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Recognitions

- Legal 500: Litigation 2023 and Leading Firms French Speaking Switzerland since 2018
- Chambers & Partners Europe: White-Collar Crime guide since 2022
- GIR: Thought Leader in Business Crime Defence and Investigations since 2023
- GIR: 40 Under 40 2020
- GIR: 100 Women in Investigations 2018
- Who's Who Legal: Investigations since 2018, Business Crime Defence and Asset Recovery since 2021
- LMG Expert Guides: Rising Star - White Collar Crime from 2018 to 2022 and Women in Business Law - White Collar Crime from 2020 to 2022
- Leaders League: White-Collar Crime & Internal Investigations & Compliance since 2021

Languages

French, Italian, English, German

Selected Publications

- La protection des données personnelles dans le cadre de l'entraide internationale en matière pénale et fiscale
- Journal des Tribunaux, regular translation of decisions issued by the Criminal Federal Court
- Commentary on Art. 80h IMAC
- Recent Developments in Handling Politically Exposed Persons ("PEPs") under Swiss Law
- How damaging is imprisonment in the long-term? A controlled experiment comparing long-term effects of community service and short custodial sentences on re-offending and social integration

Clara Poglia is a partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's Geneva office, where she co-heads the Dispute Resolution Group. Her practice areas include white collar crime, international mutual assistance proceedings, internal investigations, asset tracing and recovery, and compliance. She holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Criminology.

Expertise

- White-Collar Crime and Compliance
- Dispute Resolution
- Internal Corporate Investigations

Experience

- Representation of a company in a major Swiss investigation involving potential wrongdoing (allegations of corruption);
- Representation of a corporation in criminal proceedings targeting a large Ponzi scheme and in related bankruptcy proceedings and assets recovery;
- Representation of multiple individuals and corporations in large scale requests for mutual legal assistance in tax matters addressed to Switzerland by France, Spain and Netherland notably;
- Representation of Brazilian individuals and companies in Swiss criminal proceedings related to the lava jato Brazilian scandal;
- Representation and assistance to a former high ranking executive in proceedings conducted by a sports authority and authorities in Switzerland;
- Representation of European corporations targeted by a request of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters addressed by the U.S. Department of Justice to Switzerland and representation of the same entities in the related Swiss domestic criminal proceedings

Career

2019	Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer
2016	Senior Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
2014	Associate at Schellenberg Wittmer
2011	Law Clerk at the Swiss Federal Criminal Tribunal
2010	Associate in a law firm in Geneva
2007	Trainee Lawyer in a law firm in Geneva

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Education

2010	Bar Admission in Switzerland
2006	Postgraduate degree in criminology, University of Lausanne
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Additional Professional Activities

- Chapter Leader of the Women in White Collar Defense Association's Swiss Chapter
- Member of AIJA's Extended Bureau as co-chair of the Human Rights Committee
- Work coordinator for the AIJA's 2020 annual conference in Rio