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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 340 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, Montenegro and North Macedonia.

\*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.

## **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

Wolf Theiss' full range of services covers financial services, competition and antitrust, corporate/mergers and acquisitions, corporate investigations, 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 collaborate closely to provide clients with seamless advice.

## **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 Andrea Gritsch, Sebastian Oberzaucher, Claus Schneider and Richard Wolf – comprises 140 lawyers (including 40 partners).



# WOLF THEISS

### **MAIN CONTACTS**

Financial services	Nikolaus Paul	
Competition/antitrust	Günter Bauer	
Corporate/M&A	Horst Ebhardt	
Dispute resolution	Stefan Riegler	
Employment	Ralf Peschek	
Energy and infrastructure	Andreas Schmid	
Intellectual property/IT	Georg Kresbach	
Real estate and construction	Wolfgang Müller	
Regulatory & Administrative Law	Kurt Retter	
Public procurement	Manfred Essletzbichler	
Tax	Niklas Schmidt	

### **Banking and finance**

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Nikolaus Paul heads up Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG's leading banking and finance team , which is 'a pleasure to work with' and routinely advises banks, insurance companies, funds and other financial institutions in Austria and the wider CEE/SEE region on a range of issues including commercial lending work, project financings, real estate financing matters, acquisition finance issues and infrastructure finance mandates. With 'exceptional knowledge of all fields of finance', Andreas Schmid specialises in securitisation and structured finance work, while Markus Heidinger is experienced in regulatory investigations, banking and financial markets, funds and corporate finance issues. Other noteworthy individuals include Andrea Gritsch, Leopold Höher, who handles structured debt financing transactions, Marcell Nemeth and counsel Christine Siegl.

> **Leading individuals** Markus Heidinger Andreas Schmid



# Capital markets

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Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG's team, which is headed by Nikolaus Paul, is singled out by one client as 'the leading law firm in debt capital markets law'. It has notable strength assisting with debt issuance and, testament to this, the 'solution-oriented' Claus Schneider led advice to BMI Securities on the issue of international bonds by the Republic of Srpska. Regulatory matters in the capital markets space is another area of strength. Other key names to note at the practice are Alexander Haas, Andrea Gritsch, Markus Heidinger, Richard Wolf and 'excellent senior lawyers' Christine Siegl, Matthias Schimka and Nikolaus Dinhof.

Hall of Fame

Richard Wolf

Leading individuals Claus Schneider

**Rising stars** Christine Siegl

## Construction

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The construction practice at **Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG** is renowned for its professional team with technical backgrounds from within the construction industry itself. Areas of focus include contract drafting for construction projects, expert construction advice throughout projects and dispute resolution matters. Highlights included advising on the construction of the Koralmtunnel for PORR Bau; acting for Ing. Hans Bodner Baugesellschaft mbH & Co on a construction contract and in a construction dispute; and representing Rhomberg in two legal proceedings against its subcontractors. **Wolfgang Müller** manages the practice, **Thomas Anderl** and senior associate **Hannah Schaflinger** are also highly praised for their work.

Leading individuals

Wolfgang Müller

Next Generation Partners Thomas Anderl

**Rising stars** Hannah Schaflinger



# Dispute resolution: Arbitration and mediation

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Praised for being 'unrivalled in terms of capabilities in Austria and CEE, **Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG** acts for clients in post-M&A, telecoms and construction disputes as well as investment arbitration proceedings, with notable expertise in the energy, construction, infrastructure and telecoms sectors. **Stefan Riegler** leads the team, which fields counsel **Venus Valentina Wong**, who is proficient in international arbitration and arbitration-related cross-border litigation.

> **Next Generation Partners** Venus Valentina Wong

### Dispute resolution: White collar crime (including fraud) Tier 1

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As an integral part of the firm's disputes department, **Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG**'s white-collar crime practice handles a wide variety of work including asset recovery issues, global asset tracing matters and internal investigations. Companies also rely on the firm's expertise in compliance issues, while individuals and corporations benefit from the group's proficiency in criminal defence work; the team has also seen increased activity is cybercrime mandates. **Clemens Trauttenberg**, who acts for a variety of Russian clients, leads the team. Holger Bielesz moved to Cerha Hempel in early 2020.



### Employment Tier 1

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The 'highly committed' and 'extremely commercial' **Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG** acts exclusively for employers, with expertise in acting for clients in service industries such as finance and retail. Practice head **MMag Dr Ralf Peschek** leads a team with strong experience of litigation, such as defending ESIM Chemicals in a collective lawsuit on additional holiday claims. **Dr Matthias Unterrieder** is a lead partner in many contentious matters and '*provides a seamless service*'. Senior associate **Mag Isabel Firneis** co-leads on high-profile litigation and restructuring mandates.

Leading individuals

Ralf Peschek Matthias Unterrieder

**Rising stars** 

Isabel Firneis

# Insolvency and corporate recovery

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Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG has 'an excellent international practice which is very helpful in cross-border insolvencies'. The practice has a particular focus on multi-jurisdictional restructurings in the banking and finance sector. **Eva Spiegel** is the key name to note for insolvency proceedings, and is part of a team advising the Steinhoff Group on its restructuring, including assisting with financing issues, insolvency law-related matters, and corporate and tax law issues. Also recommended are **Nikolaus Paul**, **Andrea Gritsch**, **Claus Schneider** and **Andreas Schmid**, who frequently acts for clients including Austrian banks and international acquirers of non-performing loans and the respective portfolios.



### Private client Tier 1

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Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG acts for Austrian and international private clients throughout Central and Eastern Europe and Southeastern Europe. The service portfolio covers the whole spectrum of the practice area, with each team member demonstrating specialised expertise. Karl Binder undertakes primarily real estate transactions, estate planning and related inheritance law and Niklas Schmidt, who has a strong track record in tax law, assists with international tax planning relating to assets including villas and boats. Counsel and tax specialist Eva Stadler is also prominent in this area of law. The group also advises on philanthropic projects, and acts for family owned businesses, trusts, private foundations and charitable organisations. Holger Bielesz manages contentious matters, for instance issues of estate planning or inheritance disputes.

> **Leading individuals** Niklas Schmidt

**Rising stars** Eva Stadler

# Public procurement

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The sizeable team at **Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG** lays claim to an impressive degree of specialisation. Three partners head the practice: the renowned **Manfred Essletzbichler** applies his international expertise to life science, telecoms, infrastructure, railway and energy work; **Sebastian Oberzaucher** advises primarily on project planning and implementation in connection with complex construction, supply and service tenders; and **Silvia Fessl** focuses on complex public services contracts, architectural competitions and general planning procedures. Counsel **Philipp Marboe** is noted for his familiarity with the public transport sector, often applying his knowledge to PPP railway projects.

Leading individuals

Manfred Essletzbichler

**Next Generation Partners** Silvia Feßl

**Rising stars** Philipp Marboe



### Real estate Tier 1

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The sizeable team at **Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG** provides '*clear, comprehensive and commercial*' advice across a wide range of real estate-related legal services. The team brings a '*very good knowledge of the RE market place*' to high-value cross-border deals, including advising a leading international shopping centre developer on a complex up-stream merger and a subsequent cross-border merger to Luxembourg. Practice head **Peter Oberlechner** was part of a team that acted for BNP Paribas Real Estate on the acquisition of the first Leto Motel project in Vienna by means of a forward purchase share deal. **Karl Binder, Erik Steger** and **Birgit Kraml** are the other key names to note.

**Leading individuals** Peter Oberlechner

Next Generation Partners Karl Binder

### Administrative law and public sector Tier 2

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Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG advises on Austrian administrative and constitutional matters as well as EU law issues relating to life sciences, regulated industries and insurance supervisory matters, among others. Practice head Kurt Retter has additional experience of regulatory law in relation to medical devices, medicinal products and nutrition, also advising on gambling law, data protection, aviation and infrastructure projects. Senior associate Stefan Lampert is an expert in renewable energy and particularly wind energy, with his practice also involving nature conservation issues and environmental impact assessments.

**Leading individuals** Kurt Retter



# Commercial, corporate and M&A

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With a strong presence in the CEE/SEE region, **Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG** advises on large corporate and M&A transactions, and also handles medium sized and smaller deals. In addition, the group is able to draw on the strength of other practice groups including the tax, real estate, regulatory, GDPR, acquisition finance, IP, IT and employment departments. The team's diverse workload includes high growth and start-up technology matters, distressed company issues, energy deals, cross-border restructurings and corporate disputes. '*Very commercial lawyer*' **Horst Ebhardt** leads the team, which also includes **Hartwig Kienast, Christian Mikosch**, **Dieter Spranz** and senior associate **Michael Kienzl**, who specialises in cross-border transactions.

> **Rising stars** Michael Kienzl

# Data privacy and data protection

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**Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG** advises a diverse range of clients across sectors including retail, infrastructure, banking and healthcare. The 'responsive and very practical' team brings its 'excellent expertise in multinational data protection compliance work' to a mix of contentious and non-contentious matters. The group also acted as an external data protection officer for the Austrian holding company of Addiko Group. The 'experienced and pragmatic' Roland Marko, who heads the practice jointly with Kurt Retter, conducted a GDPR compliance audit for the Adverity Platform in order to assess its eligibility for EuroPriSe certification.

Next Generation Partners Roland Marko



# Dispute resolution: Commercial litigation

Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG's 'very dedicated' commercial litigation team has expertise across numerous practice areas, including IP/IT, employment, regulatory, construction, procurement and corporate. Additional stand-out features of the commercial litigation department is its involvement in high-profile crossborder disputes and the cooperation between the civil law and white-collar criminal departments. The team, which is led by **Clemens Trauttenberg**, handles corporate and shareholder disputes, asset tracing, financial services and banking litigation, product liability litigation, private enforcement, distribution law litigation, insurance litigation and interest groups claims, among other matters. **Holger Bielesz, Valerie Hohenberg** and **Eva Spiegel** are other names to note.

# EU and competition

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Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG undertakes merger control and cartel investigations as well as abuse of dominance cases on a national and international level. The firm's varied service portfolio is enhanced by industry experience in retail, consumer products, pharmaceutical, construction, and transport. Department head Günter Bauer has experience in a wide variety of matters, specifically in dominance issues, distribution and other vertical agreements. Similarly, counsel Robert Wagner focuses his practice on vertical restraints, cooperation agreements, dominance issues and private enforcement of competition law.

> Hall of Fame Günter Bauer



# Intellectual property

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Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG handles trade mark and unfair competition work for household name international clients including Google, Microsoft and Lego. Facebook is another notable client; the firm continues to represent it in a high-profile copyright infringement dispute. The practice also advises companies in the consumer finance and pharmaceutical sectors on patent rights. Practice head **Georg Kresbach** is '*experienced and knowledgeable in data protection*'.



### Projects and energy Tier 2

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Project finance is one of the key areas of expertise for **Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG**'s practice, with a particular focus on the infrastructure, energy and utilities sectors. The team is jointly led by **Andreas Schmid**, **Manfred Essletzbichler**, **Silvia FeßI**, **Kurt Retter** and **Sebastian Oberzaucher**; Oberzaucher recently led a team, which advised Verkehrsverbund Ost-Region on the comprehensive reorganisation of its public passenger transportation services with a value of €2bn.





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Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG handles corporate tax work including M&A-related issues and corporate restructurings, in particular domestic and crossborder mergers and demergers. Other areas of proficiency include providing tax planning advice to private clients, advising on real estate tax mandates including minimising real estate transfer taxes, and assisting financial institutions with financial products. Practice head **Niklas Schmidt** has notable expertise in cryptocurrencies and the taxation of cryptocurrencies. Counsel **Eva Stadler** is a key name for international tax law.

Hall of Fame

Niklas Schmidt

**Rising stars** Eva Stadler

### TMT Tier 2

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Wolf Theiss Rechtsanwalte GmbH & CoKG's TMT practice combines IP, media law, e-business, data protection, competition, regulatory, corporate and dispute resolution work. The 'young and dynamic' team has particular expertise in IT outsourcing, cloud computing, e-commerce, online entertainment and media, data protection/information security and telecoms. The team is led by **Georg Kresbach** and the '*experienced and pragmatic*' **Roland Marko**. Recent highlights include representing Facebook in civil and criminal proceedings in Austria as well as at the CJEU. The team also represented YouTube in a liability dispute concerning the monetisation of videos on its platform. Senior associates **Paulina Pomorski** and consultant **Martin Tauber** provide additional support.

> **Leading individuals** Georg Kresbach

Next Generation Partners Roland Marko





## **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, Wolf Theiss (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).



## **Dr Jochen Anweiler**

#### 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, Wolf Theiss since 2010.

#### LANGUAGES

German English French.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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.



## **Dr Karl Binder**

#### WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate.

#### POSITION

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

#### CAREER

Counsel, Wolf Theiss, 2013 – 2015, Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2011 – 2013, Associate, Wolf Theiss, 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.





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

#### LANGUAGES

German, English, French

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Vienna Bar Association, International Bar Association

#### EDUCATION

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



## **MMag Melanie Dimitrov**

#### WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax.

#### POSITION

Consultant.

#### CAREER

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

#### LANGUAGES

Bulgarian, English, German.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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.





## **Nikolaus Dinhof**

#### WORK DEPARTMENT

Capital Markets. Nikolaus specialises in banking law as well as debt capital market and financing transactions and regularly advises clients with regard to admissions of securities to the Austrian stock exchange.

#### POSITION

Senior Associate.

#### CAREER

Prior to joining the firm, Nikolaus gained valuable insights and working experience during several internships (e.g., at an Austrian credit institution and a tax consultancy firm).

#### EDUCATION

He studied Business Law (LL.M.) and Business Administration (BSc) at the Vienna University of Economics and Business.



## **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.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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).





## **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

Wolf Theiss (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.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Vienna Bar Association, Forum Vergabe e.V.

#### EDUCATION

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





## **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.

**MEMBERSHIPS** Österreichischer Juristenverband.

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





## **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, Wolf Theiss, 2015 – 2017.

#### LANGUAGES

German, English

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Isabel is admitted to the bar in Austria.

#### EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag.iur.)



## **Mag Anton Fischer**

#### WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/M&A. Anton specialises in corporate law, joint ventures, transactions, cross border reorganization and contract law. He is also a member of the Wolf Theiss BREXIT desk.

#### POSITION

Senior Associate.

#### CAREER

Prior to joining Wolf Theiss, Anton gained valuable experience while working for top law firms in Austria, the UK and Singapore. Anton regularly lectures at the University of Birmingham as well as at several Austrian universities on topics of international law and the developments and implications of BREXIT.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Anton is a member of the International Law Committee of the Birmingham Law Society and regularly contributes to newspapers on BREXIT related topics.

#### EDUCATION

He is admitted to the Austrian bar and is qualified to practice law as a Solicitor in England & Wales.





# **Christian-Maurice Frick**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate & Construction.

#### POSITION

Senior Associate.

### CAREER

Prior to joining Wolf Theiss, Christian-Maurice gained extensive expertise in real estate and construction law, especially in the field of real estate transactions and tenancy law, through his work at a renowned international law firm. He is also proficient in employment law and worked as a notary candidate for a notary public.

## EDUCATION

Christian-Maurice obtained an LL.M. in business law from the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) and has international work experience from his internships in Toronto and Rome.





# **Mag Klara Fuchs**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Public Procurement.

#### POSITION

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

#### CAREER

Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2015 – 2018. Prior to joining Wolf Theiss, 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

University of Vienna (Mag.iur.)





# Dr Clara Gordon

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/M&A.

## POSITION

Counsel, since 2019, 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, Wolf Theiss, 2013 – 2018; Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2018 – 2019.

## MEMBERSHIPS

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# Mag Zeno Grabmayr

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance, Corporate/M&A. Zeno advises clients in the fields of banking and finance as well as M&A and corporate law, with a particular focus on international banking, distressed M&A, restructuring and financing transactions.

## POSITION

Senior Associate.

## CAREER

His work experience includes a secondment to the financing group of the renowned Magic Circle firm Slaughter and May in London as well as working for a PR firm and at the Asian headquarter of a multi-national industrial company in Singapore.

#### EDUCATION

Zeno holds a master's degree in law from the University of Vienna and a bachelor's degree in international management from the Vienna University of Economics and Business.





# 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

Member of the Wolf Theiss Management Board since 2019. Counsel, Wolf Theiss 2013, Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 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.





## **Mag Georg Harer**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance, Corporate/M&A

#### POSITION

Senior Associate

#### CAREER

Before joining Wolf Theiss, Georg worked in the field of corporate governance evaluation of Austrian listed companies.

### EDUCATION

In addition to his law degree from the University of Graz, he holds a degree in Business Administration and is admitted to the Vienna bar.



# **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.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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

Counsel specialising in Mergers & Acquisitions, Banking & Finance, Corporate Law.

#### CAREER

Counsel, Wolf Theiss, since 2019; Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2013 – 2019; 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.



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

## LANGUAGES

German, English, Spanish

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Vienna Bar Association, Austrian Lawyers' Association.

#### EDUCATION

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





## **Mag Leopold Hoeher**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance

#### POSITION

Partner, since 2018, 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

Counsel, Wolf Theiss, 2016 – 2018. 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.





# **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.



# **Mag Florian Horak**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution

#### POSITION

Consultant, since 2018, specialising in civil & commercial litigation and white collar crime disputes, including bribery and corruption, fraud and compliance.

### CAREER

Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2015 – 2018

## EDUCATION

Florian has a law degree from the University of Vienna.





# Mag Stefan Horn

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate & Construction. Stefan specialises in leasing law and real estate dispute resolution.

## POSITION

Senior Associate.

## CAREER

Prior to joining Wolf Theiss, Stefan was an associate in the real estate practice group of an international commercial law firm. He subsequently spent four years as an assistant at the Institute for Civil Law of the University of Vienna, and was a lecturer in civil law at the University of Vienna.

#### EDUCATION

Stefan holds a law degree from the University of Vienna and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Construction Law from the University of Vienna.



# 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.

**MEMBERSHIPS** 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

Counsel.

### 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.





# Dr Maren Jergolla-Wagner

## 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, Wolf Theiss, since 2009; admitted in Germany since 2007; admitted in Austria since 2010.

## LANGUAGES

German, English, French.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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 dayto-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, Wolf Theiss, 2009 – 2014; Counsel, Wolf Theiss, 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).



# **Mag Michael Kienzl**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/M&A.

#### POSITION

Senior Associate.

#### CAREER

Before joining Wolf Theiss, Michael built a 15 year long career in the financial sector as an investment banker and asset manager. He gained experience at several international investment banks in product development and trading, most recently as director of a Luxembourg SICAV-FIS. Being affiliated with the US stock exchanges, he has extensive knowledge of capital market products and has also set up, managed and successfully sold an international holding company in the field of commercial real estate.

## EDUCATION

Michael has studied in New York and holds degrees in engineering in aviation technology, economics and law. Additionally, he also holds an MBA degree from the Institute of Management.





# **Dr Martin Kind**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Projects, Regulatory & Procurement, Banking & Finance.

## POSITION

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

## LANGUAGES

German, English.

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# **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.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Deutsche Zivilprozessrechtslehrervereinigung; International Assembly of Civil Procedure Law.

## EDUCATION

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





# **Dr Birgit Kraml**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution, Real Estate.

### POSITION

Partner; 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).



## **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.

## MEMBERSHIPS

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

#### EDUCATION

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





# **Dr Florian Kusznier**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/M&A. Florian Kusznier specialises in cross-border M&A transactions, takeovers and start-up services. He advises strategic and financial investors in a range of industry sectors but has a particular focus on healthcare and life science, as well as on technology and digitalisation.

#### POSITION

Partner

## LANGUAGES

German, English, French

## EDUCATION

The London School of Economics (LL.M.), 2003 University of Innsbruck (Mag.iur., 2001; Dr.iur.), 2002 University of Copenhagen, 1999





# Mag Wolfgang Lauchner

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Public Procurement

#### POSITION

Counsel 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, Wolf Theiss, 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.

## LANGUAGES

English, German, Russian.



# **Mag 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.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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

Counsultant, 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.





## **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, Wolf Theiss, 2012 – 2015; Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2008 – 2012; admitted to the Bar in Austria since 2008.

#### LANGUAGES

German, English, Italian.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Wissenschaftliche Interessensgemeinschaft für Informationsrecht IT-LAW.AT.

#### EDUCATION

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



# Dr Tanja Melber

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Real Estate & Constrution.

### POSITION

Consultant.

#### CAREER

Before joining Wolf Theiss Tanja worked in the Banking, Regulatory, Corporate/M&A, and Competition/Antitrust teams of various Austrian law firms. Tanja also gained experience as inhouse lawyer at an international banking group servicing corporate customers in CEE. She is the author of numerous publications on law related topics in daily papers, law magazines and guides.

#### **EDUCATION**

In addition to her Austrian doctoral degree in law from the University of Vienna, Tanja holds an LL.M degree from The Pennsylvania State University.





# **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.



## **Dr Michael Mueller**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Construction.

#### POSITION

Senior Associate, specialized in construction law. Michael focuses on project-related legal advice on construction projects (tunnel and cavern construction, road transport infrastructure, power plant construction, property construction, residential buildings etc) and also represents construction companies in alternative dispute resolution procedures and before courts. He also advises on legal questions regarding Building Information Modeling (BIM).

#### LANGUAGES

German, English

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Since March 2015, Michael has been the general secretary of the Austrian Society for Construction Law and Construction Business Management (ÖGEBAU). He is also an active member of a research group of the Austrian Association for Engineers and Architects (ÖIAV) and the Austrian Association for Geomechanics (ÖGG).

#### EDUCATION

In addition to his Austrian doctoral degree in law Michael holds a degree in economics. During his studies, he spent an academic exchange year at the University of Nottingham (United Kingdom).





# **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.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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).



# **Dr 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.

## MEMBERSHIPS

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.

## MEMBERSHIPS

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).



# **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

Member of the Wolf Theiss Management Board since 2019, Counsel, Wolf Theiss, 2013 – 2014, Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2011 – 2013, Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2010 – 2011.

#### LANGUAGES

German, English.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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.



# **Dr Nikolaus Paul**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance

#### POSITION

Partner and head of the firm-wide Banking & Finance team. 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).





# **Mag Florian Pechhacker**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution. Florian's areas of specialisation include commercial and corporate litigation, arbitration, distribution law and life sciences. He has been involved in a number of complex cross-border litigations and has represented clients in distribution law matters.

#### POSITION

Senior Associate

**LANGUAGES** German, English

**MEMBERSHIPS** Young Austria Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP)





## **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.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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 Cynthia Pfister**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax. Cynthia specialises in international tax law, tax planning, corporate tax law as well as tax disputes and tax lititgation. Further, Cynthia advises high net worth individuals on tax aspects.

## POSITION

Senior Associate

## CAREER

Before joining Wolf Theiss she gained experience as an intern in other well-known tax teams, as well as at the Austrian Chamber of Commerce in Chicago.



# Mag Paulina Pomorski

## WORK DEPARTMENT

IP/IT

## POSITION

Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 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.





## **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 firm-wide Disputes practice at Wolf Theiss.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Stefan is Vice-president of the Austrian Arbitration Association (ArbAut), a member of the board of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), member 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.





# Mag Iris Riepan

## WORK DEPARTMENT

IP/IT, Real Estate. In Real Estate, Iris specializes in both national and international real estate transactions and has extensive experience in land registry and real estate related tax law. In the IP/IT team, Iris advises clients on drafting IT contracts, the protection of trade secrets and data protection law.

#### POSITION

Consultant.

## CAREER

Prior to joining Wolf Theiss, Iris worked for an internationally renowned tax consulting firm in the area of restructuring tax law.

## EDUCATION

Iris studied Law and Economics at the Karl-Franzens University in Graz.





# 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

University of Vienna (Mag.iur., 2006).





# **Mag Matthias Schimka**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance, Corporate/M&A

#### POSITION

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

## CAREER

Wolf Theiss (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 debtrestructuring transactions.

#### CAREER

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

#### LANGUAGES

German, English.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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).





# 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.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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

Member of the Wolf Theiss Management Board since 2019; Partner, Wolf Theiss, since 2003; admitted in Austria, since 2003; Lawyer, World Bank (Washington D.C., 1998).

#### LANGUAGES

German, English.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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).





# Mag Anna Schwamberger

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Employment, Corporate/M&A.

#### POSITION

Consultant, specialising in Employment law. With her background in corporate law Anna has also been involved in a number of corporate and commercial matters, including transactions, asset sales and mergers and acquisitions.

## CAREER

Prior to joining Wolf Theiss, Anna worked as an associate at another international law firm based in Vienna, specialising in corporate, employment and private clients, and completed various internships in Austria and abroad.

#### LANGUAGES

German, English

## EDUCATION

Anna obtained her law degree from the University of Vienna, and gained international experience during her internship in Tokyo (Austrian Trade Commission, Austrian Chamber of Commerce) and various international competitions in Paris (ICC) and Hong Kong.



## **MMag Christine Siegl**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance, Capital Markets, Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions, Administrative, Public & EU Law.

## POSITION

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

### CAREER

Consultant, Wolf Theiss, 2014 -2018 ; 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).





# 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.

## MEMBERSHIPS

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.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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.





## **Dr Eva Stadler**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Tax

#### POSITION

Counsel, since 2018, specialising in private clients, international tax law, taxation of financial instruments, tax planning of international groups and mergers & acquisitions.

## CAREER

Senior Associate, Wolf Theiss, 2015 – 2018; Associate, Wolf Theiss, 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).

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## Dr Natascha Stanke

#### WORK DEPARTMENT

Construction law.

## POSITION

Consultant

#### CAREER

Before joining Wolf Theiss, she worked in the areas of litigation, construction and real estate law in two other Austrian law firms. Most recently, she focused on real estate development projects. Natascha researched and taught as a university assistant at the Universities of Vienna and Geneva, at their Institutes for Civil Law. She is the author of publications in legal journals with a focus on building contract law

#### LANGUAGES

German, English, French

#### EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag. iur., 2007; Dr. iur., 2011) University of Geneva (Certificat de Droit Transnational)





# **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 crossborder 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.

## MEMBERSHIPS

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).



# 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.)





# **Mag Judith Szabo**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Banking & Finance

#### POSITION

Of Counsel and a member of the Banking and Finance practice group. Judit 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.



# **Mag Martin Tauber**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

IP/IT

## POSITION

Consultant, specialising in data protection & compliance; IP/IT; and media & entertainment law.

#### CAREER

Prior to joining Wolf Theiss, Martin led the company-wide GDPR implementation project at a leading PayTV company where he held the position of Data Protection Officer for 4 years. Before that, he was the General Counsel at the Austrian subsidiary of the company for 7 years.

#### LANGUAGES

German, English

#### EDUCATION

Martin holds a LL.M. degree in IT law from the University of Vienna and is a certified data protection officer according to the Ulmer model (UDIS, 2013). Furthermore he is CIPP/E (2017) and CISM (2006) certified.





# Mag Anja Tauchen

## 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, Wolf Theiss, 2015 – 2017.

## LANGUAGES

German, English

## MEMBERSHIPS

Anja is admitted to the bar in Austria.

## EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Mag.iur.), 2010

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# **Dr Markus Taufner**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution, Corporate/M&A. Markus' main practice area is corporate litigation with a focus on shareholder disputes and directors' liability.

## POSITION

Senior Associate

## LANGUAGES

German, English

## EDUCATION

In addition to his Austrian law degrees, Markus holds a master's degree in International Business Law from King's College London. He is admitted to the bar in Austria.





# **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

Partner and founding member of Wolf Theiss.



# 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 managment, financial markets litigation, strakeholder 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.

## MEMBERSHIPS

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).



## **Dr Matthias Unterrieder**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate / Mergers & Acquisition, Employment Law.

#### POSITION

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

#### CAREER

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

#### LANGUAGES

German, English, Croatian, Serbian, French.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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

### EDUCATION

University of Vienna, (Dr. iur. 1985).

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# **Mag Robert Wagner**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Competition & Antitrust

#### POSITION

Counsel 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, Wolf Theiss, 2013 – 2018; 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 Sarah Wared**

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/M&A

#### POSITION

Partner, specialising in cross-border transactions in the field of M&A, corporate, and private foundation law. Sarah has expertise in a wide range of industry sectors including private equity and venture capital, financial institutions and TMT.

## CAREER

Before joining Wolf Theiss, Sarah worked for other major law firms in Vienna and also gained international experience in the USA and Singapore. Sarah is admitted to the bar in both Austria and in Germany.

## LANGUAGES

German, English.

## EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Dr.iur), 2016; Düsseldorf Law School (LL.M.), 2009; University of Bonn (Dipl.iur.), 2007.



## **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.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Vienna Bar Association, International Bar Association.

## EDUCATION

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





# **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 Jiayan Zhu

## WORK DEPARTMENT

Corporate/Commercial, M&A. Jiayan has been involved in major Austrian and crossborder 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, Wolf Theiss, 2013 – 2017. Prior to joining Wolf Theiss 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.).





# **Dr 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.



## **Mag Alexander Zollner**

#### WORK DEPARTMENT

Dispute Resolution. Alexander focuses on commercial disputes and is particularly experienced in advising clients in corporate, post M&A and banking disputes. Alexander has handled disputes under the ICC, VIAC, DIS and Swiss Rules, and represented clients before ad hoc tribunals. He also assists in disputes regarding arbitration related matters before Austrian courts.

#### POSITION

Senior Associate

#### CAREER

Prior to joining Wolf Theiss, Alexander worked at the Vienna office of a global law firm.

#### LANGUAGES

German, English

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners CEPANI40 DIS40 ICC YAF

#### EDUCATION

Alexander obtained his law degree from the University of Vienna and gained international experience during his studies in Denmark (University of Copenhagen), focusing on international and European law.