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The clients' guide to law firms

### **GASSER PARTNER ATTORNEYS AT LAW**

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- Banking and finance
- Commercial, corporate and M&A
- Dispute resolution

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## THE FIRM

Gasser Partner is an international, independent law firm that primarily represents clients before courts and the authorities and advises them in all areas of the law. As one of the leading law firms in Liechtenstein, the firm has been able to deepen and expand its knowledge and experience over decades, particularly in the field of business law.

Due to the location of our offices in Vaduz, Zurich and Vienna and our regular, close collaboration with foreign law firms, Gasser Partner has excellent global links. Owing to its size and expertise, Gasser Partner has specialists in every area of the law, enabling them to efficiently solve complex, international cases.

## MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE

**Private client, asset and succession planning:** Gasser Partner has a long tradition in advising families and private clients (in particular high-net-worth individuals) in asset planning and inheritance law. In particular, consultancy in the trustee sector has always been one of Gasser Partner's core competencies.

Gasser Partner establishes Liechtenstein foundations, trusts, stock corporations and complex international structures for optimal asset planning in collaboration with leading Liechtenstein trust companies. Asset planning includes both the estate planning of individuals and the maintenance of companies. The firm supports and advises upon the setting up and management of companies and structures. In court, Gasser Partner represents foundations and boards of directors to protect companies and structures and represents beneficiaries intending to assert claims against companies and structures. Furthermore, the firm assists its clients in procedures concerning wills, donations, matrimonial property contracts, inheritance contracts, estates and trusts, both before Liechtenstein and foreign courts.

**Arbitration:** Arbitration has always been a key aspect of Gasser Partner's work. The firm covers all areas of civil law, in particular the key fields of business and corporate law, including foundation and trust law.

Arbitration plays a particularly important role in trust and corporate law because it ensures confidentiality and prompt resolution. The firm's partners are frequently appointed as arbitrators and are senior members of the Liechtenstein Arbitration Association. The quantity, quality and wealth of experience enables them to work on large and complex international cases and to cooperate with international colleagues.

Gasser Partner published an English book on litigation and arbitration in Liechtenstein, providing its clients and affiliated lawyers with an insight into the prevailing legal situation.

**Litigation:** Litigation has always featured heavily in Gasser Partner's work. The firm covers all aspects of law, in particular the key fields of business and corporate law, including foundation and trust law. If a case cannot be settled out of court, Gasser Partner represents its clients before Liechtenstein courts, administrative authorities and arbitration panels regarding all of the above fields of law. Liechtenstein's procedural law offers a variety of means to assert a party's claims, so Gasser Partner provides its clients with comprehensive advice in order to determine the best way to proceed.

**Corporate and commercial law:** Gasser Partner supports its clients in the establishment and management of companies and structures. Furthermore, the firm advises and represents companies throughout domestic and international mergers, drafting

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English, French, German,  
Italian, Spanish

agreements for the merging companies, their shareholders and directors. Moreover, the firm conducts related due diligence reports. Following the termination of a company or structure, Gasser Partner processes the liquidation or bankruptcy. As regards commercial law, Gasser Partner drafts contracts regarding licensing, franchising, intellectual property and investments.

**Foundations and trusts:** Gasser Partner supports and advises its clients regarding the establishment and management of foundations, trusts and other bodies. Moreover, the firm represents beneficiaries intending to assert claims. Gasser Partners further specializes in challenging and defending foundations and trusts in international and cross-border litigation and arbitration.

**Banking, finance, regulatory and fintech:** Advising and representing national and international banks, insurers, asset managers, investment firms, fund managers, payment service providers, trust companies and other financial service providers are a core strength and traditional focus of Gasser Partner. The firm assists financial service providers at every possible stage of the company life-cycle. Gasser Partner advises and assists during the establishment and licensing process, in relation to mergers, acquisitions or reorganization and day-to-day business activities, marketing, governance and compliance. The firm provides legal opinions for industrial associations (for example ISDA) and for individual products and business models. Gasser Partner represents and advises in a wide variety of national and international transactions and placements, the development of commercial and retail products and distribution, and the drafting of contracts and general business terms.

**Real estate:** Gasser Partner advises companies and private clients who hold or intend to acquire or dispose of property in Liechtenstein. The firm also advises and represents its clients in all areas of construction law in Liechtenstein and draft property and construction contracts.

**Data protection:** In recent years, the protection of personal data has gained enormous importance for companies and individuals alike. Since the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has come into force, data protection has also acquired greater significance from the legal perspective, posing new challenges for companies and individuals.

Gasser Partner advises and supports their clients in meeting the challenges of both GDPR and national data protection law. Together with its clients, the firm develops industry-specific data-protection solutions and supports them in the implementation of a GDPR-compliant workflow. Gasser Partner assists their clients in answering specific inquiries in the field of data protection law as well as serving and advising them in their capacity as a Data Protection Officer.

**Employment law:** The increasing flexibility of the labor market constantly offers not only new opportunities but also fresh challenges to employers and employees alike. Proactive personnel planning, organization and structuring is essential to company success. Gasser Partner offers comprehensive consulting in all areas of individual and collective employment law; the firm also comprehensively advises employees regarding their statutory and contractual options.

**Clients:** Gasser Partner advises and represents private clients (especially high-net-worth individuals) and companies from Liechtenstein and abroad. The firm's institutional clients include, among others, banks, asset managers, fiduciary service providers, insurance companies, fund administrators and local and foreign authorities.

## BANKING AND FINANCE

### TIER 1

**Gasser Partner Attorneys at Law** advises a broad range of financial service providers including banks, asset managers and trust funds on issues such as derivatives trading, complex transactions and sustainable finance. The group works alongside the firm's corporate team on complex fintech mandates, including on crypto funds and the structuring and launch of innovative financial products. Hannes Arnold and Thomas Nigg lead the team, with Arnold praised for his work in *'complex, multi-disciplinary international mandates'* and Nigg for his *'exceptional understanding'* of clients' needs.

#### Leading individuals

Hannes Arnold

Thomas Nigg

#### Rising stars

Christina Delia Preiner

## COMMERCIAL, CORPORATE AND M&A

### TIER 1

“The sizeable team at **Gasser Partner Attorneys at Law** advises international banks, corporations and investment firms on an array of matters including restructuring, M&A and the establishment of structures and companies. Noted for its *‘great experience in dealing with complex international cases’*, the firm’s reach is bolstered by an *‘impressive international network’*. Senior partners Johannes Gasser, Hannes Arnold and Thomas Nigg lead the team, with Arnold described as a *‘luminary in the field of corporate law and M&A’*. Sebastian Auer is praised for his *‘commercially viable and legally precise solutions’*. Renè Saurer, Johannes Sander, Michael Nueber and Christina Delia Preiner provide additional corporate and transactional expertise.

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#### Hall of Fame

Johannes Gasser

#### Rising stars

Christina Delia Preiner

## DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### TIER 1

The '*outstanding know-how*' at **Gasser Partner Attorneys at Law** allows the practice to handle '*cases of high, cross-border complexity*' for clients including international investment funds, Liechtenstein foundations and high-net-worth individuals. The sizeable team handles matters including asset recovery, debt enforcement and litigation at all levels of the Liechtenstein court system. Arbitration is also a notable focus for the firm, with partners routinely appointed as arbitrators in mandates pertaining to foundation and trust law. Described as '*the best lawyer in Liechtenstein*', Johannes Gasser heads the practice, alongside senior partners Hannes Arnold and Thomas Nigg. Sebastian Auer is '*making his name in the practice, especially in private client related matters*'.

#### Leading individuals

Hannes Arnold

Johannes Gasser

#### Next Generation Partners

Sebastian Auer



## Dr iur Hannes Arnold, M.B.L.-HSG

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Senior Partner

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Corporate law  
Business law  
Civil law and litigation  
Commercial law  
Bank and finance law  
Real Estate law

### CAREER

Senior Partner at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law (formerly Batliner Gasser), 2016 – present  
Managing Partner at Batliner Gasser, 2014 – 2015  
Partner at Batliner Gasser, 2012 – 2014  
Senior Associate at Batliner Gasser, 2010 – 2011

### LANGUAGES

German, English

### MEMBERSHIPS

Association International des Jeunes Avocats (AIJA)  
European Law Society (ELS)  
International Bar Association (IBA)  
Liechtenstein Bar Association (LIRAK)  
Liechtenstein Arbitration Association (LIS)

### EDUCATION

Liechtenstein bar exam (2011)  
Austrian bar exam (2005)  
University St. Gallen, M.B.L.-HSG (2004)  
University of Innsbruck, Dr. iur. (2003)  
University of Innsbruck, Mag. iur. (2000)



## Mag iur Sebastian Auer, LL.M.

### POSITION

Partner

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Litigation and arbitration  
Trust and foundation law  
Insurance law  
Corporate and commercial law  
White collar crime

### CAREER

Partner at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law, 2019-present  
Senior Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law, 2017-2019

### LANGUAGES

German, English

### MEMBERSHIPS

Liechtenstein Bar Association  
Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)

### EDUCATION

University of Innsbruck (Mag.iur., 2010)  
Kings College London (LL.M., 2016)  
Austrian Bar Exam (2017)  
Liechtenstein Bar Exam (2018)





## Mag iur Walter Dorigatti

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Associate

### CAREER

2020-present Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law

### LANGUAGES

German, English

### EDUCATION

University of Innsbruck, Mag. iur. (2019)



## René Felder, M.A. HSG

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Associate

### AREA OF PRACTICE:

Foundation and Trust Law

Data Protection Law

Corporate Law

Civil Law

### CAREER

2020-present Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French

### MEMBERSHIPS

HSG Alumni

Swiss Law & Economics Student's Society (SLESS) Alumni

### EDUCATION

University of St. Gallen HSG, Bachelor of Arts in Law and Economics (2017)

University of St. Gallen HSG, Master of Arts in Law and Economics (2019)



## Mag iur Wolfgang Flach

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Associate

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Arbitration and litigation  
Corporate and foundation law  
Commercial law  
Financial markets law

### CAREER

2020-present Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law

### LANGUAGES

German, English, Spanish

### EDUCATION

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, year abroad (2018-2019)  
University of Vienna, Mag. iur. (2021)



## Dr iur Johannes Gasser, LL.M.

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Senior Partner

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Corporate Law  
Foundation and Trust law  
Litigation and arbitration  
White collar crime

### CAREER

Dr. Johannes Gasser is senior Partner at Gasser Partner, one of the leading law firms in Liechtenstein. He is admitted to the Liechtenstein and Austrian Bar and specializes in challenging and defending Liechtenstein foundations and trusts in international and cross-border litigation and arbitration. In recent cases, he has handled complex litigation on trust matters involving trustee removals and liabilities.

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French, Spanish

### MEMBERSHIPS

International Bar Association (IBA)  
International Fiscal Association (IFA)  
Liechtenstein Arbitration Association (LIS)  
Liechtenstein Bar Association (LIRAK)  
Liechtensteinische Treuhandskammer (THK)  
LEGALINK  
Private Client Global Elite  
Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)  
Union International des Avocats (UIA)

### EDUCATION

Master of Laws, LL.M., Schloss Hofen, Austria (2003)  
Liechtenstein bar exam (2001)  
Austrian bar exam (1999)  
Post-Graduate on European Law (1998)  
Dr. iur. (1996)  
Graduation from the Faculty of law of the University of Innsbruck (1995)



## Dr iur Philipp Konzett, LL.M.(EUI)

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Associate

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Corporate, foundation and trust law  
Contract law  
Litigation and arbitration  
International tax law  
European competition and state aid law  
Asset protection  
White collar crime

### CAREER

Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law, 2018-present

### LANGUAGES

German, English

### EDUCATION

University of Innsbruck, Dr. iur. (2019)  
European University Institute (EUI) Florence LL.M. (2018)  
University of Innsbruck Mag. iur. (2017)



## Dominique Marxer, MLaw

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Senior Associate

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Civil law  
Corporate and foundation law  
Criminal law  
Commercial law

### CAREER

Senior Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law, 2018-present  
Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law, 2015-2018

### LANGUAGES

German, English

### MEMBERSHIPS

Liechtenstein Bar Association

### EDUCATION

Liechtenstein Bar Exam (2018)  
Master of Law, University Bern (2014)  
Bachelor of Law, University Bern (2012)



## Mag iur Lukas Moser

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Senior Associate

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Corporate Law & M&A  
Foundation and Trust Law  
Banking & Finance  
Civil Law & Litigation  
White Collar Crime  
Health Care  
Gaming Law

### CAREER

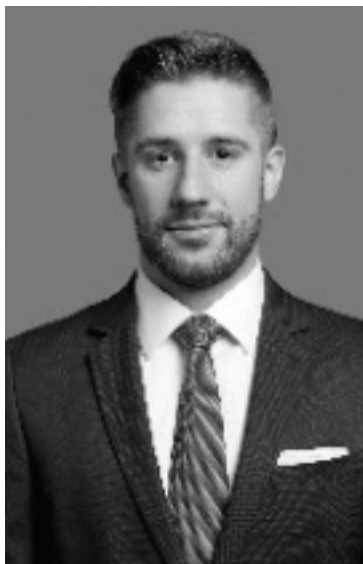
2020-present Senior Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law

### LANGUAGES

German, English, Spanish

### EDUCATION

University of Vienna, Mag. iur. (2011)  
Austrian Bar Exam (2015)



## Dr iur Bernhard Motal, LL.M.

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Senior Associate

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Corporate law  
Civil law  
Estate Law  
Foundation and trust law  
Litigation

### CAREER

Senior Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law, 2019-present

### LANGUAGES

German, English

### MEMBERSHIPS

Gesellschaft Junger Zivilrechtswissenschaftler  
Österreichischer Juristentag

### EDUCATION

Mag. iur., University of Vienna (2012)  
Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Company-, Foundation- and Trust Law (2014)  
Dr. iur., University of Vienna (2017)  
Austrian Bar Exam (2019)





## M.A. HSG Thomas Nigg, LL.M.

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Senior Partner

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Corporate Law, M&A  
Financial markets law  
Foundation and trust law  
Insurance Law  
Private clients  
White collar crime  
Litigation and arbitration

### CAREER

Senior Partner at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law (formerly Batliner Gasser),  
2016-present  
Managing Partner at Batliner Gasser, 2015-2016  
Partner at Batliner Gasser, 2014-2015  
Senior Associate at Batliner Gasser, 2011-2014

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French

### MEMBERSHIPS

Association International des Jeunes Avocats (AIJA)  
HSG Alumni  
International Bar Association (IBA)  
Liechtenstein Arbitration Association (LIS)  
Liechtenstein Bar Association (LIRAK)

### EDUCATION

Executive Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Company, Foundation and Trust Law, University of  
Liechtenstein (2018)  
Liechtenstein bar exam (2010)  
Master of Arts in Law, University of St.Gallen HSG (2008)  
Bachelor of Arts in Law, University of St.Gallen HSG (2005)



## Dr iur Michael Nueber, LL.M.

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Partner

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Arbitration and Litigation  
Corporate, foundation and trust Law  
Investment protection  
White collar crime

### CAREER

Partner at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law since 2020  
Counsel at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law 2017-2019

### LANGUAGES

German  
English

### MEMBERSHIPS

Arbitration Austria (ArbAUT)  
Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit (DIS)  
Expert Contributor for Austrian and Liechtenstein Arbitration Law on Lexis®PSL  
Arbitration  
Liechtenstein Arbitration Association  
Liechtenstein Bar Association  
Member of the National Advisory Board of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) at the Austrian Federal Chamber of Commerce  
Serbian Arbitration Association  
Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)  
Wiener Advokatengesellschaft Union

### EDUCATION

Mag.iur., University of Vienna (2009)  
Dr.iur., University of Vienna (2012)  
LL.M., University College London (2017)



## Carmen Oehri, MLaw

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Partner

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Civil Law

Corporate law

Commercial law

Criminal law

### CAREER

Partner at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law 2017-Present

Senior Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law 2013-2017

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French

### MEMBERSHIPS

Alumni Organization University of Luzern

Association International des Jeunes Avocats (AIJA)

Liechtenstein Bar Association (LIRAK)

Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA)

### EDUCATION

Liechtenstein bar exam (2017)

Swiss bar exam (2013)

Master of Law, University of Lucerne (2010)

Bachelor of Law, University Lucerne (2007)



## Dr iur Christina Delia Preiner

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Managing Attorney

### CAREER

Managing Attorney at Gasser Partner Attorneys at Law (2023 to date)

Senior Associate at Gasser Partner Attorneys at Law (2021 – 2022)

Associate at Gasser Partner Attorneys at Law (2017 – 2021)

Research Associate Propter Homines Chair for Banking and Securities Law, University of Liechtenstein (2012 – 2016)

### LANGUAGES

German, English

### MEMBERSHIPS

Liechtenstein Bar Association (LIRAK)

Associated Researcher University of Liechtenstein (Chair of Banking and Securities Law) (2017-2021)

### EDUCATION

Doctor of Law, PhD, University Zurich, Schweiz (2021)

University of Liechtenstein, Executive Master of Banking- and Securities Law, LL.M. (2014)

University of Vienna, Mag. iur (2011)



## Mag iur Johannes Sander

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Partner

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Civil law  
Corporate Law  
Criminal Law  
Litigation  
Arbitration  
Foundation and Trust Law

### CAREER

Partner at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law since 2020  
Senior Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law 2016 – 2019

### LANGUAGES

German, English

### MEMBERSHIPS

Liechtenstein Bar Association

### EDUCATION

Liechtenstein Bar Exam (2018)  
Austrian Bar Exam (2015)  
University of Innsbruck, Mag. iur. (2011)  
Sheffield Hallam University (09/2008 – 06/2009)



## Mag iur René Saurer

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Partner

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Foundation and Trust Law

Data protection law

Estate law

Civil law

Corporate law

White collar crime

### CAREER

2018-Present Partner at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law

2015-2018 Senior Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French, Italian

### MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Privacy Professionals

Liechtenstein Bar Association

### EDUCATION

Università "La Sapienza", Rom (MES, 2013)

University of Vienna (Mag. iur., 2000)

Austrian Bar Exam (2009)

Liechtenstein Bar Exam (2018)



## Mag iur Marija Tosic

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Associate

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Civil law  
Corporate law  
Financial markets law  
Foundation and trust law

### CAREER

2020-present Associate at GASSER PARTNER Attorneys at Law

### LANGUAGES

Serbian, German, English, French

### EDUCATION

University of Graz, Mag. iur. (2019)



## Dr iur Domenik Vogt, LL.M. (WU), LL.M. (Cambridge)

### WORK DEPARTMENT

Law Office

### POSITION

Senior Associate

### AREAS OF PRACTICE:

Civil law  
Corporate law  
Commercial law  
Contract law  
Tax law

### CAREER

Senior Associate, GASSER PARTNER, 2017 – present  
Associate, GASSER PARTNER, 2015 – 2017

### LANGUAGES

German, English, French

### MEMBERSHIPS

Christ's College Alumni  
Club Alpbach Vorarlberg (Austria)  
Liechtenstein Bar Association (LIRAK)  
University of Cambridge Alumni

### EDUCATION

Liechtenstein bar exam (2017)  
Master of Laws (LL.M.), University of Cambridge (2015)  
Master of Laws (LL.M.), Vienna University of Economics and Business (2014)  
Semester abroad at the University of Chicago (2013)  
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), Vienna University of Economics and Business (2012)