastructure, healthcare and gaming. The team assisted Austrian Power Grid with proceedings for the renewal of the 110km long 220kV high voltage line St. Peter am Hart – Ernsthofen. Other work includes advice on gambling and environmental law matters.

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Werinos-Sydow & Nehajova Rechtsanwälte OG
- 3 bpv Hügel Rechtsanwälte GmbH
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Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
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Wolf Theiss
- 4 Binder Grösswang
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Herbst Kinsky Rechtsanwälte GmbH

Banking and finance

TIER 1

The *'very competent'* and *'strong'* team at **Wolf Theiss** is also *'very responsive'* and provides *'very thorough and detailed'* advice on commercial lending, project finance and private equity alongside regulatory and securitisation matters. The *'very solution-oriented and experienced'* Andreas Schmid has *'excellent industry knowledge'* and together with Marcell Nemeth, who made partner in April 2017, he advised a consortium of Allianz Capital Partner and Snam on the financing of the acquisition of a 49% stake in Gas Connect Austria. In another highlight, Schmid and *'very quick and client-oriented'* counsel Michaela Zakharian assisted Erste Group Bank with the refinancing of a portfolio of six OBI stores in Austria and three in Slovakia following Accelerate Property Fund Europe's acquisition of these OBI stores via a share deal from Supernova. Markus Heidinger heads the team.

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PHH Rechtsanwälte
Schindler Attorneys
Weber & Co. Attorneys-At-Law

LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Andreas Schmid
Markus Heidinger

Capital markets

TIER 1

Wolf Theiss’ *very professional and friendly* team is led by Markus Heidinger and covers the gamut of capital markets work, from bond transactions and public takeovers to regulatory matters and IPOs, which leads to a steady stream of instructions from national and international investment banks. Alexander Haas advised Raiffeisen Bank International on the issuance of €650m 6.125% AT1 notes, and together with Claus Schneider, he assisted the joint lead managers Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, J.P. Morgan Securities and UniCredit Bank Austria with the placement of a €500m bond for Telekom Finanzmanagement. In other work, Haas advised the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) on the issuance of floating rate bonds. Richard Wolf and Andrea Gritsch are recommended.

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LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Richard Wolf

Commercial, corporate and M&A

TIER 2

“**Wolf Theiss**’ *professional* team is well versed in advising corporations, financial institutions and private equity clients on M&A matters and frequently works in conjunction with the firm’s finance, tax, dispute resolution and real estate teams, among others. Christian Mikosch and the *‘very organised and responsive’* Horst Ebhardt advised Allianz Capital Partners on the acquisition of a 49% stake in Gas Connect Austria from OMV, while Hartwig Kienast assisted REWE International with the sale of its Croatian Billa operations, including 62 supermarkets, to its competitor SPAR. Christian Hoenig is recommended; Michael Lind left the firm for an in-house position.

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Jank Weiler Operenyi
Schindler Attorneys
Siemer-Siegl-Füreder & Partner, Rechtsanwälte

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Eckert Fries Prokopp Rechtsanwälte GmbH
KWR Karasek Wietrzyk Rechtsanwälte GmbH
Lansky, Ganzger + Partner (LGP)

Construction

TIER 1

Wolf Theiss is *'solution-oriented'* and has *'great team spirit'* as well as notable experience in representing construction companies in disputes and contractual matters. *'Quick and reliable'* team head Wolfgang Müller represented Porr as plaintiff against its employer ASFiNAG in a €70m dispute over two construction contracts, while the *'outstanding'* Thomas Anderl, who was promoted to the partnership in April 2017, and *'extremely supportive and fast'* senior associate Hannah Schaflinger assisted Pensionsversicherungsanstalt with the evaluation of construction and planning contracts for two healthcare facilities.

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LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Wolfgang Müller

NEXT GENERATION LAWYERS

Thomas Anderl

Dispute resolution: arbitration and mediation

TIER 1

“**Wolf Theiss**’ *strong* team is experienced in investment arbitrations and corporate and commercial disputes involving construction, energy and telecommunication sector players across the CEE and SEE region. After joining from Baker McKenzie • Diwok Hermann Petsche Rechtsanwälte LLP & Co KG in November 2017, Stefan Riegler now heads the team, which includes *knowledgeable, diligent and very diplomatic* counsel Venus Valentina Wong.

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Torggler Rechtsanwälte GmbH
Vavrovsky Heine Marth Rechtsanwälte

NEXT GENERATION LAWYERS

Venus Valentina Wong

Dispute resolution: commercial litigation

TIER 2

Wolf Theiss *'highly respected'* team is well equipped to guide clients through a wide range of commercial litigation and frequently acts for financial services providers, pharmaceuticals, IT and telecom sector players and manufacturers: in a recent highlight, the *'very experienced and highly professional'* Eva Spiegel defended an Austrian bank against class action proceedings initiated by the Austrian consumer protection agency. Clemens Trauttenberg heads the team, which also includes the *'smart, thorough and well-prepared'* Holger Bielesz and the *'very dedicated and committed'* Valerie Hohenberg, who was elevated to the partnership in 2017.

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Fellner Wratzfeld & Partners
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KWR Karasek Wietrzyk Rechtsanwälte GmbH
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Lansky, Ganzger + Partner (LGP)
PHH Rechtsanwälte
petsche pollak attorneys at law

Dispute resolution: white-collar crime (including fraud)

TIER 2

As part of the firm's dispute resolution department, **Wolf Theiss'** team handles a wide range of white-collar crime work including fraud, corruption, asset recovery and cybercrime cases as well as internal investigations and compliance. Clemens Trauttenberg heads the team, which includes '*asset tracing expert*' and newly promoted partner Valerie Hohenberg. Clients include Atrium European Real Estate, the Austrian National Bank and the Austrian state of Lower Austria.

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petsche pollak attorneys at law
Soyer Kier Stuefer
wkk law

Employment

TIER 1

Wolf Theiss has a strong profile for restructuring-related employment work across the CEE and SEE regions including works council and social plan negotiations. *'Strong intellectual mind'* and team head Ralf Peschek advised Artesyn Embedded Technologies on employment law matters pertaining to the closure of its Austrian plant as part of the group's worldwide restructuring programme, which included social plan negotiations. Counsel Walter Pöschl and the *'reliable and thorough'* Matthias Unterrieder are also recommended.

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Freimüller/Obereder/Pilz Rechtsanwält_innen GmbH
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Gahleitner, Rechtsanwaltskanzlei
Mosati
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Alexandra Knell (Dr)
BLS Rechtsanwälte Boller Langhammer Schubert
GmbH
Barnert Egermann Illigasch Rechtsanwälte GmbH
DLA Piper Weiss-Tessbach
Eversheds Sutherland | Stolzka & Partner RAe OG
Fellner Wratzfeld & Partners
Graf & Pitkowitz
Helmut Engelbrecht Rechtsanwälte, Dr.
Herbst Kinsky Rechtsanwälte GmbH
Taylor Wessing Austria
zeiler.partners Rechtsanwälte GmbH

EU and competition

TIER 2

Commended for its wide-ranging contentious and non-continuous experience, **Wolf Theiss**’ *very good*’ team acts across various industry sectors with a focus on retail, financial services, pharmaceuticals, construction, transport and media. *‘Smart, pragmatic and commercially minded*’ team head Günter Bauer represented WM Holding in merger control proceedings before the European Commission with regards to the acquisition of joint control, alongside private equity company Clayton Dubilier & Rice, over French home equipment retailer BUT.

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Haslinger/Nagele & Partner Rechtsanwälte GmbH
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LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Günter Bauer

Insolvency and corporate recovery

TIER 2

“*‘Able to handle an enormous degree of complexity’, **Wolf Theiss** draws on the firm’s banking and finance, corporate, real estate and litigation practices to assist with large-scale corporate and financial restructurings. With a specialism in acting for banks and banking consortiums, the recommended Andreas Schmid advised an international lenders’ consortium, led by Raiffeisenlandesbank Oberösterreich, on the financial restructuring of the indebted construction material group Asamer. Gabriele Etzl joined Jank Weiler Operenyi in November 2017.*”

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Jaksch, Schoeller & Riel, Rechtsanwaltskanzlei
Preslmayr Attorneys at Law
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Vavrovsky Heine Marth Rechtsanwälte

Intellectual property

TIER 2

“**Wolf Theiss** is *'very solution-oriented and experienced'* and covers a broad range of IP work with a significant emphasis on litigation. Recommended team head Georg Kresbach acted for MCM Holding in copyright infringement proceedings and defended Biomet Austria against allegations of contributory know-how infringements brought by Heraeus Kulzer. Roland Marko is another key member of the team.

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Wiltschek Rechtsanwälte

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Private client

TIER 2

Noted for its '*hands-on approach*' and international capabilities, **Wolf Theiss** assists high-net-worth individuals and families with a wide range of estate, tax and succession planning matters including investment advice and related litigation. Handling fiscal criminal matters constitutes another key element of the practice, which is co-led by Karl Binder and the '*dedicated and professional*' Niklas Schmidt.

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Jakobljevich & Grave
Siemer-Siegl-Füreder & Partner, Rechtsanwälte
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DLA Piper Weiss-Tessbach
DSC Doralt Seist Csoklich Rechtsanwälte GmbH
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Müller Partner Rechtsanwälte
Torggler Rechtsanwälte GmbH

Projects and energy

TIER 2

“**Wolf Theiss** provides *'very thorough advice'* on the construction and financing of energy and infrastructure projects, including related disputes, and frequently works in conjunction with the firm's corporate, finance, regulatory, public procurement and real estate practices. Thomas Anderl, who was promoted to the partnership in April 2017, and the *'experienced'* Manfred Essletzbichler assisted the Austrian Development Agency with several supervision and construction contracts for a flood protection infrastructure project in Serbia. Andreas Schmid heads the team.”

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DLA Piper Weiss-Tessbach
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Dorda

Public procurement

TIER 1

Providing *'high-quality services'*, **Wolf Theiss** acts for contracting authorities and bidders in public tender procedures and procurement review proceedings. Sebastian Oberzaucher represented Wiener Zeitung Digitale Publikationen in two-staged tender procedures pertaining to the purchase of a distribution licence for an e-procurement platform, while the *'very smart and professional'* Manfred Essletzichler and the *'hard-working'* Silvia Fessl advised the provincial government of Lower Austria on tender procedures for insurance services, among others.

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SHMP Schwartz Huber-Medek Pallitsch Rechtsanwälte OG
Schnitzer Rechtsanwälte GmbH

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LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Manfred Essletzichler

Real estate

TIER 1

Wolf Theiss "very professional" and sizeable team is frequently involved in the market's most significant transactions, having substantial domestic and cross-border capabilities and the ability to call on colleagues in the firm's solid corporate, finance and construction practices. 'Convincing negotiator' and 'pragmatic' team head Peter Oberlechner, who attracts praise for his 'extensive experience' and 'strategic approach', advised Union Investment Real Estate on the purchase of the office project development QBC 3 as a forward deal. Counsel Birgit Kraml and Karl Binder are recommended. Gabriele Etzl joined Jank Weiler Operenyi in November 2017.

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Nemetschke Huber Koloseus Attorneys at Law

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Graf Patsch Taucher Rechtsanwälte
Saxinger, Chalupsky & Partners (SCWP
Schindhelm)

Bock Fuchs Nonhoff Rechtsanwälte OG
Brand Rechtsanwälte GmbH
KWR Karasek Wietrzyk Rechtsanwälte GmbH

LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Peter Oberlechner

Tax TIER 1

“*‘Providing excellent service’, **Wolf Theiss** ‘very good’ practice handles the full spectrum of contentious and non-contentious tax work and frequently provides advice on corporate tax, tax planning and financial products. ‘Highly qualified’ co-head Niklas Schmidt advised private equity company Eurazeo on tax matters arising from the acquisition of a portfolio of 85 budget and mid-range hotels from AccorHotels, and assisted a number of clients, including Barclays, Banco Santander and BayernLB, with tax issues pertaining to the issuance of various financial products offered to retail investors in Austria. Benjamin Twardosz joined CHSH Cerha Hempel Spiegelfeld Hlawati in January 2018.*”

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LEADING INDIVIDUALS

Niklas Schmidt

TMT
TIER 3

“**Wolf Theiss**’ *knowledgeable* team covers IT, data protection and e-business work. The recommended Roland Marko advised Sberbank Europe on the implementation of a data protection management system, and assisted Orange Business Services with licensing, data retention and data protection issues alongside user monitoring matters. In other work, the team advised Kelag on issues arising from the operation of an online platform. Georg Kresbach heads the practice.”

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- 3 Andréewitch & Simon
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Knyrim Trieb Rechtsanwälte OG
Wolf Theiss
- 4 Baker McKenzie • Diwok Hermann Petsche Rechtsanwälte LLP & Co KG
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Lansky, Ganzger + Partner (LGP)
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CEYDA AKBAL SCHWIMANN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution, Corporate / M&A

POSITION

Counsel, since 2016. Ceyda has experience in corporate law, domestic and cross-border M&A transactions, public private partnerships and legal due diligence processes. She has represented major groups in Austria, Turkey and other CEE countries, particularly in connection with corporate and litigation matters. She also has experience working under the major arbitration rules, for example representing clients in proceedings under the ICC Rules and in connection with ICSID proceedings.

LANGUAGES

Turkish, English, French, German.

EDUCATION

In addition to her Turkish law degree, Ceyda has an LL.M. from the University of Cambridge in International Law.



MAG THOMAS ANDERL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate & Construction

POSITION

Partner, since 2017, specialising in construction law. Thomas is regularly involved in complex matters in this field of expertise, both national and international, including representing construction companies before courts, arbitral tribunals and FIDIC-Dispute Adjudication Boards.

CAREER

Associate, WolfTheiss (2012-2014), Senior Associate (2014-2015), Counsel (2016); Associate, Karasek Wietrzyk (2010-2012). Thomas also spent over 5 years working in the construction field as international claim manager for a renowned construction firm and as a construction technician in Austria.

LANGUAGES

English, German.

EDUCATION

Certified FIDIC/VBI-Adjudicator (2014); Bar Exam (2013); University of Vienna, law degree (Mag.iur. 2008, Dr. iur. 2011); University of Vienna, Diploma in "Real Estate and Construction Law" (2009); Vienna University of Applied Sciences (Dipl.-Ing. (FH), degree in construction engineering and management, 2007); Qualified master builder "Baumeister" (since 2009); Higher Technical Institute for construction engineering in Vienna (2003).

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WORK DEPARTMENT

Competition/Antitrust.

POSITION

Counsel specializing in EU Competition Law, Austrian and CEE Competition Law, Multi-national Merger Control, State Aid Law, General EU Law.

CAREER

Counsel, WolfTheiss since 2010.

LANGUAGES

German English French.

MEMBER

Düsseldorf Bar (North Rhine-Westphalia/Germany) Brussels Bar (Belgium)
Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht e.V.

EDUCATION

University Göttingen, Lower Saxony/Germany, First State Exam, 1992; PhD thesis "Dr. iur.", 1997 Court of first instance Kassel, Hessen/Germany, 2nd State Exam, 1997.



DR GUENTER BAUER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Competition & Antitrust, Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in EU competition law, national and CEE/SEE antitrust law (cartels, dominance issues, merger control, compliance programmes, cooperation agreements and vertical restraints), distribution law, State aid.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2007; admitted to the bar in Austria, since 2000, and in Belgium, since 2001.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, Brussels Bar Association / Belgium, IBA Competition Law, Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht (the Antitrust Lawyers Association for Germany, Austria and Switzerland).

EDUCATION

University of Salzburg (Mag. iur.), 1993, (Dr. iur.), Université d'Auvergne, France, 1995; Kings College, London, (LL.M.) 1999.

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DR HOLGER BIELESZ

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in international commercial litigation and dispute resolution including white collar crime. Work includes litigation within the financial services, insurance, manufacturing and real estate industries, whether domestic or multi-jurisdictional. Succession law practice ranging from advisory work to litigation.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2010; Attorney, Wolf Theiss, 2007 – 2010; admitted in Austria, since 2007.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Mag. iur. 1998), (Dr. iur. 2005); Studies in Fribourg, Switzerland, 1997 – 1998; College of Europe, Brügge, (LL.M. 2001).



DR KARL BINDER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate.

POSITION

Partner, specializing in Real Estate, Corporate, EC-Law, Inheritance-Law, Private Clients.

CAREER

Counsel, WolfTheiss, 2013 – 2015, Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, 2011 – 2013, Associate, WolfTheiss, 2008 – 2011, admitted to the Bar in Austria since 2011.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

EDUCATION

Notary exam II (with Honors), 2007, Notary exam I (with Honors), 2006, University of Graz, (Dr. iur.), 2006, University of Krems, (LL.M.), 2004, University of Graz, (Mag. iur.), 2003.

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MAG DORIS BUXBAUM

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / Mergers & Acquisitions / Restructuring / Private Client

POSITION

Counsel; specialized in Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, Restructuring, Project Management and Private Client Business. Doris has particular expertise in corporate and contract law, international project management, mergers and acquisitions and as well as in the estate administration of high net worth clients and their families.

CAREER

Counsel, WolfTheiss, since 2016; Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, 2014 – 2016; admitted in Austria since 2006; Before joining WolfTheiss, Doris already worked for several years in a renowned law firm in Vienna.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, International Bar Association

EDUCATION

University of Amsterdam, (LL.M. 2001); University of Vienna, (1999).



DR GERHARD DILGER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance, Corporate/M&A

POSITION

Consultant, since 2015, specialising in M&A, financial markets regulatory, derivatives, energy markets regulatory, energy market contracts, project development and employment law in international organisations.

CAREER

Associate, WolfTheiss (2014 – 2015); Chief Legal Officer International Organization in Sarajevo (2012 – 2013); Chief Legal Officer International Energytrading Group (2011 – 2012)

LANGUAGES

English, German, Russian

EDUCATION

University of Innsbruck (Mag. business administration, 2007; Ph.D. law, 2008)

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MELANIE DIMITROV

WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax.

POSITION

Consultant.

CAREER

Prior to joining WolfTheiss, Melanie worked in a boutique tax advisory firm and later gained experience at a renowned law firm in Vienna.

LANGUAGES

Bulgarian, English, German.

MEMBER

Melanie is member of the Sofia Bar Association since 2015 and admitted to the bar in Vienna since 2017. She is also a member of the International Fiscal Association (IFA).

EDUCATION

Melanie obtained her law degree from the University of Vienna. In addition, she holds a degree in International Business Administration from the University of Vienna and an LL.M. degree from Columbia Law School in New York City.



DR HORST EBHARDT

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / Mergers & Acquisitions.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in cross border M&A and corporate restructuring transactions in the region, including advising leading European financial institutions and health care companies on corporate transactions and Private Equity investors on corporate acquisitions and reorganisations of portfolio companies.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 1997; Admitted in Austria, since 1994 and in the Czech Republic, since 1998.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, International Bar Association, Czech Bar Association, SBL.

EDUCATION

Institut Catholique de Paris, 1981; Haute Ecole de Sciences Politiques et Sociales, 1982 – 1983; University of Graz, (Dr. iur. 1984); University of Sorbonne, London School of Economics and Political Science, (LL.M. 1986).

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MAG KATRIN EISLER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / M&A

POSITION

Counsel, since 2017, specialising in corporate law and Mergers & Acquisitions in Austria. Katrin has recently been involved in major large cross-border transactions in the pharma, infrastructure, energy and software industry.

CAREER

WolfTheiss (Associate, 2010 – 2014, Senior Associate, 2014 – 2017), Kwizda Holding GmbH (Internship Legal Department, 2008), PricewaterhouseCoopers (Internship, 2007).

LANGUAGES

English, German.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Mag. iur., 2009).



MAG MANFRED ESSLETZBICHLER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Regulatory & Procurement, Banking & Finance.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in Public Procurement Law, Business Law, Competition and Antitrust Law. Manfred regularly advises on major infrastructure projects and on tenders concerning intellectual services, medical devices or IT-systems as well as on alleged infringements of procurement law. He represents parties in review proceedings before Procurement Review Authorities and also specializes in compliance regarding public tenders.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2002; Admitted in Austria, since 2002.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, Forum Vergabe e.V.

EDUCATION

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MAG SILVIA FESSL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Regulatory and Procurement

POSITION

Partner, specializing in public procurement, state aid and contract law, as well as in PPP's and project development.

CAREER

Graf & Pitkowitz Rechtsanwälte (Associate, 2006-2009), Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner Rechtsanwälte (Senior Associate, 2009-2011; Junior Partner, 2011 – 2014), Wolf Theiss (Counsel, 2014 – 2015).

LANGUAGES

English, French, German, Portuguese.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag.iur., 2005), Bar Exam (2010).



MAG CLAUDIA FESSLER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation & Dispute Resolution.

POSITION

Consultant, specializing in Litigation, Civil Law, Criminal Law.

CAREER

Consultant, Wolf Theiss, since 2012, Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2010-2012.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

MEMBER

Österreichischer Juristenverband.

EDUCATION

Bar Exam 2007, University of Vienna, (Mag. iur.), 2001.

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MAG ISABEL FIRNEIS

WORK DEPARTMENT

Employment

POSITION

Senior Associate, specialising in extrajudicial advice and employment litigation, with a special focus on restructuring, executive agreements and employment contracts as well as cross-border issues.

CAREER

Associate, WolfTheiss, 2015 – 2017.

LANGUAGES

German, English

MEMBER

Isabel is admitted to the bar in Austria.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag.iur.)



MAG KLARA FUCHS

WORK DEPARTMENT

Public Procurement.

POSITION

Senior Associate, since 2018, specialising in national and international procurement law.

CAREER

Associate, WolfTheiss, 2015 – 2018. Prior to joining WolfTheiss, she worked as an associate at a Viennese law firm specializing in civil law for several years. In addition, she worked for a well known Viennese procurement law firm gaining valuable experience in conducting tender procedures and advising clients during tender review proceedings before national authorities.

EDUCATION

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DR CLARA GORDON

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/M&A.

POSITION

Senior Associate, since 2018, specialising in M&A transactions and corporate matters. She has been involved in numerous Austrian and cross-border transactions and restructurings in the healthcare / life science, IT, manufacturing, construction, transport, real estate and consulting industries.

CAREER

Associate, WolfTheiss, 2013 – 2018.

MEMBER

AIJA.



MAG ANJA GREINER

WORK DEPARTMENT

IP/IT

POSITION

Senior Associate, specialising in particular in trademark law, contract law, M&A and gaming law. Anja has advised numerous clients from the IT, entertainment and healthcare sectors.

CAREER

Associate, WolfTheiss, 2015 – 2017.

LANGUAGES

German, English

MEMBER

Anja is admitted to the bar in Austria.

EDUCATION

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MMAG DR ANDREA GRITSCH

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance.

POSITION

Partner, since 2013; specialising in transactions in banking and capital markets law, as well as corporate law. She has advised in numerous cross-boarder financial transactions, in particular in the field of syndicated loans. In addition, having advised a number of international players in the financial and payment services sector, she has developed niche expertise in a highly-regulated area.

CAREER

Counsel, WolfTheiss 2013, Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, 2011 – 2013, Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2008 – 2011, admitted to the Bar in Austria since 2011.

LANGUAGES

German, English, Spanish, Russian.

EDUCATION

Bar exam with distinction (2010), University of Innsbruck, Austria, Dr.iur. with distinction (2006 – 2008), St. Mary's University, USA, Summer School on World Legal Problems (2007), University of Innsbruck, Austria, Mag.rer.soc.oec. (2001 – 2005), University of Innsbruck, Austria, Mag.iur. (2000 – 2005), Aston University, UK, Erasmus Exchange (2003 – 2004), University of New Orleans, USA, Summer School (2001).



MAG ALEXANDER HAAS

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance.

POSITION

Partner, specializing in Banking & Finance, Debt Capital Markets, Corporate. Legal advice to both issuers and underwriters in relation to banks' funding, the issuance of corporate bonds, structured products (stand-alone and base prospectus documentation). Liability management transactions, bank and stock exchange regulation matters.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2016, Counsel, Wolf Theiss, 2014 – 2016, Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2011 – 2014, Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2006 – 2011, admitted in Austria, since 2011.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Mag. iur.), 2005, Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, 1998 – 2000.

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DR MARKUS HEIDINGER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance, Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in finance and corporate finance, finance regulatory. Work includes all forms of financing structures and products, M&A and restructuring in the finance industry, banking and capital markets regulatory, representing clients against the FMA.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 1993; Admitted in Austria, since 1993 and in the Czech Republic, since 1999.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association (panel member), International Bar Association, Lawyers Association, Austrian Chinese Friendship Society, Czech Bar Association.

EDUCATION

University of Graz (Dr.iur. 1989); University of London, King's College (LL.M. 1991).



DR PETRA HEINDL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / M&A

POSITION

Senior Associate specialising in Mergers & Acquisitions, Banking & Finance, Corporate Law.

CAREER

Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, since 2013; Foreign Associate, Wuersch & Gering LLP, New York, 2013; Senior Associate, Binder Grösswang Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Vienna, 2011-2013; Associate, Binder Grösswang Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Vienna, 2009 – 2011; Associate, Wolf Theiss, Vienna, 2007 – 2008; Law Clerk, 2005 – 2006; Paralegal, Prunbauer, Themmer & Toth, Vienna, 2002 – 2004; Intern, Voest Alpine International, Moscow, 2003, 2004; Intern, Ericsson Austria AG, Vienna, 2002.

LANGUAGES

German, English, Russian, Spanish.

EDUCATION

Santa Clara University, USA (LL.M.), 2006 – 2007; Danube University of Krems, Austria, (LL.M.), 2005 – 2006; University of Vienna, Austria, Mag. iur. 2005, Dr. iur. (with distinction) 2008; University of Rovaniemi, Finland, 2004; admitted in Austria, since 2011.

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DR IUR ANGELIKA HELLWEGER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Counsel, specialized in complex commercial disputes, White Collar Crime, Criminal Law, Internal Investigations and Compliance. Work includes litigation within the financial services and real estate industries, whether domestic or multi-jurisdictional.

CAREER

Counsel, WolfTheiss, since 2016; Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, 2014 – 2016; admitted in Austria since 2014; Associate, WolfTheiss, 2010 – 2014; Law Clerk, 2008 – 2009; Legal Trainee, Saxinger, Chalupsky & Partners Rechtsanwälte GmbH (SCWP Schindhelm), 2007-2008.

LANGUAGES

German, English, Spanish

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, Austrian Lawyers' Association.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag. iur. 2007), (Dr. iur. 2014); special diplomas in Commercial Law and Criminal Law.



DR GABRIELE HINTSTEINER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Senior Associate, specialising in litigation and alternative dispute resolution, but she is also active in international arbitration, international litigation and commercial law as well as in civil law.

EDUCATION

Law degree from the University of Salzburg (1994) and an LL.M. from the University of Helsinki, Finland (1997), but also a Ph.D. in law from 2000.

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MAG LEOPOLD HOEHER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance

POSITION

Counsel, since 2016, specializing in financing and capital market transactions with a focus on advising national and international clients on domestic and cross-border structured debt financing transactions (in particular project financings, acquisition financings and corporate lending), secured finance transactions, restructuring transactions and issuance of bonds. He has extensive experience as counsel to lenders and arrangers as well as debtors and issuers in Austria and CEE.

CAREER

Before joining Wolf Theiss, Leopold worked at the Vienna and Prague office of one of the major law firms in Austria.

EDUCATION

Leopold completed his studies at the University of Vienna (Mag. iur. 2005).



DR CHRISTIAN HOENIG

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/M&A.

POSITION

Partner since 1992. Christian is an internationally recognised specialist in corporate/M&A, private equity/venture capital and insolvency/restructuring with some deep background in tax from his early years in practice. He played a key role in the expansion of Wolf Theiss into the CEE/SEE region starting from 1995. Christian has extensive experience with major transactions in the renewable energy, steel, railway, automotive, tobacco, financial, real estate, telecommunications and IT industries. He also advises start-ups and VC funds, in particular in the fields of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and medical products.

EDUCATION

Christian studied law in Vienna (Dr. iur.) and San Diego (LL.M. with honours) and he also holds a degree in economics from the University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna (Mag. rer. soc. oec.). Christian is admitted as Attorney at Law in Austria and in New York.

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MAG RALPH HOFMANN-CREDNER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution, Tax.

POSITION

Counsel, since 2015; specialised in Banking Disputes, Criminal Tax Law, Cross-border Litigation, Insolvency Law, Insurance and Re-insurance Disputes.

CAREER

Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, 2007 – 2014; admitted in Austria, since 2007.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, Executive M.B.L.-HSG Union, HSG Alumni, International Alumni Holland & Knight, Young Austrian Commercial Litigation Association (founding member and President), enrolled as Solicitor in England and Wales (non-practising).

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Mag. iur. 2001); Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Erasmus Scholarship, 2000; University of St. Gallen, (Executive M.B.L.-HSG 2003); Austrian Academy of Certified Public Accountants, Vienna (Certified Criminal Tax Law Expert 2008).



MAG VALERIE HOHENBERG

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution.

POSITION

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2017, specialising in Corporate Litigation, D&O Liability and Life Sciences.

CAREER

Counsel, Wolf Theiss, 2016 – 2017; Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2013 – 2016; Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2008 – 2012; Kommunalkredit Austria AG, Secondment, 2014; Baxter AG, Legal Department, Secondment, 2012; Wolff & Galen Immobilientreuhänder GmbH, 2006 – 2007; Self-employed in the Family Business, 2005 – 2008; Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2004 – 2005; District Court of Salzburg, Judicial Clerkship, 2003 – 2004; Federal Ministry for Health, Family and Youth, Trainee, 2001; "Die Presse", 2000 – 2001.

LANGUAGES

German, English, Russian.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Mag. iur.), 2003.

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MAG MIMO HUSSEIN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking and Finance

POSITION

Senior Associate, specialising in banking, investment funds and capital markets law with a focus on advising national and international clients in regulatory questions.

CAREER

Before joining Wolf Theiss, Mimo worked with the Austrian Financial Market Authority (FMA) in the department Integrated Supervision where he actively participated in the supervision practice of the FMA.

MEMBER

Mimo is admitted to the bar in Austria.

EDUCATION

University of Graz (Mag.iur), 2010



MAG JOHANN HWEZDA

WORK DEPARTMENT

Public Procurement. Johann specializes in public procurement law, in particular on tender procedures for complex planning contracts, construction works and PPP issues. He has extensive practical experience in handling high level procurement procedures.

POSITION

Senior Associate.

CAREER

Prior to joining the firm, Johann gained valuable experience working for several years at two prestigious procurement law boutiques in Vienna.

EDUCATION

Johann studied law at the University of Vienna, where he graduated in 2011. He completed his legal clerkship in 2012 and has been admitted to the Austrian bar since 2017.

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WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution, Intellectual Property & Information Technology.

POSITION

Senior Associate; specialised in Intellectual Property (in particular trade mark law, design law, copyright law, and anti-counterfeiting; licensing and distribution law), Life Science (in particular pharmaceutical and medical device law, including advertising law), Unfair Competition Law (in particular advertising law, law on sales promotion and law on product imitations), Litigation, mainly in the above-mentioned fields.

CAREER

Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, since 2009; admitted in Germany since 2007; admitted in Austria since 2010.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

MEMBER

Karlsruhe Bar Association, Vienna Bar Association.

EDUCATION

University of Mannheim, 1993 – 1997; 1st State Examination January 1998; 2nd State Examination April 2000; University of Cambridge, (LL.M. 2001); Doctor Studies, 2001 – 2002.



MMAG HARTWIG KIENAST

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions.

POSITION

Partner, specialised in mergers & acquisitions, corporate reorganizations and day-to-day corporate matters. He has gained extensive professional experience with transactions in the infrastructure, energy, consumer goods and pharmaceutical sectors, as well as in domestic and cross-border reorganizations.

CAREER

Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, 2009 – 2014; Counsel, WolfTheiss, 2014 – 2015.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, School of Law (Mag. iur. 2001); Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration (Mag. rer. soc. oec. 2004).

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DR MARTIN KIND

WORK DEPARTMENT

Projects, Regulatory & Procurement, Banking & Finance.

POSITION

Of Counsel, WolfTheiss, since 2011; specializing in environmental law, EU policy and constitutional and administrative law.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

UNIV PROF DR THOMAS KLICKA

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution.

POSITION

Of Counsel specializing in Civil Procedure Law and International Civil Procedure Law.

CAREER

Of Counsel, Wolf Theiss since 2006.

LANGUAGES

English German.

MEMBER

Deutsche Zivilprozessrechtslehrervereinigung; International Assembly of Civil Procedure Law.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag., 1985; Dr., 1988).

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MAG KARL KOLLER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate

POSITION

Partner, specialised in Real Estate Law, Corporate Law, Administrative Law

CAREER

Associate, WolfTheiss, 2001 – 2004 and 2005 – 2007; Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, 2007 – 2012; Counsel, WolfTheiss, 2012 – 2015.

LANGUAGES

German, English, Czech

EDUCATION

University of Vienna Law School, (Mag. iur. 2000); University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, (LL.M. 2005)



DR BIRGIT KRAML

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution, Real Estate.

POSITION

Counsel; specialised in planning and environmental proceedings, lease agreements, planning and construction agreements and in dispute resolution. Moreover, Birgit is an expert for shopping centres, and provides advice and represents clients before national civil and administrative courts and authorities.

CAREER

Attorney, Wolf Theiss, since 2005; admitted in Austria, since 2005.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French, Spanish.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Mag. iur. 1998); (Dr. iur. 2001); Université René Descartes, 1997; London School of Economics and Political Science, (LL.M. 2001).

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DR GEORG KRESBACH

WORK DEPARTMENT

Intellectual Property & information Technology, Real Estate, Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in Intellectual Property (Trademarks, Patents, Copyrights, Designs), TMT (software, service level and maintenance agreements, outsourcing), Unfair Competition, New Media and Internet, Pharma and Health Care.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 1996; admitted in Austria, since 1996.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, International Bar Association, INTA, AIPPI, ECTA, Österreichische Vereinigung für Gewerblichen Rechtsschutz, Marques.

EDUCATION

University of Graz, University of Vienna, (Dr. iur. 1993).



DR STEFAN LAMPERT

WORK DEPARTMENT

Regulatory, specialising in public and administrative law.

POSITION

Senior Associate. Stefan focuses on construction law, planning and zoning, environmental law as well as on energy regulatory issues. He frequently advises clients in relation to Environmental Impact Assessments or on conservation issues and has particular experience in connection with renewable energy, especially wind energy.

CAREER

Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, since 2018. Before joining WolfTheiss, Stefan worked in the regulatory and administrative teams of other well-known Austrian and regional law firms. Stefan is admitted to the bar in Austria.

EDUCATION

University of Innsbruck, Austria (Mag.iur. 2012, Dr.iur. 2014)

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MAG WOLFGANG LAUCHNER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Public Procurement

POSITION

Senior Associate and a member of the Wolf Theiss public procurement team since 2010.

CAREER

Wolfgang has already worked on complex public procurement matters and tender procedures in various fields from IT and medical technology to works contracts and intellectual services and has an excellent understanding of the economics and driving forces of those industries. In addition, he advises clients on review procedures before national review authorities.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag.iur).



MAG MARIKA LOMASHVILI

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance

POSITION

Counsel, since 2017, specialising in banking, finance and capital markets. During her years as a qualified lawyer she has advised international financial institutions, corporations, credit institutions on a numerous capital market transactions, numerous aspects of banking and capital markets law as well as on regulatory matters, corporate law and private equity.

CAREER

Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, 2014 – 2017. In addition to an Austrian law degree and admission to the Austrian bar, Marika is a court certified translator for the Russian language.

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NIKOLOUS LOUDON

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution. Nikolous specializes in commercial and corporate litigation, arbitration and white collar crime.

POSITION

Senior Associate.

CAREER

Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2013 – 2017.

MEMBER

Member of the Austrian bar since 2017. Member of the Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP)

EDUCATION

Nikolaus obtained his law degree from the University of Vienna in 2012.



MAG INGRID MAKARIUS

WORK DEPARTMENT

Regulatory and Procurement; Projects

POSITION

Consultant, Wolf Theiss, since 2012, specialising in public procurement and public business law.

CAREER

Wolf Theiss, 2005 – 2009; In-House Lawyer, Technical University Vienna

LANGUAGES

German, English, French, Italian

EDUCATION

In addition to her law degree from the University of Vienna and the Université René Descartes in Paris, she has an MBA in General Management. She is also a professional crisis manager.

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DR PHILIPP MARBOE

WORK DEPARTMENT

Regulatory and Procurement

POSITION

Counsel, since 2015, specialising in public procurement law, in particular on planning and implementing tender procedures. He advises and represents Austrian and international clients – both bidders and contracting authorities – in reviewing procedures.

CAREER

Wolf Theiss (Senior Associate, 2014-2015); Schönherr Rechtsanwälte (Junior Partner, 2010-2013; Associate, 2008-2010), Lambert Eversheds Rechtsanwälte (Associate, 2006 – 2008), Rechtsanwaltskanzlei S.C.P. Weissberg, Gaetjens, Ziegenfeuter & Associés (WGZ) in Paris (Associate, 2003), Dr. Emberger Rechtsanwälte (Associate, 2002).

LANGUAGES

English, French, German, Spanish.

EDUCATION

Universidad Autónoma in Madrid (Erasmus, 1994-1995), University of Vienna (Mag.iur., 1996; Dr.iur., 2001), Bar Exam (2009).



MAG ROLAND MARKO

WORK DEPARTMENT

Intellectual Property & Information Technology, Dispute Resolution.

POSITION

Partner, specialised in information technology law, data protection law, intellectual property law, unfair competition law, food law (all fields including litigation).

CAREER

Counsel, WolfTheiss, 2012 – 2015; Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, 2008 – 2012; admitted to the Bar in Austria since 2008.

LANGUAGES

German, English, Italian.

MEMBER

Wissenschaftliche Interessensgemeinschaft für Informationsrecht IT-LAW.AT.

EDUCATION

University of Graz (Academic Media Expert 2001), (Mag. iur. 2002); University of Vienna, (LL.M. 2004).

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DR CHRISTIAN MIKOSCH

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/M&A.

POSITION

Partner specialising in corporate law, international commercial law and mergers & acquisitions with particular expertise in the CEE/SEE region. Besides being the responsible partner for Wolf Theiss' work in Kosovo, Christian has developed a unique know-how in privatizations and negotiations with governments.

EDUCATION

Christian holds LL.M. degrees from both the University of Manchester and the University of Rotterdam.



MAG WOLFGANG MUELLER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate & Construction.

POSITION

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2012, specialising in Civil and Company Law; Building Contracts; Compensation for damages and defects liability; Dispute Resolution before state courts, arbitral tribunals and FIDIC Dispute Adjudication Boards. For the past 12 years, Wolfgang has focused entirely on project-related legal advice on construction projects (property construction, infrastructure projects, tunnel and cavern construction, power plant construction, plant construction, FIDIC agreements).

CAREER

ILF Beratende Ingenieure ZT GmbH Dornbirn, Vienna and Zurich (1991-1994); Associate at a renowned Vienna law firm; Lecturer at the FH Campus Vienna (construction engineering – construction management); Editor of the construction magazine "SOLID Wirtschaft und Technik am Bau"; certified FIDIC Adjudicator (VBI / FIDIC).

LANGUAGES

German, English.

MEMBER

Society for Construction Law (Gesellschaft für Baurecht); Austrian Society for Geomechanics (ÖGG).

EDUCATION

Bar Exam (2006); University of Vienna (Mag. iur. 2001); Vocational training as construction tracer with ILF Beratende Ingenieure ZT GmbH Dornbirn (1994-2001).

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MARCELL NEMETH

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance

POSITION

Partner since 2017, specializing in banking and capital markets. During his career he has advised on a wide range of finance matters including lending, projects, regulatory and other banking transactions such as acquisitions and loan portfolio issues.

CAREER

Allen & Overy, 2000-2009 (Senior Associate – Partner); Pinsent Masons, 2009-2012 (Partner); Unicredit Bank Austria, 2013-2015 (Vice President); Wolf Theiss, 2015 – 2017 (Counsel).

LANGUAGES

English, German, French, Hungarian.

MEMBER

Law Society; Budapest Bar Association.

EDUCATION

ELTE Faculty of Law, Budapest; QLTT London.



DR PETER OBERLECHNER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / Mergers & Acquisitions, Real Estate.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in Mergers & Acquisitions, General Corporate, Real Estate.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 1999; admitted in Austria, since 1995 and in the Czech Republic, since 1999.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, Czech Bar Association, International Bar Association (IBA), Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht e.V., Austrian Management Club, International Real Estate Federation FIABCI, Counselors of Real Estate (CRE).

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Dr. iur. 1982); London School of Economics and Political Science, (LL.M. 1993).

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MAG SEBASTIAN OBERZAUCHER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Regulatory and Procurement

POSITION

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2014, specializing in Public Procurement Law, PPP, Construction Law, Competition and Antitrust Law. Sebastian advises contracting authorities on planning and implementing tender procedures regarding complex infrastructure projects. He advises and represents both contracting authorities as well as bidders in review procedures before the Austrian public procurement reviewing authorities and bidders during tender procedures in order to safeguard full compliance of their bids with public procurement law as well as the tender documents (tender specifications).

CAREER

Counsel, Wolf Theiss, 2013 – 2014, Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2011 – 2013, Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2010 – 2011.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association.

EDUCATION

Austrian bar examination, 2010, University of Vienna (Mag.iur., 2004).



MAG WALTER PÖSCHL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Employment

POSITION

Counsel, in the Employment Practice Group. He is involved in many significant employment law matters and is also very active in key employment litigation, where he applies his long time general litigation experience.

EDUCATION

Walter is a graduate of the University of Graz.

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WORK DEPARTMENT

Regulatory & Procurement; Banking & Finance.

POSITION

Senior Associate at Wolf Theiss, since 2013 specialized in Public Procurement Law, PPP projects and European Community Law.

CAREER

Associate Wolf Theiss (2008 – 2013); Legal Assistant, Specht Rechtsanwälte GmbH (2007); Legal Assistant, Brandl & Talos Rechtsanwälte GmbH (2005 – 2006); Legal Assistant, Binder Grösswang Rechtsanwälte GmbH (2004).

LANGUAGES

Slovak, German, English, Dutch.

MEMBER

ELSA (European Law Students' Association).

EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag.iur., 2007); University Nijmegen, The Netherlands (Erasmus, 2006); Slovak Public Procurement Office, authorized expert in Slovak public procurement law (2009).



DR NIKOLAUS PAUL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance

POSITION

Partner and one of the three members of the elected management board at Wolf Theiss. Nikolaus has a special focus on financing transactions, including financial restructurings, in Austria and the CEE/SEE region. Besides his financing and restructuring focus, Nikolaus has extensive experience in the field of investment funds (UCITS and AIF), including the establishment of multi-jurisdictional fund structures.

EDUCATION

Nikolaus completed his studies at the University of Vienna (Mag. iur, 1999; Dr. iur. with honours, 2003).

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MMAG DR RALF PESCHEK

WORK DEPARTMENT

Employment Law, Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution, Corporate / Mergers & Acquisition.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in Agreements with Executives, Austrian and Eastern European Employment Law, Contracts, Corporate, Litigation and Representation Before Governmental Authorities, Mergers & Acquisitions, Outsourcing, Pension & Benefits, Restructuring and Rationalisation Measures.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2000; Admitted in Austria and in the Czech Republic, since 2000 and EU Attorney in Slovenia.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, Czech Bar Association, Slovenian Bar Association, Lawyers Association, European Employment Lawyers Association (EELA).

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Dr. iur. 1994); University of Business Administration Economics Vienna (MBA 1994), (Mag. rer.soc.oec. 1994); University of San Diego, School of Law, (LL.M. 1999).



MAG PAULINA POMORSKI

WORK DEPARTMENT

IP/IT

POSITION

Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, specialising in intellectual property law, unfair competition law, information technology and data protection.

LANGUAGES

English, French, German, Polish

EDUCATION

Paulina is admitted to the New York Bar and holds an LL.M from the New York University School of Law in Global Business Law (2012) as well as an LL.M. from the National University of Singapore in Asian Legal Studies (2012). Paulina obtained her law degree at the University of Vienna in 2008 and was admitted to the Austrian bar in 2016.

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DR KURT RETTER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Regulatory

POSITION

Partner, since 2001. Kurt has practiced in various fields of regulatory law including: regulated industries (energy, telecommunications and rail), life sciences, insurance, banking and finance, gambling law, environmental law, compliance, data protection, infrastructure projects, aviation, as well as private clients.

EDUCATION

Holding degrees from Vienna University Law School and Yale Law School, Kurt started his professional career teaching constitutional and administrative law at the University of Vienna for five years.



DR STEFAN RIEGLER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution. Stefan specializes in advising companies on commercial disputes, especially in the energy, construction and infrastructure sectors; he is also experienced in handling corporate, post-M&A and banking disputes. Stefan has acted as counsel and arbitrator under major arbitration rules, such as the ICC, VIAC, DIS and Swiss Rules, as well as in ad hoc arbitration proceedings. In addition, he advises on private enforcement issues.

POSITION

Partner and head of the arbitration practice at Wolf Theiss.

MEMBER

Stefan is a member of the board of the Austrian Arbitration Association (ArbAut), of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and of various other international arbitration organisations, as well as being the author of numerous articles and publications on arbitration.

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MAG WOLFRAM SCHACHINGER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Regulatory and Procurement; Projects; Real Estate & Construction.

POSITION

Consultant specialising in environmental law, in particular on environmental impact assessments as well as on industrial plant regulations, regional planning law and construction law. He regularly advises clients on environmental issues in relation to complex infrastructure projects and assists them vis-à-vis public authorities in related regulatory procedures.

CAREER

Consultant, Wolf Theiss, since 2016; Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2013-2016; Attorney, Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner, 2010-2013; Associate, Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner, 2006-2010; Law Clerk, 2005.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna (mag.iur.), 2004; Bar Exam, 2009.



MAG HANNAH SCHAFLINGER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate & Construction

POSITION

Senior Associate, since 2014, specialising in construction law.

CAREER

Wolf Theiss (Associate, 2013 – 2014), Neudorfer Rechtsanwälte (Legal Assistant, 2003 – 2010; Associate, 2010-2013).

LANGUAGES

English, German.

EDUCATION

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MAG MATTHIAS SCHIMKA

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance, Corporate/M&A

POSITION

Counsel, since 2017, specialising in banking law and debt financing transactions.

CAREER

WolfTheiss (Associate, 2010 – 2014; Senior Associate, 2014 – 2017), Research and Teaching Assistant, Institute for Civil and Business Law, Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration (2007-2010).

LANGUAGES

English, German.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag.iur., 2007), Free University Berlin (2007).



DR ANDREAS SCHMID

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance, Corporate, Projects (Infrastructure, Energy & Utilities), Real Estate.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in Structured Finance; Projects (Infrastructure, Energy & Utilities); Restructuring Andreas is an internationally renowned finance and projects expert known for his outstanding experience in high-profile transactions (including large infrastructure and energy projects) and his hands-on approach in transaction management. He has advised numerous financial institutions, large corporates and private equity funds on domestic and cross-border structured finance and debt-restructuring transactions.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 1993; admitted in Austria, since 1991 and in the Czech Republic, since 2000.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, International Bar Association, Loan Market Association

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Dr. iur. 1985); London School of Economics and Political Science, (LL.M. 1992).

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MMAG DR NIKLAS SCHMIDT

WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax, Corporate / Mergers & Acquisitions.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in International Tax Law, Tax Planning of International Groups, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Foundations, Capital Markets Law, Taxation of Investment Funds and Financial Instruments, Corporate Finance, Corporate Law, Private Clients.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2004; admitted Tax Advisor in Austria, since 2001; admitted as Attorney in Austria, since 2004.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

MEMBER

Austrian Chamber of Certified Public Accountants, Vienna Bar Association, International Fiscal Association (IFA), International Bar Association (IBA), Institute of Economics and Tax Law.

EDUCATION

University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna, (Mag.rer.soc.oec. 1995); University of Vienna (Mag. iur. 1998), (Dr. iur. 2000).



DR CLAUS SCHNEIDER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Financing, Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in capital markets, debt and structured finance, bank regulatory law, corporate transactions. A debt, hybrid and structured issues expert, Claus has worked on some of the most innovative and other first-time debt and hybrid issues in Austria and has been one of the key legal advisors regarding bank support measures undertaken by the Republic of Austria amid financial crises.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2003; admitted in Austria, since 2003; Lawyer, World Bank (Washington D.C., 1998).

LANGUAGES

German, English.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, International Bar Association, British Institute of International and Comparative Law.

EDUCATION

University of Innsbruck, (Mag. iur. 1995); London School of Economics, (LL.M. 1997); University of Innsbruck, (Dr. iur. 1999).

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MAG CLEMENS SCHÖFMANN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate & Construction

POSITION

Senior Associate, since 2015, focusing on project related legal advice on construction projects and representing construction companies before courts and arbitral tribunals.

CAREER

Prior to joining Wolf Theiss, Clemens was in-house legal counsel for STRABAG SE, the largest construction group in Austria.



MMAG CHRISTINE SIEGL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance, Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions.

POSITION

Consultant, specialised in Banking Law, Regulatory Law, Capital Markets Law, Corporate Law and M&A.

CAREER

Consultant, Wolf Theiss since 2014; Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2010 – 2014; Senior Associate, CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz, 2010; Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, 2007 – 2010; Lawyer, Raiffeisen Zentralbank Österreich AG, 2006 – 2007; Referee/Consultant, Austrian Financial Market Authority (Finanzmarktaufsichtsbehörde – FMA) – Department Banking Supervision, 2003 – 2006.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French, Italian.

EDUCATION

J.K. University of Linz, studies of law (Mag. iur.; attained in 1998); J.K. University of Linz, studies of economic science (Mag. rer.soc.oec.: attained in 2003); Bar exam (with distinction; attained 2008).

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MAG EVA SPIEGEL

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in insolvency law and commercial litigation. Work includes representation of major creditors in insolvency proceedings as well as protection and enforcement of creditors' rights. Further broad experience in handling commercial litigation cases, acting for national and international clients.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 1998; admitted in Austria, since 1998.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, Lawyers Association.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Mag. iur. 1992).



DR DIETER SPRANZ

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions, Real Estate.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in M&A, in particular in the fields of energy, healthcare, real estate, manufacturing, TMT, and financial services, and other private and public corporate transactions, such as capital raising, reorganisations and restructurings, also in a private equity and venture capital context.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2003; admitted in Austria, since 2003.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, International Bar Association, British Institute of International and Comparative Law.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Dr. iur. 1995); University of Louvai-la-Neuve, Belgium, 1992 – 1993.

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DR EVA STADLER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax

POSITION

Senior Associate, since 2014, specialising in private clients, international tax law, taxation of financial instruments, tax planning of international groups and mergers & acquisitions.

CAREER

Associate, WolfTheiss, 2014.

LANGUAGES

English, French, German.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag.iur., 2009; Dr.iur., 2012), University of Economics and Business, Vienna, (Mag.rer.soc.oec., with specialisation in tax, 2007).



DR ERIK STEGER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate, Corporate / Mergers & Acquisitions.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in Central and Eastern Europe, Real Estate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, Project Finance. Erik specializes in real estate matters across the CEE/SEE region and he has significant expertise in the areas of financing, mergers and acquisitions, and restructuring. His practice focuses in particular on the hotel and leisure industry, the investment and divestment of commercial property with cross-border elements and opportunities for joint ventures.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 1998; admitted in Austria since 1998; also admitted as Registered European Lawyer in the Slovak Republic and in the Czech Republic.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French, Czech.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, Slovak Bar Association, International Bar Association, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS).

EDUCATION

College of Europe, Bruges, (LL.M. 1994); University of Graz, (Dr. iur. 1994).

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IVO STITIC

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / M&A

POSITION

Senior Associate in the Corporate Practice Group who has been with WolfTheiss since 2010 with a focus on mergers & acquisitions, cross-border transactions, corporate reorganization and start-up procedures and general corporate law practice. Ivo has been involved in several cross-border transactions and corporate reorganization procedures and has advised numerous valuable clients in relation to starting up or restructuring of businesses in particular in the field of life sciences, light metal processing and automotive industry.

EDUCATION

He holds a law degree from the University of Vienna and has gained additional valuable academic and professional experience in programs of the Wake Forest University's law school and the Penn State Dickinson School of Law.



MAG MICHAL STOFKO

WORK DEPARTMENT

Competition & Antitrust

POSITION

Senior Associate, specialising in all aspects of EU and Austrian competition, antitrust and state aid law. Michal has been advising clients on market conduct, abuse of dominance issues, cartel cases, merger control, compliance, competition litigation, distribution and cooperation agreements.

LANGUAGES

German, English, Slovak, Czech, French

EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag.iur); Paris II and the College of Europe, Bruges (LL.M.)

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MAG JUDITH SZABO

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance

POSITION

Of Counsel and a member of the Banking and Finance practice group. Judith specialises in finance transactions and work-out banking transactions (including white collar crime cases).

CAREER

After her university studies Judith spent a year working at the European Commission (cabinet of the Austrian commissioner Franz Fischler), the European Parliament and the OSCE. Judith was admitted to the bar in Vienna in 2007.

EDUCATION

In addition to her Austrian law degree, Judith holds an LL.M. degree in Banking & Finance from King's College, London.



DR ANDREAS THEISS

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution. Andreas specializes in banking, insurance and corporate litigation matters and is known as a highly-experienced courtroom litigator, handling a number of high-profile cases.

POSITION

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MAG PETRA TRAUNTSCHNIG

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution.

POSITION

Consultant; specialised in Insurance, Litigation.

CAREER

Consultant, Wolf Theiss, since 2005; admitted in Austria, since 2005.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Mag. iur. 1996).



DR CLEMENS TRAUTTENBERG

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in commercial litigation, white collar criminal defence and investigations, crisis management, financial markets litigation, stakeholder disputes, investor protection, private clients – high net worth individuals, inheritance law and restitution, distribution law.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2010; Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2007 – 2010; admitted in Austria, since 2007.

LANGUAGES

German, English, Spanish.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, Executive M.B.L.-HSG Alumni-Vereinigung.

EDUCATION

University of Salzburg, (Mag. iur. 2001), (Dr. iur. 2002); University of St. Gallen, (M.B.L.-HSG 2004).

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DR MATTHIAS UNTERRIEDER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / Mergers & Acquisition, Employment Law.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in Employment Law in Austria and CEE/SEE, cross-border staff assignments, reorganisations, management contracting.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2002; Admitted in Austria, since 2002.

LANGUAGES

German, English, Croatian, Serbian, French.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Mag. iur. 1992); University of Paris II, 1991; University of Rostock, (Dr. iur. 1998).



DR LOTHAR WACHTER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in Real Estate, Construction and Building Law, Leasing, Contracts, Development Projects, Real Estate Investment Trusts.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 1994; Admitted in Austria, since 1993.

LANGUAGES

German, English.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association; International Bar Association, SLP; Europäische Anwaltsvereinigung, DACH.

EDUCATION

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MAG ROBERT WAGNER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Competition & Antitrust

POSITION

Senior Associate specialising in EU and Austrian competition law, in particular cartel investigations, abuse cases, vertical agreements and licensing agreements, as well as state aid and general EU law.

CAREER

Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, since 2013; Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2010 – 2013; Legal Trainee, Wolf Theiss, 2009 – 2010; Law Clerk, 2006 and 2009 – 2010; Academic Assistant, College of Europe, Bruges, 2007 – 2009.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French, Spanish.

EDUCATION

College of Europe, Bruges, (LL.M.), 2006 – 2007; University of Vienna, (Mag. iur.), 2001 – 2005; Université Panthéon-Assas Paris II, 2004 – 2005.



DR STEFAN WEISHAUPT

WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate and Construction. Stefan is regularly involved in complex real estate matters, both on a national and international level. He specialises on tenancy and residential property law and corporate law. In addition, he advises on contract law for property developers and regularly advises clients in the hotel and leisure industry.

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DR RICHARD WOLF

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance, Corporate / Mergers & Acquisitions.

POSITION

Partner; specialised in Equity Capital Markets, Financial Regulatory, Mergers & Acquisitions, Banking & Finance.

CAREER

Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 1994; admitted in Austria, since 1991.

LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

MEMBER

Vienna Bar Association, International Bar Association.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Dr. iur. 1985); Harvard Law School, (LL.M. 1986).



MAG CARINA WOLF

WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance

POSITION

Senior Associate, specialising in financial law, banking & finance services, restructuring & insolvency as well as corporate law and cross-border M&A transactions mainly in Austria and the CEE/SEE region.

CAREER

Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2015; Associate, Vetter & Kaan Attorneys at Law, Vienna, 2014; Associate, Fellner Wratzfeld & Partners Attorneys at Law, Vienna, 2012-2014; Associate, Gassauer-Fleissner Attorneys at Law, Vienna, 2011

LANGUAGES

English, German, French

EDUCATION

University of Innsbruck (Mag.iur.), 2009

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DR VENUS VALENTINA WONG

WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution

POSITION

Counsel, since 2016, specialising in international arbitration. Valentina has acted as counsel, arbitrator (sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and chairperson) and administrative secretary in more than 60 arbitration and other ADR cases under the major arbitration rules, including ICC, LCIA, VIAC, DIS, Swiss Rules, CCIR, CAS and UNCITRAL. She has experience with parties from the CEE/SEE region, Turkey as well as from PR China and Hong Kong.

CAREER

After having served as assistant professor at the Vienna University of Economics, Valentina worked for two boutique law firms and interned at the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris and at CIETAC in Beijing. She is currently the Co-chair of the Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP).

EDUCATION

Valentina studied in Vienna, Amsterdam and Taipei and obtained degrees in law (Mag. iur., Dr. iur.) and sinology (Bakk.phil.). Valentina is admitted to the Vienna Bar.



MAG MICHAELA ZAKHARIAN

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions, Real Estate.

POSITION

Counsel, since 2015; specialised in Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions, Real Estate, Project Finance.

CAREER

Senior Associate, WolfTheiss, 2010 – 2014.

LANGUAGES

Slovak, English, German.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag. iur. 2003); Comenius University Bratislava, 2000 – 2003;
London School of Economics and Political Science, (LL.M. 2004).

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MAG JIAYAN ZHU

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/Commercial, M&A. Jiayan has been involved in major Austrian and cross-border M&A transactions and reorganisations in various industry fields. She is a key member of the China Desk and regularly advises Chinese investors entering the European market on M&A transactions.

POSITION

Senior Associate.

CAREER

Associate, WolfTheiss, 2013 – 2017. Prior to joining WolfTheiss she gained valuable experience at renowned Viennese law firms.

LANGUAGES

Chinese (Mandarin), English, German.

EDUCATION

Jiayan studied in Vienna and Nottingham and obtained a law degree (Mag. iur.).



CAROLIN ZIEGLER

WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / M&A, Dispute Resolution, Private Clients, Tax

POSITION

Consultant, Wolf Theiss, since 2016. Carolin Isabel Ziegler is an experienced lawyer with several years of expertise in private client work (Stiftungen, wills, corporate law in the context of family offices etc.).

EDUCATION

Carolin graduated from the University of Freiburg and received a diploma in legal studies from the University of Aberdeen.