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EXPERTISE

Dr. Astrid Waser is a partner and leading practitioner in our Competition & Regulated Market and Investigations groups based in Zurich. She specialises in regulated markets, particularly competition (antitrust) law, public procurement law, media and telecoms law, and environmental law. She also advises on regulatory, administrative and internal investigations, and has long-standing experience in compliance matters. Astrid advises in non-contentious cases and also represents clients before Swiss authorities and courts – particularly in investigations and infringement procedures of the Swiss Competition Commission as well as in merger filings and public procurement procedures. Astrid is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars and recognised by Global Competition Review as one of the worldwide Leading Women in Antitrust.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

2023	Lecturer for competition law at University of Bern
2012	Partner, Lenz & Staehelin
2004	European Commission / DG Competition - Secondment in a leading Brussel's law firm
2002	Research Associate, the Europa Institut at the University of Zurich
2002	Joined Lenz & Staehelin
2002	University of Zurich (Dr. iur.)
1999	Swiss Bar Admission
1997	College of Europe (LL.M.)
1996	University of Lausanne (lic. iur.)
1995	University College Dublin

SPECIALIST AREAS

Competition / Antitrust Law, Compliance, Investigations, Public Law, Public Procurement Law, Technology, Media & Telecoms, Energy Law and Environmental Law

LANGUAGES

German, English, French, Italian, Spanish

MEMBERSHIPS

Swiss Bar Association (SAV), Zurich Bar Association (ZAV), Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht eV, Swiss Association for Competition Law (ASAS is a member of the International League of Competition Law - LIDC)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Waser A., Merkt B., The Government Procurement Review 2024 - Switzerland, in: Lexology In-Depth, 12th edition, May 2024
- Waser A., Erni S., Foreign Investment Review 2023, Policies and practices, in: Lexology Panoramic, November 2023
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- Meinhardt M., Waser A., The Revised Swiss Competition Law, Direct Fines, Leniency and Notification, in: European Competition Law Review 2005, 48
- Waser A., Is it advisable to provide for a system of international

administrative co-operation between the authorities and Courts applying competition rules, aiming in particular at the exchange of information and documents between them?, in: Swiss National Report 2004 for the International Ligue of Competition Law

- Waser A., Grundrechte der Beteiligten im europäischen und schweizerischen Wettbewerbsverfahren, Doctoral Thesis, Zurich 2002, 341 et seqq.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Competition Law Committee of the Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- Co-founder and board member of Working Moms Switzerland
- Board member of Women At Competition Switzerland.
- Member of Women Lawyers Switzerland.

REFERENCES

Astrid Waser has built up an impressive foreign investment control practice thanks to her experience in competition and other areas of regulatory law.

Who's Who Legal, 2023

Astrid is very pragmatic and to the point, and clearly understands very complex facts and contexts.

Who's Who Legal, 2023

She is brilliant.

Legal 500, 2020

She has very deep knowledge of competition law.

Chambers, 2020

Very calm lawyer with a lot of empathy, who can manage complicated and emotionally charged situations very well

Chambers, 2020

Very active and excels in public procurement matters

Who's Who Legal, 2020

Open minded, business oriented and very international

Chambers, 2019

Very intelligent and bright

Who's Who Legal, 2018

She is an experienced competition lawyer with excellent analytic skills and very good business sense.

Chambers, 2018